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Van firm will stop service to Metro

*Too few airport riders,
Commuter Express says*

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The only shuttle van company that had reserved curb space at Metro Airport and reservation counters within the terminals will stop serving the airport at midnight tonight.

Commuter Express is ending its door-to-door shuttles to and from the airport because the van service drew relatively few passengers.

The company, a subsidiary of Detroit's Soave Enterprises, has been the airport's exclusive provider of so-called shared-ride shuttles since 1996.

"Our contract expires and it has not been profitable," Commuter Express President Tim McCarthy explained.

Commuter Express carried an average 180,000 passengers each year. That number is 1 percent of the 18 million travelers who are expected to begin or end flights at Metro this year.

The shutdown will result in layoffs for about 75 drivers and ticket and reservation agents, McCarthy said. Commuter Express will sell the 40 vans it used for the shuttles.

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... the one person to the airport from those same locations.

Commuter Express charges \$22 to shuttle one person from downtown Detroit and \$24 for one person from Ann Arbor.

Other alternatives are taxis, SMART buses and Metro Cars, the airport's luxury sedan service,

Conway said.

On June 18, Metro asked companies to submit bids to replace Commuter Express as the airport's exclusive shared-ride shuttle service. Companies have until July 13 to bid for the contract, Conway said.

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