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Shared-Ride Taxi Service Now Serving Three Milwaukee County Bus Stops Providing a Reliable Cross-County Transit Connection to Milwaukee

The Shared-Ride Taxi Service that serves all of Ozaukee County will now cross the southern county line to reach three Milwaukee County bus stops, giving riders direct access to a total of six Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) bus routes. These three additional bus stops will allow Shared-Ride Taxi riders to transfer to a Milwaukee County bus, and vice versa. Standard fares for the Shared-Ride Taxi and the MCTS bus service apply (transfers are not free).

These three new bus stops are:

- 1) **Cherrywood Lane**, and Green Bay Road/Hwy 57 stop is just south of the County line;
- 2) **Glencoe Place**, located just Northeast of Interstate Hwy 43, and Brown Deer Road off of Port Washington Road; and
- 3) **Brown Deer Park & Ride Lot**, just southeast of Brown Deer Road and Interstate Hwy 43.

The Cherrywood Lane bus stop provides connections with bus Routes No. 12, which stops every 20 to 30 minutes from 5 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. every day; No. 49, which stops every 15 to 30 minutes from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. & 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays only; and No. 276 which stops every 30 minutes from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends.

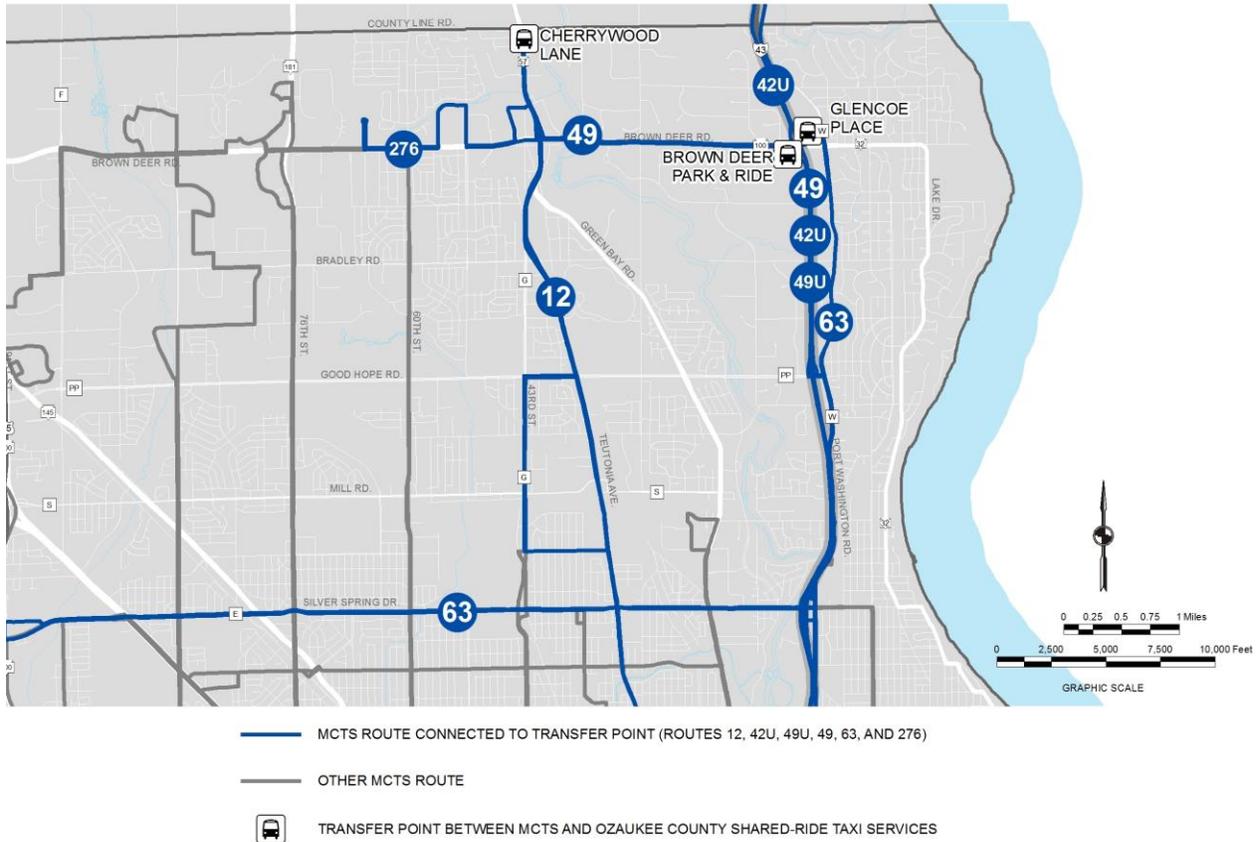
The Glencoe Place bus stop provides a connection with Route No. 63 which stops every 25 to 30 minutes 5 a.m. to Midnight weekdays, 6 a.m. to Midnight Saturdays, and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

The Brown Deer Park & Ride Lot bus stop provides connections with bus Routes No. 49 which stops every 15 to 30 minutes 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. & 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays; No. 42U which stops every 30 to 60 minutes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays during the school year, & No. 49U which stops every 30 minutes 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays during the school year.



Please see the map below for transfer bus stop locations:

TRANSFER POINTS BETWEEN MCTS AND OZAUKEE COUNTY SHARED-RIDE TAXI SERVICES



Changes to the Shared-Ride Taxi Service boundary were approved this winter by the County Public Work Committee as a result of a yearlong community led Ozaukee County Transportation Initiative, which involved input from Ozaukee Transit, Seek Staffing, the United Way of Ozaukee County, the Grafton Chamber of Commerce, and non-profit Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County, as well as others in the business, non-profit, governmental, and educational community.

Through survey data, this initiative revealed the need for transportation that crosses county lines, is on-demand, reliable, offers expanded hours and eases coordination.

The community expressed an interest in transportation access that would meet the needs of individuals going to and from full-time employment. The new transportation options offer a solution for those who face first, last and toughest mile challenges when seeking employment between Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties.



Another outcome of the collaborative solution was to expand the hours of the Shared Ride Taxi until 10 p.m. in 2016, to better accommodate second- and third-shift workers which resulted in 2,500 additional taxi rides provided in 2016.

Finally, the joint effort sought, and gained, more flexible transportation options for senior and disabled members of the communities. Starting in March, another milestone will be accomplished when Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County will expand services to clients when it brings its wheelchair accessible van program to the community. This service is critical to meet the growing demand for enhanced transportation services from the senior population.

Ozaukee Transit recently reached out to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to help prepare a more robust Ozaukee County Transit Development Plan. Interested members of the public will be sought for their input at public information meetings coming in 2017.

Transportation helps shape an area's future economic health and quality of life; the committee welcomes participation from the public.

Details will be available online at www.ozaukeetransit.com

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