

December 7, 2011

MEMBERS OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION:

It's that time again! Time to plan for the February Legislative Conference. Enclosed is a sample letter to be used in inviting your State Representative(s) and State Senator to the Legislative Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 8-10 a.m. in the Mackinac Room of the Anderson House Office Building, adjacent to the Radisson Hotel.

Also, because it is imperative we impress upon them the important role of transit, it would be a good idea to invite your Legislators to dinner on Wednesday night, February 22 or visit them after lunch on February 23 if they are unable to attend the Legislative Breakfast.

Your presence at the Legislative Breakfast is very important. Your legislators need to hear from you - their constituent. This reinforces the message MPTA is continuously giving them here in Lansing. In addition to your letter of invitation, MPTA will also be sending a letter to each member of the Legislature inviting them to the breakfast.

Given the current state budget situation and the number of freshman legislators, this year's conference will provide important information on the future of transportation funding.

Please call Cindy Zolkowski or myself when you get a firm commitment from your legislators. We like to have printed nametags for all guests and also it helps us provide an accurate count to our caterers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clark Harder".

Clark Harder, Executive Director
Michigan Public Transit Association

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****SAMPLE LETTER****

For Representatives:

The Honorable John/Jane Doe
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

For Senators:

The Honorable John/Jane Doe
Michigan State Senate
State Capitol
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative/Senator Doe:

On February 22 and 23 the Michigan Public Transit Association will be holding its Mid-Year Legislative Training Meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. In conjunction with this meeting, we will host a Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the Mackinac Room of the Anderson House Office Building.

As my [State Representative or State Senator], I cordially invite you to be my guest at this breakfast.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend so I can greet you personally upon arrival. RSVPs are appreciated no later than February 16, 2012.

I look forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Sincerely,

[your name and title]



The 2012 MPTA Legislative Conference: Facing Our Future, Preparing For Change

February 22-23, 2012
Lansing, MI

State government funding of services is at an all-time low with Michigan's continued economic malaise. Public transportation funding is no exception. Increasingly we will be asked to do more with less while justifying the funding we do receive. Are you ready to face a future of change? Hear the latest details while also interacting with YOUR state legislators!

Conference Details:

Lodging: Lansing Radisson Hotel, Downtown

Room block available now through Jan. 21st.

Please make your reservations immediately to guarantee rate!

February 22, 2012

Program begins with lunch on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at Noon in the Radisson Hotel

Invited Keynote Speaker is **Governor Rick Snyder** or his designee

Afternoon presentations:

State Issues: MDOT and key policy makers

Federal Issues: APTA & CTAA speakers

February 23, 2012

Legislative Breakfast, 8—10 a.m.: Day begins with full breakfast in the Mackinac Room of the Anderson House Office Building, adjacent to the Radisson Hotel. You will want to invite your own state legislators to join you during this time for conversation.

We will then reconvene at the Radisson Hotel at 10:30 for additional presentations, with the conference adjournment following lunch at the Radisson. Full agenda details will be released in early January.

The February MPTA Board of Directors meeting will follow lunch, from 1—3 p.m., to be held at the Radisson Hotel. All MPTA members are welcome and invited to stay through the board meeting.

Please contact Clark or Cindy at 517-324-0858 or michiganpublictransit@comcast.net if you have any questions.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

2012 MID-YEAR LEGISLATIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2012 RADISSON HOTEL LANSING

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to MPTA, 2875 Northwind Drive, Suite 120, East Lansing, MI 48823, or fax to 517/324-7034, by **February 8, 2012**. MPTA has a block of rooms reserved. Room reservations must be made individually with the Radisson by calling the hotel at 800-333-3333 or 517-482-0188 or www.radisson.com/lansingmi. *Use Promotional Code: MPTA12 to receive our discounted rate of \$120/night.* Individual reservations must be received by **January 21, 2012**. After this date, rooms and rates are subject to availability. Call Clark or Cindy with questions, 517/324-0858.

Indicate your name as you wish it to appear on your name badge.

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please list other registrants from your organization. Indicate names and titles as they should appear on their name badges.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Check box if you prefer a vegetarian entrée for your luncheon meals

REGISTRATION FEES (per person)

MPTA Members	\$100	Make checks payable to MPTA. Credit Card Payments can be made at www.mptaonline.org . No refunds after February 8, 2012.
Coalition Supporters	\$195	
Federal/Local/State Employees	\$245	

Michigan transit systems must be MPTA members to attend.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES ENCLOSED _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT MADE VIA WWW.MPTAONLINE.ORG _____
(\$5 Handling Fee for Credit Card Charges)