



**STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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## **SARTA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON ALL TRANSIT SERVICES**

### **Public Meetings Will Shape the Future of Transportation in Stark County**

Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) is partnering with Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. (PB) of Cleveland in holding the first of a series of public transportation meetings next week in Alliance, Canton, and Massillon. SARTA is partnering with PB to evaluate all of their current services, financial status, and company operations. This evaluation will serve as a base for all future public transportation services in Stark County over the next five years.

This comprehensive effort will examine all of SARTA's fixed routes, Proline, and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and compare them to regional and national benchmarks. Areas that are not productive could be modified, changed, or terminated. Areas that are in need of service could be added. The effort will focus on transportation to work, school, and medical services.

SARTA will seek input from riders, stakeholders, and the general public on what areas need improvement. "We invite the community to help us to shape the future of public transportation here in Stark County," said Kirt Conrad SARTA's CEO. "This will be one of the most important community engagement efforts SARTA has ever carried out. We want to work with as many people and groups as possible to ensure SARTA understands and is able to meet the transportation needs of Stark County citizens."

Express your ideas or concerns at the following open meetings:

#### **Feb 23 - 1 pm & 6 pm**

##### **Alliance SARTA Transit Center**

(Public meeting room)  
10 Prospect St, Alliance, OH 44601  
(330) 477-2782

#### **Feb 24 - 10 am & 4 pm**

##### **Massillon Senior Center**

(Large community room, main floor)  
39 Lincoln Way W  
Massillon, OH 44647  
(330) 837-2784

#### **Feb 25 - Noon & 6 pm**

##### **Canton YWCA**

(Large community room in basement)  
231 6th St NE  
Canton, OH 44702  
(330) 453-7644

If you can't make the meetings, please contact Customer Service at 330-47-SARTA or use the online comment form at the SARTA website [www.SARTAonline.com](http://www.SARTAonline.com).

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