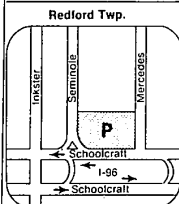
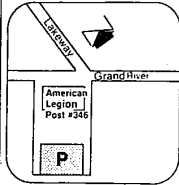


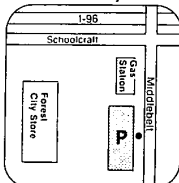
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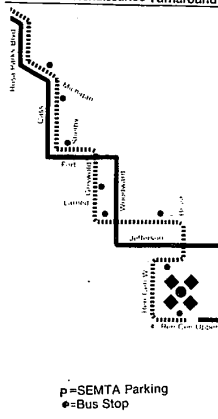
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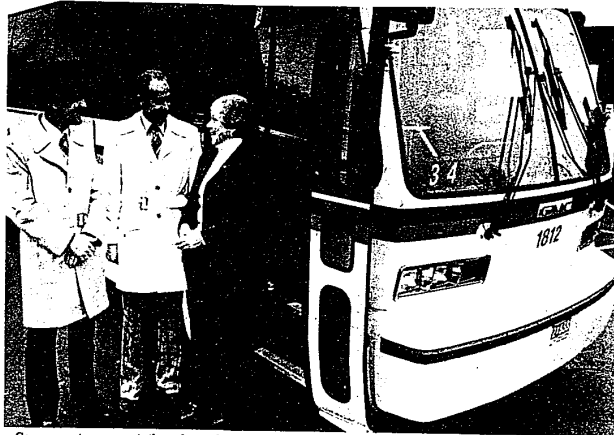
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Downtown Renaissance Turnaround



Here are pickup and dropoff points for SEMTA route 820 from Farmington, Livonia and Redford to downtown Detroit.



Government representatives from the Farmington area recently took an inaugural ride on the new SEMTA line which stops in Farmington on its way to downtown Detroit. Partaking in the ceremonies were (from left) state Rep. Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington), City of Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper and Farmington Hills Mayor Jan Dolan. (Staff photo)

Brotherton praised for transit bill leadership

By TIM RICHARD

SEMTA's Farmington-Livonia-Redford bus route downtown wasn't its first park-and-ride service, but it is a landmark route in two other ways.

"The park-and-ride lot at Schoolcraft and Seminole in Redford is the first property which SEMTA has purchased specifically for use as a park-and-ride facility," said Larry E. Salci, general manager of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority.

"Also, for the first time, the Redford dial-a-ride system has been coordinated with the park-and-ride service. Dial-a-ride buses bring passengers to the park-and-ride service, upon request, and wait at the park-and-ride lot for the SEMTA bus to arrive, allowing all the dial-a-ride passengers to have a warm place to wait in the morning."

"Redford dial-a-ride buses are also available to meet the park-and-ride

buses in the evening to take commuters back to their homes on request," Salci said.

THE SEMTA chief spoke Wednesday at a gathering of public officials after a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for bus route 820.

SEMTA board Chairman Edward H. McNamara, mayor of Livonia, heaped praise on State Rep. W. V. Brotherton (R-Farmington) for not only supporting the transportation package of bills through the Michigan Legislature, but for getting the bill written to give communities more transit authority.

"Getting the transportation package passed was not easy," said McNamara. "The Democrats couldn't put it together. One individual who showed more leadership than anyone else is Sandy Brotherton."

The speeches came at a brunch in Botsford Inn following the ceremony in the American Legion hall at Grand

River and Lakeway in Farmington.

The SEMTA chairman's praise of Republican Brotherton was politically significant because McNamara is a Democrat in his personal politics.

ROUTE 820 starts at the legion hall, then goes down Grand River to Midfield, making stops at Livonia Mall at Seven Mile and the Forest City station at Schoolcraft.

Then it follows the I-96 (Jeffries) Freeway to a lot between Seminole and Mercedes in Redford Township. Supervisor Patrick McDonald of Redford said the lot became available from the State Highways Department after construction of the freeway.

The route then proceeds to downtown Detroit on the Jeffries, making eight downtown stops and terminating at the Renaissance Center on the riverfront.

Three buses in the morning and three returning in the afternoon make the jaunt for 65 to 95 cents one way, depending on the distance traveled.

Route and ticket information is available by calling SEMTA at 922-5515 and referring to route 820.

There is no parking charge.

SEMTA NOW has six bus routes from western Oakland and Wayne counties to downtown Detroit, said Salci.

These are: 850, from Bloomfield Township; 851, from West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills; 858, from Oak Park; 320, from Plymouth and Livonia; 850, from Birmingham and Southfield; and the new 820, from Farmington, Livonia and Redford.

Salci said the new route "is part of the first phase of major expansion of transportation services which SEMTA has planned for Oakland and Wayne counties in our fiscal year 1979, which began July 1, 1978."

"In Oakland County, SEMTA added a fourth train to the commuter rail service between Pontiac and Detroit on Oct. 30, together with a special morning and evening SEMTA bus

service directly to the train stations located at Charing Cross, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Ferndale.

"On Nov. 1, SEMTA implemented the Oakland County Advanced Reservation Transit system (OCART) and added one bus to the existing Oak Park park-and-ride service."

"Three buses have also been added to the Rochester-Troy park-and-ride service and the route has been extended from the Chrysler plant in Highland Park to downtown Detroit."

"In Wayne County, SEMTA added two buses to the popular Plymouth-Livonia park-and-ride service."

Registration set at LIT

Registration for the second term day baccalaureate programs at Lawrence Institute of Technology will take place through Nov. 22.

Registration will be each day at the College from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. LIT is located on Ten Mile and Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

LIT offers programs in a variety of academic areas including: Architecture; mechanical, construction, and electrical engineering; business and industrial management; chemistry; humanities; mathematics and physics.

Second term classes begin on Nov. 27.

Prospective students are reminded that admission procedures must be completed before registration. For further information on admission or registration, contact LIT at 356-0200.

Blood is needed during holidays

In an effort to boost traditionally low donor turnout during the holiday season, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross is sponsoring its annual Save-A-Life Sunday on December 31.

There are several reasons for the low donor turnout, according to Red Cross officials.

"Industry is shut down during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, cutting off one important source of blood," said AW Shaffer, director of the Southeast branch.

The holiday season also means there are fewer actual collection days and fewer persons who are thinking about donating blood during this period, he added.

The lower number of donations, coupled with the fact that just after New Year's Day there is a dramatic

increase in elective surgery, could lead to a major shortage of blood.

"Having Save-A-Life Sunday and having the successes we have had in the past has resulted in the prevention of this potential problem," said Shaffer.

This year's goal is to collect 1,000 units of blood for patients in approximately 75 hospitals in the five county area which includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

All prospective donors between the ages of 17 (with parental permission) and 66 are encouraged to visit their local Red Cross Center anytime during the holiday season.

The Oak Park Blood Center, 25900 Greenfield, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Save-A-Life Sunday. For an appointment, call 968-2255.

Kubat enlists

David Kubat, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kubat, of 21922 Ontago, Farmington, recently joined the United States Army delayed entry program.

He is a student at Harrison High School. He will go on active duty on July 27, 1979 and take his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Victims get help

Victims of tornadoes, floods, severe winter storms and other major disasters receive aid from the American Red Cross with the help of United Foundation Torch Drive funds.

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