

## RELEASE JUNE 19, 2015

## IBM and Olmsted County Fairgrounds Park and Ride Lots Begin Service June 29, 2015.

Rochester Public Transit (RPT) announces the opening of two new park and ride lots. The lots, located at IBM and the Olmsted County Fairgrounds, will open on Monday, June 29, 2015. These lots will replace park and ride lots located at Walmart North and South. <u>RPT will provide direct bus service from the IBM lot and the Olmsted County Fairgrounds/Graham Park to St Marys and downtown. The pickup and drop off times at the new locations will be the same as currently operated at the Walmart lots. The schedules and maps will be posted on the RPT website on June 22, 2015 at <u>www.RPTRIDE.com</u>. Flyers with maps and schedules regarding the new locations will also be distributed on the buses the week of June 22. <u>The last day of direct park and ride service at the Walmart locations will be June 26, 2015</u>.</u>

Following is a description of direct bus services to the new park and ride lots.

## **IBM NORTH LOT**

Vehicles can enter from 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 31<sup>st</sup> Ave NW or Valley High Drive entrances. After 7 p.m. you can only exit at 37<sup>th</sup> Street or 31<sup>st</sup> Ave NW (wait for automatic gate to open). Look for the Park and Ride signs. There are three lots designated for park and ride on the north side of the IBM facility along the entrance drive off of 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

The IBM Park and Ride lot will be served by RPT Routes 18D, 12Midday and 12N.

Walmart north will no longer be a designated park and ride. The center will be served by RPT Routes 12, 12 Midday and 12N.

## FAIRGROUNDS/ GRAHAM PARK

Vehicles can enter from South Broadway, 16<sup>th</sup> Street SE or 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. The lot is in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds (south of Denny's Restaurant). Look for the Park and Ride sign.

The Fairgrounds Park and Ride will be served by Route 6D, 6 Midday and 7N.

Walmart south will be no longer be a designated park and ride. The center will be served by Routes 6A, 6 Midday and 7N.

Questions regarding these service changes can be directed to the RPT Information Center at (507) 328-RIDE (7433).