

THE

TRANSIT BULLETIN

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Have you attended meetings, tried out our Travel Training program, chatted with us at one of our events, or seen our buses pass you by? Now you can learn more about Gwinnett County Transit by reading our monthly newsletter. In *The Transit Bulletin*, you can learn about updates to our transit system, register for monthly events, discover tips for riding with us, and much more. Visit Gwinnett County Transit's website [here](#). #GwinnettMoves

What's new?

This Month's Events

April is **A Time for Transit Month!**

On **April 19** from **1:30pm to 3:30pm**, we will be hosting our **Taste of Transit** at Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride. Get off your local or commuter GCT bus (or out of your car), grab your food truck appetizer and free giveaways, and continue on your journey. Preregister [here](#), and find more event information [here](#).

On **April 20** from **1:00pm to 3:30pm**, we will be having our first ever **BINGO Bus Ride**. Starting from Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride to Doraville MARTA Station and back, we will show you how to pay your fare, read a bus schedule, track your bus, and much more. We will then play a GCT-themed game of BINGO for a special prize! All attendees will receive a free Breeze Card and a snack. You can preregister [here](#), and find more event information [here](#).



You can also visit Gwinnett County Transit for Georgia Gwinnett College's **Earth Day** on **April 23** from **12:00pm to 3:00pm**, and at Shorty Howell Park for the **Gwinnett Multicultural Festival** on **April 27** from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. For more information, please call 770.822.7447.

Microtransit pilot ends April 30



Have you taken a free ride on Microtransit yet? Time is running out. The pilot program running in Snellville will end this month on **Tuesday, April 30**.

Microtransit is door-to-door, on-demand bus service for areas that lack the population density for regular bus routes. Gwinnett County Transit will review data from the seven-month trial program, with plans to run the service with a fare cost in 2020.

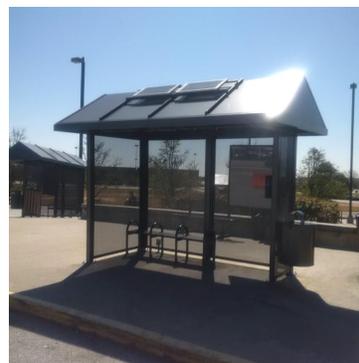
For more information, please click [here](#) or call GCT Customer Service at **770.822.5010**.

New Shelters for Gwinnett Transit Center

The Gwinnett Transit Center located on Satellite Boulevard in Duluth now has new shelters for riders!

The new shelters include perforated walls for enhanced air flow, solar lighting, and better shading from the sun. This improvement is part of ongoing beautification efforts for the property.

For more information about the new shelters, please call GCT Customer Service at **770.822.5010**.



Get On Board in the Metro Atlanta Region



Have you not had the chance to try transit? Experience it for yourself with a **free transit pass** and **trip plan** customized just for you.

Georgia Commute Options, a program that promotes alternative transportation options to commuters of Metro Atlanta, will be holding **Get On Board** from **April 22 to 26**. The **Clifton Corridor Transportation**

Management Association (Emory University) will take part in the initiative as well. Gwinnett County Transit will be one of the transit authorities to offer services during Get On Board.

To check your eligibility for participation, please visit bit.ly/GOB2019.

Rider Spotlight

Public transit continues to provide independence to those who would not have it otherwise. **Lauren Marks**, **Executive Director of The**

Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta

sent in feedback to Gwinnett County Transit. She explains the impact that the Microtransit pilot program in Snellville has made on the adults who participate in the program.



"I am the Executive Director for a newly established nonprofit called The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta. Our nonprofit is a private day program for adults with intellectual disabilities. Basically, we are the next step for those with disabilities once they graduate out of the school system. We believe that adults with disabilities should continue to thrive beyond graduation. We also believe that they each have many ABILITIES and should be active members within their local communities. However, these abilities cannot be supported without access to transportation.

Our day program has been using the Snellville Microtransit pilot program regularly since its inaugural week. The Microtransit allows our participants to schedule transportation and then travel as an entire group or break up into separate groups going to different destinations. We have trained our adults with disabilities to use the Microtransit application and they have been able to do so because of its simple interface and user-friendly format.

With the Snellville Microtransit program, our participants have been able to access the community in which they live! Our participants are able to shop at local grocery stores and shops, dine at local restaurants, access local parks and serve others in need. With the Snellville Microtransit program, we are able to shop for grocery items needed to prepare monthly dinner meals for foster families in our area. Because of the Snellville Microtransit, our participants are able to volunteer at Calvin Cove's adult respite program. The Snellville Microtransit program gives adults with intellectual disabilities access into the community that they too deserve to access.

We are so glad for the opportunity to pilot this program. We are thankful to hear that its existence will continue with a return in 2020.

I speak on behalf of all of those connected to adults with intellectual disabilities, thank you for creating a public service that can give adults with disabilities a life beyond their own homes."

If you are interested in sharing your experience on *The Transit Bulletin*, please email us at transit@gwinnettcountry.com.



We Want Your Feedback



Travel Training

Have comments or suggestions about Gwinnett County Transit service? Please call us at 770.822.5010 or email us at transit@gwinnettcountry.com.

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