



MEDIA ADVISORY – June 8, 2023

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SMART Invites Job Seekers to Test Drive a Bus at M1 Concourse

Career fair opens doors to SMART jobs, highlights Oakland County Michigan Works! programs that break down barriers to employment

WHO: **SMART** leaders, human resource professionals, drivers and other team members
Oakland County Michigan Works! staff
Job seekers from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties

WHAT: SMART *Drive a Bus with Us* hands-on career fair where job applicants – and media – can test drive a bus and other SMART vehicles on the M1 track, learn about bus operator and other SMART careers, and apply for a job onsite.

With the recent passage of the county transit millage, SMART is expanding routes and services across the region. But, like transit organizations nationwide, SMART has a driver shortage that is having an adverse effect on service reliability. To address the challenge, attract talent and lower the barriers for job seekers, SMART is partnering with Oakland County Michigan Works! on the *Drive a Bus with Us* career fair.

Oakland County Michigan Works! staff will be there to help clear roadblocks that stand in the way of employment. They'll have information on a variety of programs including CDL training and licensing, free legal assistance programs for people eligible for conviction expungement, and support services for veterans, immigrants, refugees and other job seekers.

Refreshments will be available and Oakland County Michigan Works! will provide free onsite activities for children during the event.

WHEN: Tues., June 13, 10 AM – 7 PM

WHERE: M1 Concourse, 1 Concourse Dr., Pontiac, MI

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

M1 Concourse - *Parking is first-come, first-served*

Phoenix Center, 1 Water St., Pontiac - Additional Parking and SMART Shuttle
Shuttle buses will be available at the Phoenix Center from 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

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About SMART

SMART empowers people with mobility. Serving since 1967, SMART is southeast Michigan's only regional public transportation provider, offering convenient, reliable and safe transportation for Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. SMART offers a family of transit services, including fixed route and small bus services as well as support for local transportation programs to connect people to employment and educational institutions, medical appointments and shopping centers. Through SMART's small bus programs, over one million rides are provided to seniors and people with disabilities annually. SMART is supported by federal and state funding, local contributions through a transit property tax millage from opt-in communities and bus fares. For routes and fare information, visit www.smartbus.org or call Customer Service at 866-962-5515.