

THE

TRANSIT BULLETIN

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What's new?

Ways to vote in Transit Referendum: November 3



Gwinnett commissioners recently approved placing a 1 percent sales tax to fund a wide range of [transit projects](#) on the November 3 ballot. The County will be responsible for designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the system, except for the heavy rail extension, which MARTA must operate as stipulated by state law.

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

Voters will have multiple opportunities to cast their ballot in the transit referendum on **Tuesday, November 3**. The last day to register to vote and/or update your registration record for this election **Monday, October 5**.

Advance in-person voting will be available from **October 12 to 30**, including weekends. To check the locations that will provide advance voting near you, please click [here](#). Voters can

also request an absentee ballot. A completed application must be received before an absentee ballot can be issued. To request an absentee ballot online, visit BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov. To request an application by mail or fax, visit GwinnettElections.com or contact the Voter Registrations and Elections Division at **678.226.7210**.

On **Election Day, November 3**, voters must go to their assigned polling location. To find your assigned polling location or to check the status of your voter registration, visit the [Georgia Secretary of State's website](https://GeorgiaSecretaryofState.com) or call the Elections Office at **678.226.7210**.

Formas de votar en el referéndum de tránsito: 3 de noviembre

Los comisionados de Gwinnett aprobaron recientemente colocar un impuesto sobre las ventas del 1 por ciento para financiar una amplia gama de [proyectos de tránsito](#) en la boleta electoral del 3 de noviembre. El Condado será responsable de diseñar, construir, operar y mantener el sistema, excepto por la extensión de ferrocarril pesado, que MARTA debe operar según lo estipulado por la ley estatal.

La Junta de Comisionados desarrolló la lista de proyectos con el aporte del Comité de Revisión de Tránsito del Condado de Gwinnett. [La Autoridad de Enlace de Tránsito de la Región de Atlanta](#) luego aprobó la lista. Este es un nuevo impuesto a las ventas creado por acción de la legislatura estatal en 2018 para financiar el tránsito; el referéndum del condado de Gwinnett será el primero propuesto bajo este nuevo impuesto. Puede leer más sobre el plan de tránsito [aquí](#).

Los votantes tendrán múltiples oportunidades para emitir su voto en el referéndum de tránsito **el martes 3 de noviembre**. El último día para registrarse para votar y / o actualizar su registro para esta elección **el lunes 5 de octubre**.

La votación anticipada en persona estará disponible del **12 al 30 de octubre**, incluidos los fines de semana. Para verificar las ubicaciones que proporcionarán votación anticipada cerca de usted, haga clic [aquí](#). Los votantes también pueden solicitar una boleta de voto en ausencia. Se debe recibir una solicitud completa antes de que se pueda emitir una boleta de voto en ausencia. Para solicitar una boleta de voto ausente en línea, visite BallotRequest.sos.ga.gov. Para solicitar una solicitud por correo o fax, visite GwinnettElections.com o comuníquese con la División de Elecciones y Registros de Votantes al **678.226.7210**.

El día de las elecciones, el 3 de noviembre, los votantes deben ir a su lugar de votación asignado. Para encontrar su lugar de votación asignado o para verificar el estado de su registro de votante, visite el sitio web del Secretario de Estado de Georgia o llame a la Oficina de Elecciones al **678.226.7210**.

Transit tips & tricks

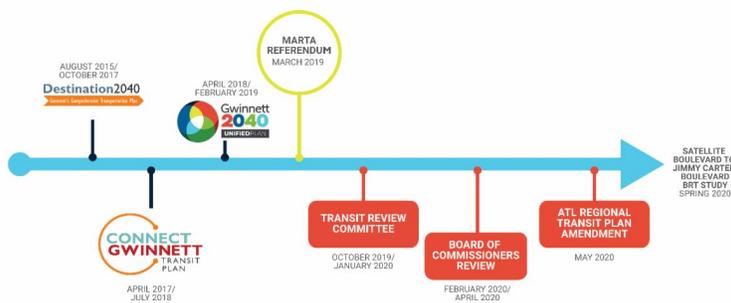
Are you, a friend, or a family member in need of a quick run-through of Gwinnett County Transit? Take a look at the video below to learn about the transit services available, our bus features and accommodations, the different measures we are taking during COVID-19, and more!

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



Watch Video

Gwinnett BRT: Project History



In recent years, the County has conducted extensive planning efforts to understand current and future transit needs. These efforts began with [Destination2040](#), Gwinnett County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, in 2015.

The CTP determined that a more in-depth, comprehensive look at transit in the County was needed, so Gwinnett embarked on the [Connect Gwinnett: Transit Plan](#) — the first comprehensive look at transit in Gwinnett since the system's inception. In 2018, Connect Gwinnett was adopted by the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners, who called for a March 2019 referendum to fund the plan's recommendations through a one-cent sales tax that would have GCT join MARTA's system.

Prior to Destination2040 and Connect Gwinnett, the Community Improvement Districts along this corridor also conducted transit studies, with the most recent study, [Gwinnett Way](#), completed in 2016.

The County also completed the [2040 Unified Plan](#), a comprehensive land use and future development plan that incorporated recent transportation plans into its recommendations. The 2040 Unified Plan used Connect Gwinnett's transit vision to provide recommendations to support the system through increased density along the I-85 corridor, define placemaking policies to foster a high quality of life, and establish other transit-supportive practices and policies. The 2040 Unified Plan was adopted in early 2019.

When the March 2019 referendum failed to pass, the Board of Commissioners called for a [Transit Review Committee](#), with community representatives as its members, to provide a thorough review of Gwinnett's transit needs and options, including an examination of Connect Gwinnett's recommendations and other efforts.

After considering the TRC's recommendations in early 2020, the Board of Commissioners compiled a [list of projects](#) to submit to The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority, known as The ATL, to be included in the regional transit plan. Connect Gwinnett, the TRC recommendations and alternatives, and projects submitted to The ATL all included the

Satellite Boulevard to Jimmy Carter Boulevard BRT corridor as the foundation of major high capacity transit services in the County, providing much-needed alternative transportation services to provide options to commuting along the I-85 corridor.

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

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Travel Training

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