



Public Information Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - Presentation at 6:45pm

Ann Arbor District Library
343 South Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48101

Public feedback is essential in helping the study team understand what transit improvements may be needed, and how an improved transit system might benefit the people who live and work in Ann Arbor. During the Open House, the study team will share some of the preliminary findings of the study, including information on travel forecasting and the types of transit technologies being considered. Comment cards will be available, and we invite you to join us and share your opinions! If you are unable to attend, please visit our website for more information or to submit your questions or comments. If you have special needs or require special assistance, please let us know what we can do to accommodate them. Call Eli Cooper at 734-794-6430 extension 43710 for more information.

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Ann Arbor Connector Feasibility Study

Getting from Here to There...Making the Connection

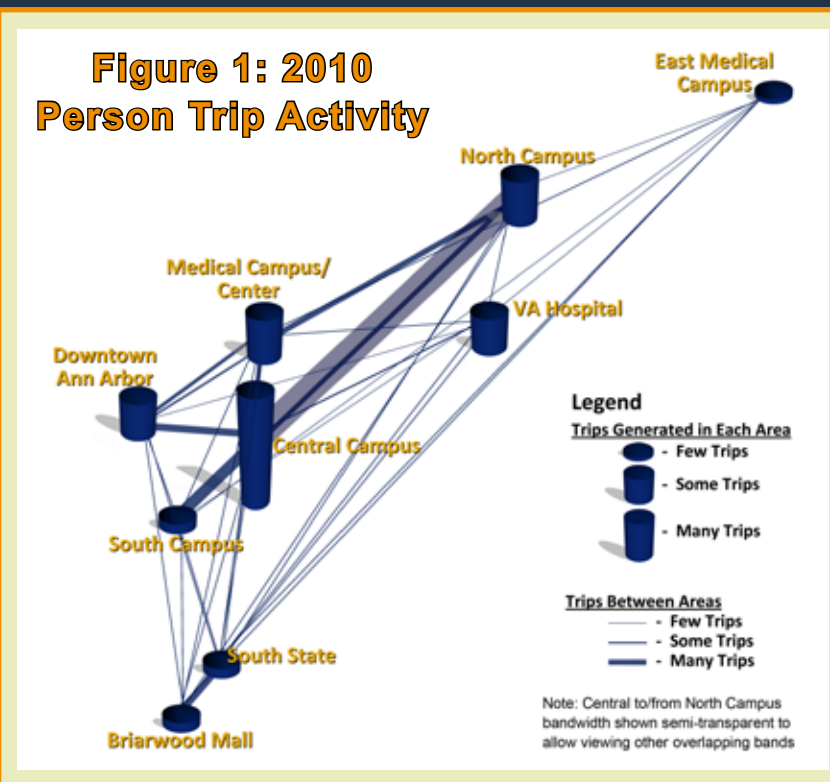


Figure 1 displays the current level of travel between the key activity areas within the study area, and includes auto, transit, walking and biking trips. This study is looking at connections between activity centers along North-South corridors consistent with the 2009 Ann Arbor Transportation Plan. East-West connections are being examined as part of the Reimagine Washtenaw Project.

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What is the Connector Feasibility Study?

In 2009, the City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority and University of Michigan initiated this study to determine the feasibility of advanced transit options for the City. The project will focus on improving mobility and connectivity within the City of Ann Arbor by increasing the ease and efficiency of movement, and on creating "signature" transit corridors that increase opportunities for economic development without increasing the need for new roads. A variety of transit options are being considered, such as bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT), streetcars, automated guideway systems and others. The study will investigate the technical, financial and political feasibility of implementing each of these technologies. This is the second study newsletter. The first newsletter is available for review at www.aconnector.com.

Where are people going?

The study team used a travel demand model developed by the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) to determine where people are traveling in the Ann Arbor area. The model uses data on residential, commercial and industrial development, student activity, transit operations and the network of roads and streets that connect the area to estimate the amount of travel between activity centers.

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What types of transit technology are being considered?

The study is considering the feasibility of a number of advanced transit options. These alternative transit technologies can be classified by where and how they operate in relation to roads and traffic.

MIXED FLOW TRANSIT



- Mixed Flow Transit:
- Existing AATA bus operations are an example of mixed flow transit
 - Trolleys or streetcars typically operate in mixed flow
 - Generally does not provide any travel time savings



EXCLUSIVE AT-GRADE TRANSIT

- Exclusive At-Grade Transit:
- Transit vehicles are separated from existing travel lanes
 - Can apply to rail or bus transit
 - Provides travel time savings



Did You Know?

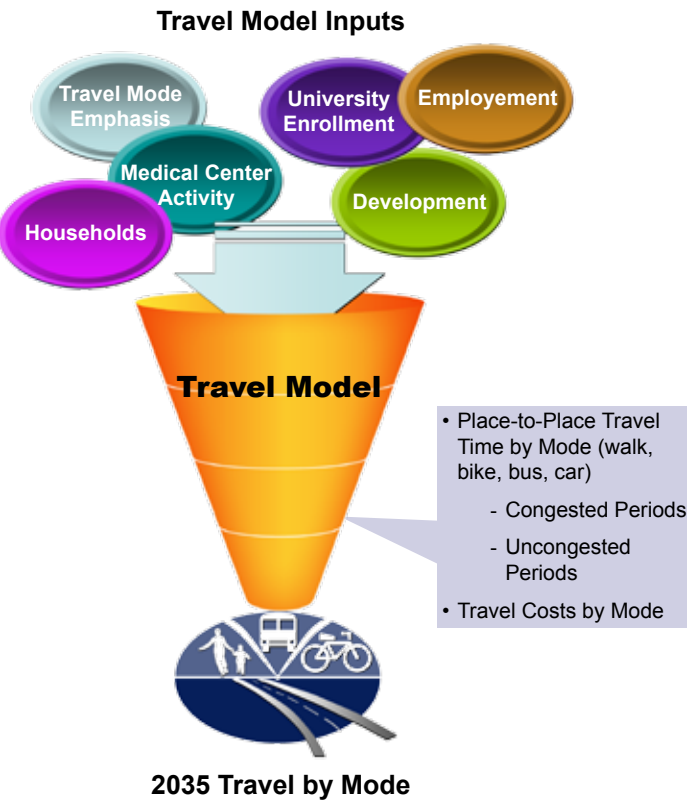
- By 2035...
- The City of Ann Arbor will gain 19,000 employees - a 15% increase.
 - The Southeast Michigan Region will gain 184,000 employees - a 7% increase.
 - The City of Ann Arbor will continue diversifying its work force with 53% of the growth in higher education and healthcare.

Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments 2035 Forecast for Southeast Michigan, published April 2008

How are future travel patterns determined?

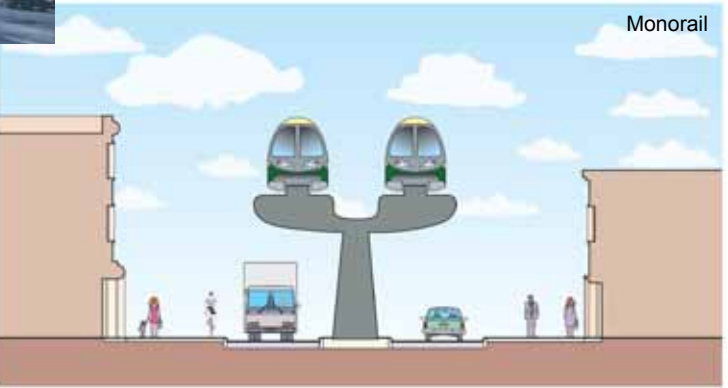
WATS and SEMCOG prepare and coordinate the multimodal long range transportation plans for the region. The WATS plan covers Washtenaw County and the SEMCOG plan covers seven counties in southeastern Michigan, including Washtenaw County. The long range transportation plans are blueprints of actions proposed to address transportation needs in the region over a 25 year period.

As the study progresses, this information will be used to help determine which transit improvements may best serve Ann Arbor's needs and to assess the benefits and impacts associated with future improvement concepts.



EXCLUSIVE GRADE SEPARATED TRANSIT

- Exclusive Grade-Separated Transit:
- Transit vehicles operate on an elevated track
 - Light rail, monorail, automated guideway transit, or people mover
 - Can provide significant travel time savings



What are Primary Activity Centers?

- Briarwood Mall
- South Campus
- Central Campus
- Downtown
- Medical Center
- VA Hospital
- North Campus
- North Campus Research Complex
- East Campus Medical Center
- Fuller Road Station
- Future Wally Station