



Membership Value

For 50 years, the Michigan Public Transit Association has worked closely with Michigan's Executive & Legislative branches, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and local community leaders to strengthen public transportation services on behalf of Michigan's citizens. The MPTA's more than 60 transit providers include both public transit agencies and specialized services providers utilizing bus, rail, van, and ferry services. The MPTA also includes dozens of associate members that serve the transit industry with key goods and services.

Our primary membership value is found in:

- **Advocacy** – We lead efforts with the Governor and Legislature to ensure state support for public transit. We engage the Capitol's leading transit lobbyist, work closely with coalition partners, facilitate regular legislative updates and strategy discussions, and build legislative relationships, including with our Political Action Committee.
- **Communications** – We provide our members with valuable and timely information about transit developments of interest. We also work to amplify the voices of local transit providers and highlight their importance to our state through traditional and social media.
- **Training** – We partner with MDOT to host a series of training programs providing tailored education for all transit providers in the state.
- **Troubleshooting & best practices** – We host regular committee meetings to discuss issues of emerging interest and work closely with MDOT leadership to resolve practical challenges for transit providers. We also facilitate sharing of best practices between peer transit providers, including an annual survey of Michigan transit wages and benefits.
- **Networking** – We help connect transit leaders to build friendships that sustain their work while encouraging professional development and growth.
- **Business development** – We provide numerous opportunities – including new digital directory and job/RFP board – to showcase your brand, connect with transit leaders, and support local transit agencies in their work.

Member Benefits:

All members receive:

- Regular communications with key industry updates
- Reminders of upcoming events and opportunities
- Invitations to participate in regular committee meetings and other occasional events
- On-demand access to troubleshooting from the MPTA and other members
- Ability to post Jobs and RFPs
- Industry benchmarking and resources (coming soon!)
- Discounted rates for some MPTA programs

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MPTA Membership Types:

Business

- Business Members are those that provide products or services to transportation organizations.
- Business Member dues are based on a fiscal year beginning October 1st. Annual dues are currently just \$250 and will be billed upon membership approval.

Specialized Service

- Specialized Service Members are those that provide transportation services to older adults or those with disabilities and are typically those that receive Section 5310 funds but not state Local Bus Operating (LBO) funds.
- Specialized Service Member dues are based on a fiscal year beginning October 1st. Annual dues are currently just \$100 and will be billed upon membership approval.

Transit

- Transit Members are organizations providing organized public transportation services in the state of Michigan and are typically those that directly receive state Local Bus Operating (LBO) funding.
- Transit Member dues are equal to .1% (.001) of eligible operating expenses, with a minimum dues of \$700 and a maximum of \$40,000, and will be billed upon membership approval.
- MPTA dues are themselves considered MDOT eligible operating expenses, minus a small portion accounted as lobbying

How To Join

Applications for MPTA membership must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The first years' dues are prorated as appropriate for our October 1st fiscal year, and new members will be billed.

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