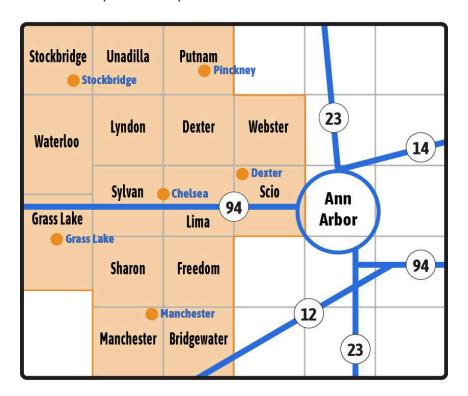
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Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) Expands Door-to-Door Service and Enhances Transit Offerings

DEXTER, MI, October 1, 2024 – The Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) is excited to announce the expansion of our Door-to-Door service area starting October 1st, 2024. The expanded service will now include the Townships of Grass Lake, Waterloo, Putnam, and Unadilla, as well as the Villages of Pinckney and Grass Lake, making it easier than ever for residents to access reliable public transportation.



In addition to this expanded coverage, we have introduced several key service updates for 2024:

- Extended Service Hours: Our Door-to-Door service now operates from 6:00 AM to 9:30 PM, Monday through Friday, providing more flexibility for commuters, students, and residents.
- New Vehicles: WAVE is introducing new buses and vans to better serve our growing ridership.
- Revised Fare Structure: A ride within our coverage area will cost just \$1. For
 destinations outside our coverage but within Washtenaw County, fares will be \$5.
 Senior citizens (60+), students (K-12), low-income individuals, and people with
 disabilities will receive a 50% discount on all fares.

 New On-Demand Booking App: Riders can now book their trips through our new app, Ride Pingo, offering the convenience of on-demand booking without the need for the 72-hour advance notice previously suggested.

WAVE continues to provide accessible transportation for all residents within our service area. Whether you need a ride to work, school, medical appointments, events, hair appointments, or other destinations in Washtenaw County, WAVE is here for you.

In addition to our Door-to-Door service, we operate three fixed routes seven days a week: Chelsea Community Ride, Jackson Road Connector, Community Connector

Booking a ride with WAVE is easy:

- Call us at (734) 475-9494
- Email us at book.my.ride@wavebus.org
- Use the Ride Pingo app, available for download on your smartphone

Our office is located at **12172 Jackson Road, Dexter, MI**, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information, visit our website at <u>ridethewavebus.org</u> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @thewavebus.

WAVE is proud to serve the residents of Western Washtenaw County with affordable, accessible, and reliable public transportation.

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About WAVE:

The Western Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) is a non-profit providing transportation to all in greater Western-Washtenaw County, envisioning communities where all people can access all places. WAVE has been providing rides since 1976 to ensure everyone in our service area can access the resources and community they need for work, education, healthcare, and recreation.