

THE

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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?

March's Transit Contract Referendum Open Houses

Gwinnett County residents will go to the polls **March 19** to vote on a **contract** for the provision of expanded transit services. If the referendum passes, Gwinnett's transit system and services will expand based on Gwinnett's transit plan and its contract with MARTA. The expansion will be funded through a one-cent sales tax for transit.



The contract provides control to Gwinnett over funds, expenditures, projects, and services. It requires Gwinnett funds to be spent for the benefit of Gwinnett. It sets Gwinnett's transit plan, Connect Gwinnett, as the source of transit projects. It also provides Gwinnett with three seats on the MARTA board.

To better educate the community on the transit contract referendum, Gwinnett County will be hosting open houses before Election Day.

Gwinnett residents will have the opportunity to learn what the **Connect Gwinnett Transit Plan** and the proposed **MARTA contract** entails, and ask questions to better understand how it will impact them, if passed. Upcoming dates include:

- **Monday, March 4** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**. New Mercies Christian Church, 4000 Five Forks Trickum Road in **Lilburn**
- **Monday, March 4** from **5:30pm to 7:00pm**. Lawrenceville City Hall, 70 South Clayton Street in Lawrenceville
- **Monday, March 11** from **6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, 970 McElvaney Lane in **Lawrenceville**
- **Saturday, March 16** from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. Berean Christian Church Gwinnett, 1465 Highpoint Road in **Snellville**

For more information on the transit contract referendum open houses, please visit our [website](#) or call the Department of Transportation at **770.822.7400**.

Ways to vote in the upcoming Transit Contract Referendum



Voters will have multiple opportunities to cast their ballot on the transit contract referendum ahead of the **March 19** Election Day.

In-person voting at the Main Elections Office on Grayson Highway runs from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily through **March 15**, seven days a week.

From **March 4 to March 15**, voters can visit one of seven satellite locations around the county from 7:00am to 7:00pm daily, seven days a week. On Election Day, **March 19**, voters must go to their assigned polling location. **March 15** is the last day to have an absentee mailed to you.

Visit www.gwinnettelections.com or more information about satellite locations and absentee voting. To learn your assigned polling location or to check the status of your voter registration, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or call the Elections Office at **678.226.7210**.

Cómo votar en el próximo referéndum sobre el contrato de transporte

Los votantes tendrán múltiples oportunidades para emitir su voto en el referéndum sobre el contrato de transporte el **19 de Marzo**.

La votación en persona en la Oficina Principal de Elecciones en Grayson Highway funciona desde las 7:00am a 7:00pm, todos los días, hasta el **15 de Marzo**, esto incluye los Sábados y los Domingos.

Desde el **4 de Marzo** hasta el **15 de Marzo**, los votantes pueden visitar uno de los siete lugares satélite alrededor del condado desde las 7:00am a 7:00pm todos los días, que también incluye los Sábados y los Domingos. El Día de las Elecciones, **19 de Marzo**, los votantes deben ir a su lugar de votación asignado. El **15 de Marzo** es el último día para que le envíen por correo una boleta de voto ausente.

Para obtener más información sobre las ubicaciones satélite y votación ausente, visite www.gwinnettelections.com. Para conocer su lugar de votación asignado o para

This Month's Events

March is the beginning of Gwinnett County Transit's 2019 events!

On **March 22** from **11:00am to 2:00pm**, we will be hosting our **Wondrous Workers: Ride & Chill Event** at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center. Employees and employers will learn the benefits of carpooling, transit, and how to participate in flex work programs. Drop by and receive free lunch, a Breeze Card, and stress-relief giveaways.

Preregister [here](#), and find more event information [here](#).



We are also hosting our **Rolling Riders** information sessions. To inform people with mental and physical disabilities and their families about our accessible transportation options, Gwinnett County Transit will visit Viewpoint Health and Spectrum on **March 7 and 11**. You can preregister [here](#), and find more event information [here](#).

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 through 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

Transit can be a lifeline for people who can't drive. **Gaye Bruce** of Snellville sent an email to Gwinnett County Transit describing the difference that the Microtransit pilot program in Snellville has made in her life.

Microtransit is door-to-door, on-demand bus service for areas that lack the population density for regular bus routes. The

free Gwinnett County Transit Microtransit pilot program was extended from mid-March to **April 30**. Gwinnett County Transit will then review data from the seven-month trial program. Plans call for Microtransit service to resume in 2020 with a fare added.

"I am thrilled to learn that the Microtransit bus service in Snellville has been extended through April 30, as I learned on Friday, January 25 that I need surgery to repair a detached retina and will be unable to drive for at least six weeks. Suddenly and unexpectedly being visually impaired, even temporarily, is overwhelming to me as I am unable to participate in regular activities, which is a major disruption to our family's life. The Snellville Microtransit bus service provides safe and dependable transportation that picks me up at my home and takes me to local shopping centers, restaurants, medical appointments, and even to a movie theatre, and returns me home afterwards. This service helps me to be as independent as possible during my recovery, plus retain a sense of dignity so that I am not a burden to others to transport me where needed until my eye heals and I am able to drive again. I was already using the Snellville Microtransit bus service prior to my surgery and had told many others about it. Now that I am temporarily visually impaired, this service is even more valuable to me and my family."



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



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? Riding GCT is easy. Schedule your practice session and learn "How to Ride the Bus with Us" today!

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