TheZone does what other buses can’t. Where core transit routes approach their outer ends, destinations become more spread out, sidewalks disappear, and walking to or from the bus stop isn’t always ideal. TheRide routes can serve selected destinations in these medium-density areas, but they can’t hit every spot without becoming too slow and cumbersome. Here’s where TheZone comes in. Its smaller buses plug into TheRide routes at designated points, then fan out to serve specific destinations as requested by users. TheZone buses run at regular intervals, but offer curb-to-curb service within their designated area – an ideal cross between fixed-route service and demand responsive service.

TheZone is anchored at Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. From there, TheZone vehicles serve any location within the boundaries shown. Customers can use TheZone for a variety of mobility opportunities:

- Direct Access to Meijer and other commercial centers within TheZone
- Access to employment concentrations in industrial areas of TheZone
- Connection to TheRide Route 16 for access to Ann Arbor and points beyond

An ideal cross between fixed-route service and demand responsive service.

How It Works

From Meijer
1. Board TheZone at Meijer
2. Tell the driver where you’re going
3. Enjoy curb-to-curb service to any location within TheZone

To Meijer
1. Call TheZone Phone Line from any location within TheZone
2. Expect a bus at your curbside within 45 minutes
3. Ride to Meijer or other locations within TheZone

Characteristics

Where It’s Available
Commercial and residential concentrations on the Ann Arbor city fringe

Type of Vehicle
Small bus or van

Operated By
AATA or contract operator

Hours of Service
Monday-Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm

Frequency
Every 30-60 minutes

Scio Church Rd
Ellsworth Rd
Meijer