



# WELCOME TO THE



Situated in the heart of downtown overlooking the Detroit River, the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center will serve as the convention center and host hotel for the MTA Conference & Expo.

Access Detroit's Renaissance Center via:

- **Automobile.** Valet park and enter the hotel motor lobby on W. Renaissance Drive. Directions to Detroit appear at right.
- **MTA Shuttle.** Park in the Beaubien Place Garage, Port Atwater Garage or GM Surface Lot, and use the complimentary shuttle to the Renaissance Center. Shuttles run approximately every 15 minutes, Tuesday through Friday. Attendees may also elect to walk from either the Beaubien Place Garage or Port Atwater Garage, which are connected to the Renaissance Center via a skywalk, or from the GM Surface Lot, which is located nearby along the riverwalk.
- **Charter Bus.** Several MTA County Chapter groups are arranging for charter buses to bring township officials and their guests to the Conference. For more information, contact:
  - o **U.P. Bus:** Jean Howe of Michigamme Township (Marquette Co.), at (906) 323-6608 or email [mitown@up.net](mailto:mitown@up.net), or Bill Luetzow of Richmond Township (Marquette Co.) at (906) 475-4180. **IMPORTANT:** To ensure your seat on the bus, contact Jean or Bill by Nov. 1.
  - o **Kent County/Greater Grand Rapids Area Bus:** Jim Stover, MTA District 15 Director, at (616) 726-8892 or email [stoverj@plainfieldchartertp.org](mailto:stoverj@plainfieldchartertp.org).

## HOW TO GET TO THE REN CEN

From I-75 (North or South):

Go south on I-375 Downtown exit, which becomes Jefferson Avenue. Proceed west on Jefferson Avenue; go past the Renaissance Center and make a U-turn at Woodward Avenue. Then follow the directions below.\*

From I-94 and I-96:

Take the Lodge Freeway (M-10) south. Follow the sign to the Civic Center/ Joe Louis Arena/Tunnel to Canada. Exit at the Jefferson Avenue east. Proceed east on Jefferson Avenue.

\*Go past the Renaissance Center and turn right at Beaubien Street. Beaubien Place and Port Atwater Garages are located on the left. For the GM Surface Lot, turn left at Atwater Street, and right on St. Antoine Street. To valet park or use the main hotel entrance, continue on Beaubien and turn right at Atwater. Turn right at W. Renaissance Drive. The hotel entrance is immediately on the right.

## PARKING

**Valet:** Valet parking is offered at both the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center (for \$25/day) and Courtyard by Marriott (\$20/day). Rates are subject to change. Valet parking may not be reserved in advance, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Discounted Rates:** Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of one of the following arrangements if they wish to have guaranteed overnight parking at a discounted rate. Three options, adjacent to the Renaissance Center, are available to Conference attendees and exhibitors, including complimentary MTA shuttle service to the Renaissance Center and Courtyard by Marriott. Attendees are encouraged to drop off passengers and luggage at their assigned hotel prior to parking.

### OPTION 1: GM Surface Lot

The rate is ONLY \$3, payable each time your vehicle enters the lot. (Please bring your placard to obtain this rate.) You may enter and exit the lot 24/7. If an attendant is not present, please pay via automated machine.

### OPTION 2: Beaubien Place Garage

The rate is ONLY \$8 per day, payable each time your vehicle exits the lot. You may enter or exit the lot 24/7, and pay the

special rate by turning in the daily portion of your placard for each day your vehicle is parked there.

### OPTION 3: Port Atwater Garage

The rate is ONLY \$8 per day, payable each time your vehicle exits the lot. You may enter or exit the lot 24/7, and pay the special rate by turning in the daily portion of your placard for each day your vehicle is parked there.

To have a guaranteed spot, attendees and exhibitors MUST be registered for the Conference as either an attendee or an exhibitor AND indicate their parking preference on the Conference registration form (see page 9). Special MTA parking placards will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and sent prior to the Conference along with credentials to the mailing address on file for the individual at the MTA office. Only one parking placard will be sent per form. **No parking money should be sent to MTA, as payment will occur on-site.** Requests must be received at MTA by Jan. 6, 2012, to ensure adequate time for the placard to be mailed to you.

**IMPORTANT:** The placard MUST be presented to the on-site parking attendant to obtain the special rate.