

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5-061

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND OFFICE OF THE PROVOST TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR THE MDetroit CENTER CONNECTOR FOR SPRING 2016**

2 **WHEREAS,** The MDetroit Center Connector (Connector) provides reliable, safe and  
4 efficient transportation between the cities of Ann Arbor and Detroit in  
support of curricular, co-curricular, research, and service-learning  
opportunities for the University of Michigan community.

6 **WHEREAS,** The Connector facilitates cultural enrichment and academic exchanges  
8 allowing University of Michigan community members to better take  
10 advantage of the region's rich arts and scholarly resources.<sup>1</sup> As the City  
of Detroit continues its renaissance, it is essential to provide the UM  
community with access to the growing cultural and academic  
opportunities that Detroit has to offer.

12 **WHEREAS,** In Spring of 2015, the MDetroit Connector was shut down by the  
14 University;<sup>2</sup> however, after a petition started by a UM graduate student  
garnered 777 signatures, the University reinstated MDetroit Connector  
16 service for the Fall of 2015 academic year, showing the strong support  
from the student body for reliable and safe transit between the UM-Ann  
18 Arbor campus and the City of Detroit;<sup>3</sup> **AND**

20 **WHEREAS,** The Connector provides students and student groups with easily  
accessible transportation to and from the Detroit;

22 **WHEREAS** The Connector provides all students living in the City of Detroit with free  
transportation between Ann Arbor and Detroit, which would not be  
present without the connector;

24 **WHEREAS** There exists strong liability and safety concerns with students and student  
26 organizations piling into university rented vehicles or personal vehicles to  
go to Detroit; **THEREFORE BE IT**

28 **RESOLVED,** That the Assembly must advocate to the Office of the Provost and the  
Office of the President for the renewal of the MDetroit Center Connector  
contract this spring; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ridemdcc.umich.edu/about>

<sup>2</sup> <http://ridemdcc.umich.edu/news/2015/mdetroit-center-connector-conclude-pilot-service-june-21>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.change.org/p/university-of-michigan-president-mark-schlissel-reinstate-detroit-center-connector-service>

30 **RESOLVED,** That the Central Student Government Assembly calls on the Office of  
32 President Mark Schlissel and Office of the Provost to establish a clear,  
transparent and long term plan for a safe and reliable transportation  
34 option for University of Michigan students to travel to and from Detroit,  
ensuring that there remains a strong physical connection between the City  
of Detroit and the University of Michigan; **AND BE IT FINALLY**  
36 **RESOLVED**

**RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent via email to the Vice Provost and  
38 President Mark Schlissel.

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President's Approval

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Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Necessary: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Received By \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_