Quick facts about the
John D. Dingell Transit Center in Dearborn

Cost: $28.2 million

Funding: The center was 100-percent funded with federal dollars. ARRA funds were used via the Federal Railroad Administration High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program. The funds were directed to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the City of Dearborn’s intermodal passenger rail station.

Owner: City of Dearborn

Operator: Amtrak

Size of station: 16,000 square feet

Size of site: 7 acres

Address: 21201 Michigan Ave.


Service: Amtrak’s Wolverine Line from Pontiac to Chicago uses the station. Plans call for accelerated service between Detroit and Chicago with speeds up to 110 mph. A planned commuter rail line between Ann Arbor and Detroit will also stop in Dearborn and offer connections to Detroit Metro Airport.

Intermodal aspects: The pedestrian-friendly station will also be served by SMART, charter buses, corporate and hotel shuttles, taxis and personal vehicles. Bike racks are provided, and the center includes easy access to The Henry Ford, Rouge River Gateway Trail, west Dearborn and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Design firms: Neumann/Smith Architecture designed station along with consultant design firms of SmithGroupJJR, Quandel Consultants, KMI, Penhale & Yates, DiClemente Siegel Design and Somat Engineering.


Green aspects: The building has received silver LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design program. It boasts a metal roof with solar collectors, energy efficient lighting, geo-thermal heating and cooling, and storm water management features.