



May 2025

Public Transit Guidebook

How to reach select
local destinations,
Detroit Metro Airport,
and Amtrak's *Wolverine*

SMART



SMART is your connection to everyday life in Metro Detroit. With 45 bus routes including the new **492** along Rochester Road, you can reach a wide range of locations in Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties without the hassle of driving.

Seniors 65+ and riders with disabilities pay **50 cents**.
General adult fare is **\$2**.

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Finding Your Route



The best place for new riders to start is SMART's system map, which is published online and updated regularly. Use this map to determine which routes travel between where you are and where you want to go.

smartbus.org/How-to-Ride/How-to-Find-Your-Route

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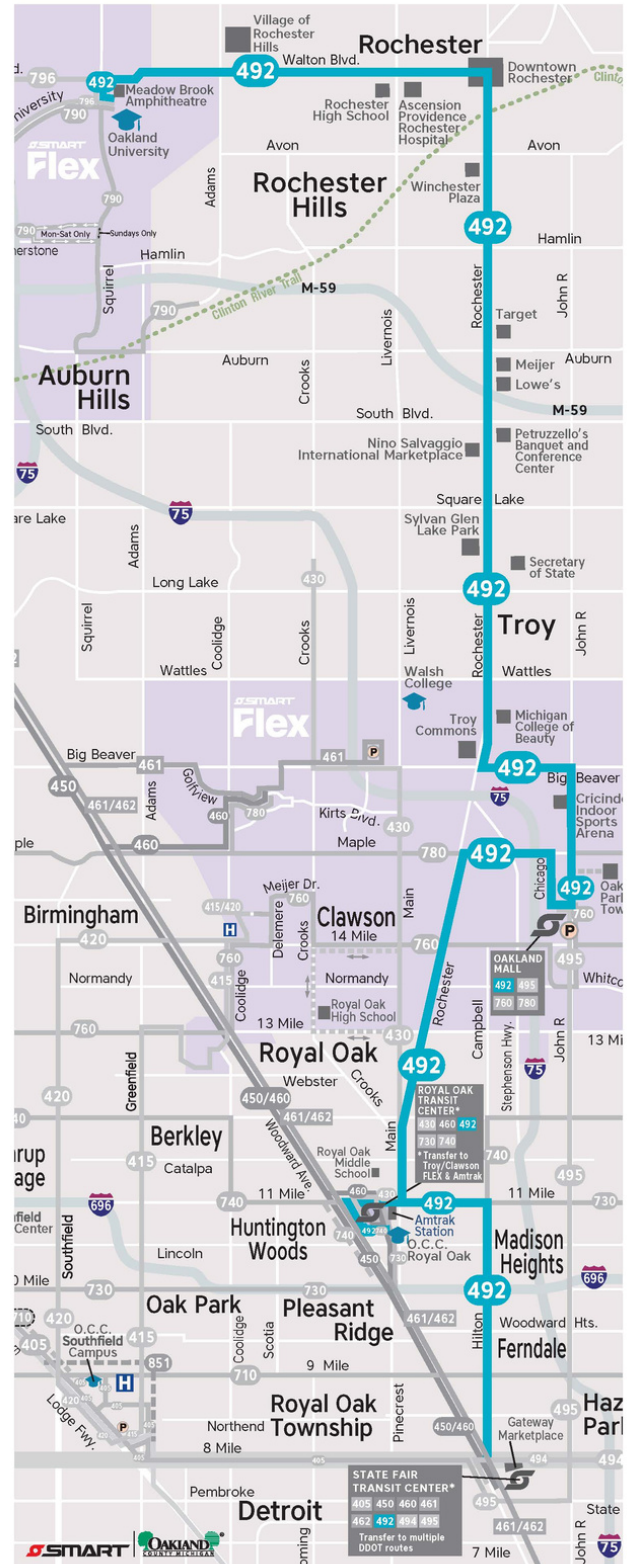
Local Bus Service



492 Rochester

Service every 60 minutes
Mon-Sat, 6:00am-11:00pm

Route 492 operates along Rochester Road connecting Oakland University, Downtown Rochester, Royal Oak, and the Jason Hargrove Transit Center (State Fairgrounds) in Detroit. Riders can connect to *FAST* Woodward at Hargrove to reach Downtown Detroit.



All fixed-route SMART buses are open to the public, no reservations needed. Simply **show up at any signed stop along the route** and wait for the next bus to arrive.

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Regional Bus Service



461
462

FAST Woodward
Express Service to Detroit

Service 7 days a week

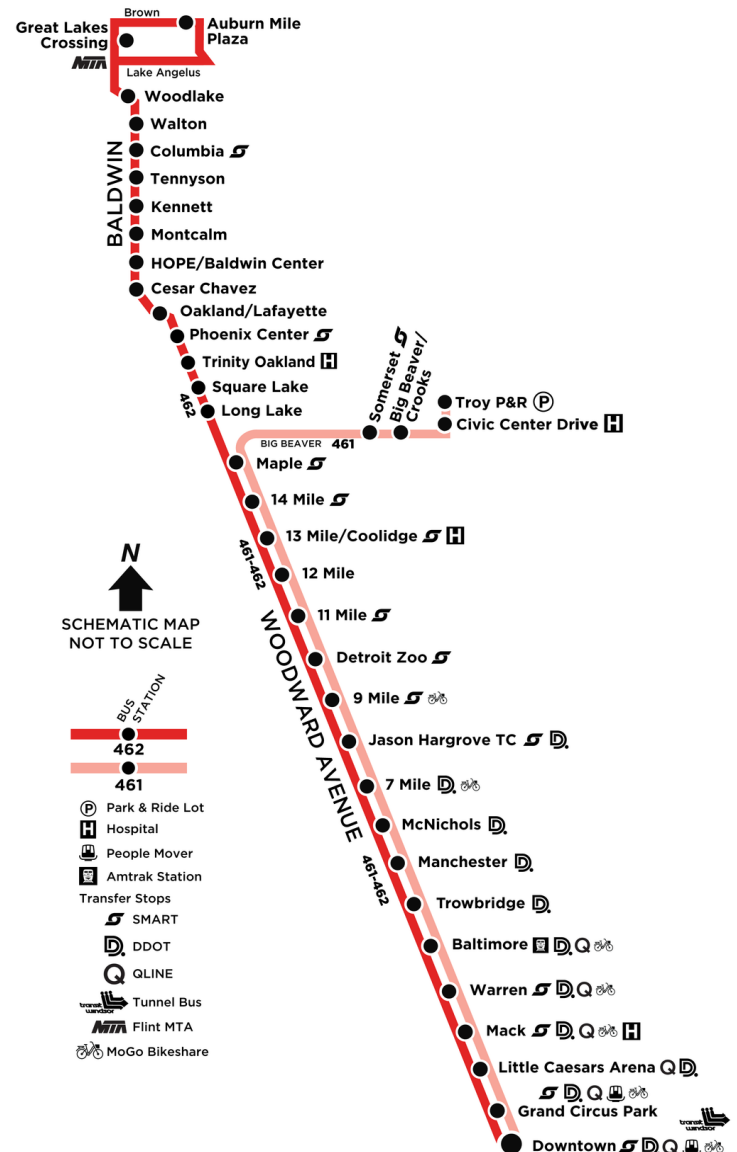
**Look for the
FAST sign!**

FAST buses
only board at
select stops.



FAST Woodward offers limited-stop service between Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Troy, Birmingham, the Detroit Zoo, Ferndale, the Jason Hargrove Transit Center (State Fair), and Downtown Detroit.

Frequency and hours of service vary by day and stop location. Check the schedule online or in the *Transit* mobile app before traveling: See next page.



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Planning Your Trip



Transit for iOS and Android is SMART's recommended trip planning and real-time tracking app. Use it to find your nearest bus routes, view schedules, and get directions from A to B.

Visit **help.transit.app** for the complete user guide.

Plan your trip with



transitapp.com

Want to talk to a person?

SMART's Customer Care Center is open weekdays from 5:30am until 7:30pm and Saturdays from 7:30am until 4:00pm. Call **(866) 962-5515** to speak with a representative for help planning your trip.

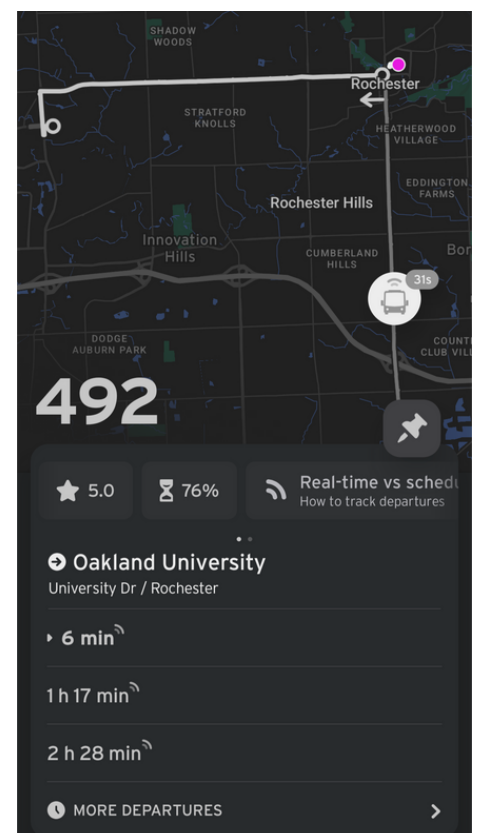
You can also visit one of our transit centers:

Royal Oak Transit Center

202 Sherman Drive, Royal Oak: Mon-Sat

Downtown Detroit Transit Center

535 Griswold Street, East Lobby: Mon-Fri





Paying Your Bus Fare



← Buy passes

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Detroit, MI

Service RESET

✓

Regional (DDOT + SMART) ▼

Rider RESET

✓

Full Fare ▼

Fare RESET

✓

4 Hour ▼

Regional Full Fare 4 Hour \$2.00

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Show operator your ticket



9:00:09 AM

Regional Full Fare 4 Hour
Detroit, MI

Expires Dec 5, 2024, 12:57 PM



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4 hours of
unlimited
rides for \$2

Download



Download the Token Transit mobile app at **tokentransit.com/riders/download** and create an account. Select **DART (Detroit, MI)** from the list of locations.

Be sure to purchase a **Regional (DDOT + SMART)** pass. When boarding a bus, tap on a stored pass to activate it. Show the moving blue circle to the driver.

You can also pay for your ride with cash. Coins, \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills are accepted. If you don't have exact fare, a change card will be issued for use on future SMART rides.

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Boarding and Exiting



When you see the bus approaching your stop, stand visibly near the sign and **flag (wave at) the driver**. The driver will turn on their hazard lights once they see you. Have your fare or mobile pass ready and board through the front door.

Listen for your stop to be announced or watch the onboard display at the front of the bus. At least a few blocks before your stop, **pull the cord along the window or press a STOP button in the aisle**. You'll hear a chime to confirm the request.

Unless traveling with a bike or using the ramp, exit through the **rear door**.



Curb-to-Curb Services in Greater Rochester

OPC Transportation

The OPC operates advance-reservation service for its members to destinations anywhere within **the City of Rochester, Rochester Hills, and Oakland Township.**

Medical trips can also be booked to select locations in Auburn Hills, Troy, and Sterling Heights.

Service hours are 7:00am-8:00pm Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm Saturday, and 8:00am-1:30pm Sunday.

SMART ADA Paratransit

If you live within 3/4 of a mile of any SMART bus route, including Route 492, and have a qualifying disability, you may be eligible for advance-reservation ADA Paratransit Service to certain destinations beyond the OPC coverage area if they are also close to a bus route. ADA service hours match the hours of SMART's fixed-route bus system.



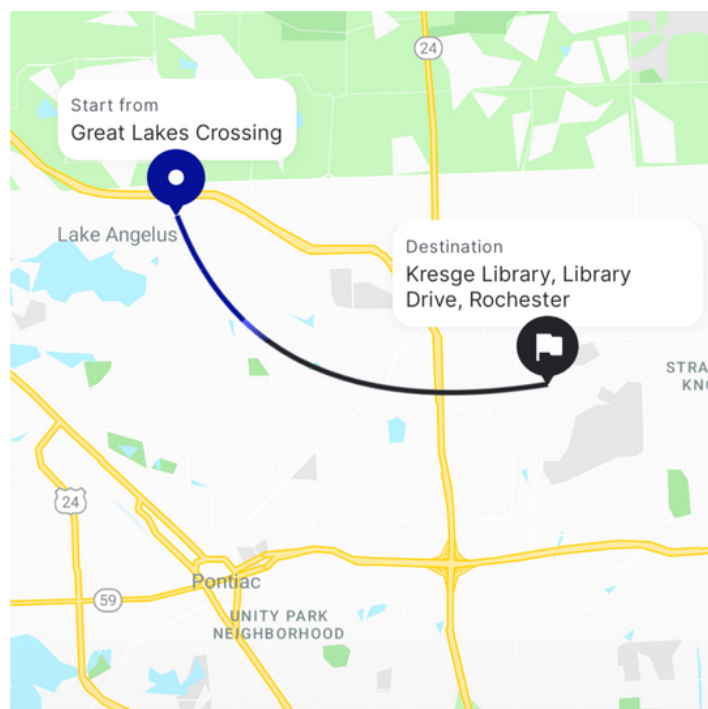
Learn more: [**smartbus.org/Services/ADA-Service**](https://smartbus.org/Services/ADA-Service)

Curb-to-Curb Service in Nearby Communities

SMART Flex

Flex is SMART's on-demand rideshare service similar to Uber or Lyft. This service currently operates in Pontiac/Auburn Hills, Troy, Farmington Hills, Dearborn, and along Hall Road in Macomb County. Route 492 and OPC Transportation connect to the Auburn Hills zone at Oakland University.

Base fare is \$2 and scales up to a maximum of \$8 based on distance traveled. Rides are shared with other passengers and pickup locations are assigned dynamically — you may be asked to walk a short distance to your vehicle.



Learn more: [**smartbus.org/Services/Flex-Service**](https://smartbus.org/Services/Flex-Service)

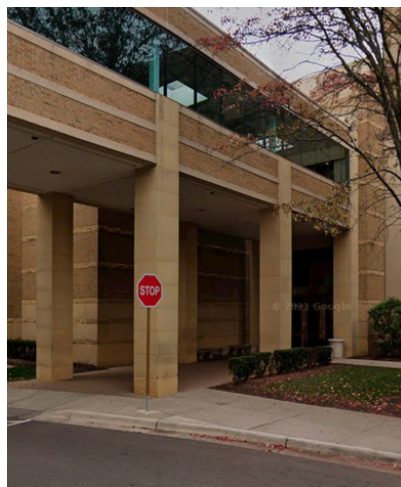
How to Reach Oakland Mall and Somerset Collection

SMART buses stop at the southeast doors of Somerset Collection South, outside Neiman Marcus. To reach the mall from Rochester:

Board southbound Route 492 and exit at Oakland Mall. If paying with cash, be sure to take your free transfer card. At the mall, change buses to Route 780 (15 Mile). You will want the westbound bus signed for **Orchard Lake**. Exit the bus at Somerset Collection.

To return, board an eastbound Route 780 bus signed **Gratiot**. Exit at Oakland Mall and board a northbound Route 492 bus signed **Oakland University**.

As an alternative, you can travel directly to Somerset using Flex from any Route 492 stop south of Wattles Road in Troy.



Oakland Mall is a connection point between several routes.

The shelter is outside the northeast lower level doors.

Routes 460, 780, and the 461 branch of *FAST* Woodward pick up outside the southeast entrance of Somerset South. The 461 offers express service to Detroit from Somerset.

How to Reach Downtown Detroit Sports Stadiums

Transfer from Route 492 to *FAST* Woodward at the Jason Hargrove Transit Center to reach Downtown Detroit.

FAST Woodward provides direct access to Little Caesars Arena. Exit the bus at **Woodward and Temple**.

For Ford Field and Comerica Park, exit at **Woodward and Clifford**. Upon return, board northbound *FAST* at **Grand Circus Park**.



The Jason Hargrove Transit Center at Woodward and 8 Mile, with restrooms and a heated lobby.

Route 492 boards from Bay 9. *FAST* boards from Bay 11, a shelter south of the building across the street. Look for wayfinding signs inside and around the transit center.



Woodward and Clifford southbound. The northbound stop is one block north on the other side of the People Mover tracks, just past the streetcar platform.

Connection to Detroit Metro Airport



The Detroit Air Xpress, or DAX, is an express bus operated by the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) between Downtown Detroit and both terminals of Detroit Metro Airport with 16 daily round trips.

Service to the airport runs from 3:30am to 9:30pm. Return service runs from 4:00am to 10:30pm.

Seniors 65+ and people with disabilities ride for **\$4 each way** when reserved in advance at **dax-bus.com**. General adult fare is \$6 online, \$8 onboard.

See the next page for pickup locations.

Detroit Air Xpress Pickup Locations



In Detroit, DAX buses pick up just east of the Rosa Parks Transit Center on **southbound Washington Boulevard past State Street** (1119 Washington Boulevard).

FAST Woodward connects to DAX at Washington & Lafayette, just one block south. Paid overnight parking is also available in the lot directly behind the bus stop.



At McNamara Terminal, DAX picks up on **Level 3 (Departures)** outside the Air France check-in counter at Door #1.

At Evans (North) Terminal, DAX picks up on **Level 2** at the Ground Transportation Center.

Follow signage for “Public Transit” or “Municipal Transportation.”

Connection to Amtrak's *Wolverine*



The *Wolverine*, with three daily trips to Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Chicago, has three station stops in Oakland County: **Pontiac**, **Troy**, and **Royal Oak**.

Monday through Saturday, Royal Oak is a one-seat ride from Rochester on Route 492. A connection is available to the 9:12am and 5:45pm westbound trains from the Royal Oak Transit Center — simply exit the bus, cross the street, and walk east through the parking lot to the train platform.

The 1:49pm and 9:05pm eastbound arrivals from Chicago allow for a return connection to Rochester. The last northbound 492 leaves Royal Oak just after 10:00pm.



The Royal Oak Transit Center
as seen from the train window

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