

Transit Pass

Definition and Purpose

Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) encourages students, faculty, and staff to travel to, from, and within campus by some form of alternative transportation. In support of this initiative, Georgia Tech offers transit passes to faculty, staff and students at discounted rates. Faculty and staff may purchase transit passes on a pre-tax basis through payroll deduction.

Process

- Faculty, staff and students) are encouraged to use the transit systems within the Atlanta Metropolitan area.
- MARTA monthly passes may currently be purchased by faculty, staff, or students each month at the BuzzCard Center on the 2nd Floor of Barnes and Noble. The discount is applied at the time of purchase. A valid GT BuzzCard is required at purchase, and only one monthly pass will be sold each month to an individual at the discounted rate.
- Faculty and staff may, alternatively, purchase MARTA, Cobb Community Transit (CCT), Gwinnett County Transit (GCT), or Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) monthly passes through payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis. For further instructions on how to purchase your transit pass via payroll deduction access:
http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/metro_transit/Pages/default.aspx
- For participants in the payroll deduction program for the MARTA monthly transit pass (Breeze Card):
 1. Each participant is given their first Breeze card free of charge, distributed at the PTS Office, 828 W. Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30332, for the first month that payroll deduction occurs.
 2. Each month the Breeze card will be automatically re-loaded at the established rates as long as the participant is enrolled in the payroll deduction program.
 3. Lost, stolen or damaged Georgia Tech issued Breeze cards can be replaced for a fee.
 4. Lost, stolen or damaged Breeze cards can have the remaining month's fare reloaded onto the replacement card. This can take up to 48 hours to activate after receiving the new card.
 5. Georgia Tech issued Breeze cards are unique from regular Breeze cards. Please do not try to load any other fare onto the card, as the card cannot accept additional fares being loaded on to the card.
- Atlanta Metropolitan Public Transportation Systems and their websites are provided below:
 1. **Cobb Community Transit (CCT)** - CCT is metro Atlanta's second-oldest transit service. CCT provides local bus service within Cobb County and express bus service connecting Cobb County with Midtown and Downtown Atlanta. <http://dot.cobbcountyga.gov/cct/>
 2. **Georgia Regional Transport Authority - (Xpress)** – Metro Atlanta's regional commuter coach service provides weekday morning and afternoon service to Downtown, Midtown and Buckhead areas of Atlanta and the Perimeter Center areas. (**Xpress** partners with Cobb Community Transit and Gwinnett County Transit to provide similar service on six additional routes). **Xpress** routes are aligned with and provide free transfers to and from MARTA rail and bus services, allowing riders to complete trips throughout the metro Atlanta area. **Xpress** park-and-ride lots are located throughout the region,

typically close to interstate highways or major arterial roads. The services are provided by GRTA in partnership with 12 metro Atlanta Counties. <http://XpressGa.com>

3. **Gwinnett County Transit** (GCT) – GCT provides local bus service in Gwinnett County and express bus service connecting Gwinnett County with the Lindbergh MARTA station, Midtown and Downtown Atlanta. www.gctransit.com

Restrictions:

- Students, faculty and staff (if not using payroll deduction) must purchase and receive their MARTA monthly bus passes at the BuzzCard Center, 48 5th Street NW, 2nd Floor (of Barnes & Noble Bookstore), Atlanta, GA. Discounted fare information is at http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/metro_transit/Pages/default.aspx.
- Faculty and staff using payroll deduction must pick up their passes at the PTS Office.
- CCT, GCT, and GRTA passes are only available through payroll deduction for faculty and staff.

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