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Xpress to Restore Fares Starting Monday, August 3rd
*Safety Measures and Enhanced Cleaning Regimen Will Continue to Help
Slow the Spread of Coronavirus*

ATLANTA – Starting Monday, August 3, 2020, Xpress will restore fares after nearly a four-month suspension in fare collection due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Xpress serves as the state’s regional commuter transit system whose jurisdiction encompasses 13 Georgia counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Coweta, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale, operating in all counties except Fayette.

Xpress will continue its enhanced cleaning regimen to minimize health risks for everyone using its commuter services. The enhanced cleaning regimen includes a combination of both daily activities and sequenced deep cleanings. Xpress dispatch facilities are conducting daily cleanings of equipment, high touch areas and high foot traffic areas using products promoted to eliminate 99.9 % of germs, daily trash

disposal and daily inspections of the buses. In addition, Xpress is conducting anti-viral deep cleanings.

“Xpress is a critical component to providing workers a stress-free commute to employment centers in Downtown, Midtown, and Perimeter Center,” stated Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority Executive Director Chris Tomlinson. “We believe now is the right time to restore the collection of fares and ensure that we continue to provide this valuable transportation option for commuters.”

Commuters are encouraged to practice these prevention habits while riding Xpress:

- Carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol content) and use it after you leave the bus if you do not have access to water or soap right away.
- Clean your phone screen with an antibacterial wipe and wash your hands with soap and water after touching your phone.
- Do not touch your face, whether you are on or off Xpress. The CDC recommends avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, specifically.
- If you are on a crowded bus and cannot physically step away, face your back towards the person coughing.
- Limit contact with high touch areas. If you decide to use a napkin or tissue to touch high touch areas, discard the tissue in an enclosed trash bin afterward.
- Sanitize your purse, bag or briefcase and keep it off the floor and other surfaces. This includes the bottom of the bag, especially if it sits on the floor any time during your travels.

About the Xpress Transit System

The Xpress regional commuter transit system is operated by the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL). The ATL was created by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session to provide coordinated transit planning and funding for the metro Atlanta region. The ATL is responsible for developing the ATL Regional Transit Plan, as well as identifying and prioritizing the projects and initiatives required to develop region-wide transit. The ATL is also charged with creating a unified regional transit system brand. Effective July 1, 2020, the ATL was legislatively authorized to oversee the state’s Xpress regional commuter transit system and the Atlanta region’s vanpool system. The population of metro Atlanta is growing rapidly and projected to add an additional 2.5 million residents by 2040. The ATL is a critical step towards more efficient and effective transit and mobility in the region. For more information on Xpress and the ATL, visit <https://atltransit.ga.gov/> and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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