

THE

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Have you attended meetings, tried out our Travel Training program, chatted with us at one of our events, or just 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?

Transit referendum placed on November 2020 ballot



On July 21, Gwinnett commissioners approved placing a 1 percent sales tax to fund a wide range of [transit projects](#) on the November 3 ballot. This is a new sales tax created by action of the state legislature in 2018 to fund transit; the Gwinnett County referendum will be the first proposed under this new tax.

If approved by voters, the Transit Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax would run for 30 years and fund [82 transit projects](#). The Board of Commissioners developed the list of projects with input from the Gwinnett County Transit Review Committee. The [Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority](#) then approved the list.

Under the referendum, the County would design and construct the transit projects; it would also operate and maintain the transit system except for the heavy rail extension, which MARTA must operate as stipulated by state law.

You can read more about the transit plan [here](#).

Face masks and hand sanitizer now on commuter buses

In addition to local buses, Gwinnett County Transit now provides face masks and hand sanitizer in dispensers on all commuter buses. We have also installed bus operator barriers on our entire fleet.

For more information on the impact of wearing cloth masks and to learn how to make your own, you can visit the [CDC's website](#). To read more about the measures being taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, please click [here](#) or call GCT Customer Service at 770.822.5010.



Commuter service timepoint changes effective this month



Beginning on August 31, changes to our timepoints (aka scheduled stops) for Route 101, 102, 103, and 103A will be in effect. These changes will provide consistency amongst all regional partners and improve navigation on the myStop app.

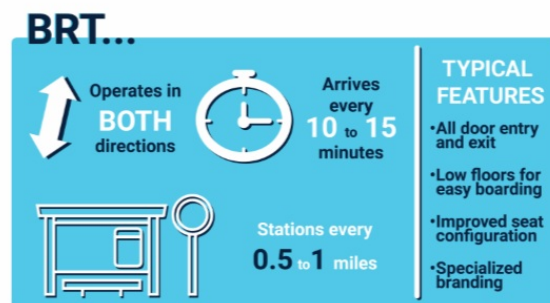
To view the commuter routes' scheduled stop changes, please click [here](#) or call GCT Customer Service at 770.822.5010.

Gwinnett Bus Rapid Transit Study: What is BRT?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a transportation mode that does not currently exist in metro Atlanta.

While similar to rail-based transit services, BRT uses rubber-tired vehicles to provide greater service flexibility at a lower cost. Like rail, BRT provides high-quality service to move a large number of people quickly and efficiently to and from their destinations. BRT capital costs are significantly lower at roughly 10 percent of heavy rail's—and is much faster to put into operation.

To increase speed and reliability of service, BRT typically operates in predominately dedicated right-of-way that may include transit-only lanes next to mixed-traffic lanes. However, BRT may also travel in mixed-traffic lanes.



BRT is accessed at transit stations that are spaced every ½ to 1 mile with specific branding, off-board fare collection, real-time bus arrival information, and enhanced waiting areas.

To learn more about the Gwinnett BRT project, you can click [here](#).

GCT Travel Plans available



Although our events and Travel Training Program have been canceled indefinitely due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are still able to provide [GCT Travel Plans](#) where we review your own customized travel plan with you. Normally, these are completed in person, but we are offering them over the phone.

Customer Service Representatives are also available to answer any of your questions or respond to your concerns during business hours. For more information about the services we are providing during COVID-19, please call GCT Customer Service at 770.822.5010.



We Want Your Feedback

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



Travel Training

Nervous about riding the bus? Riding GCT is easy. Call us today at 770.822.5010 to learn how to catch a bus, use the MyStop app, read a schedule, pay fare, and more. You can also arrange a group or individual training session in the future.

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