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Xpress Opens Hickory Grove Park & Ride Lot with New Routes May 3rd

New Routes Will Offer Convenient Transit Services to Midtown and Downtown Atlanta for Bartow, Cherokee and Cobb County Customers

ATLANTA – The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) announced the opening of its new Hickory Grove Park & Ride lot located at 2018 Hickory Grove Road NW, Acworth, GA 30102. The new lot will service two new Xpress routes beginning Monday, May 3, 2021.

Located just beyond the Northwest Corridor’s Sixes Road exit, the new Hickory Grove Park & Ride Lot features more than 500 parking spaces and numerous other customer-focused amenities. New Xpress Routes 484 and 485 will provide convenient, weekday transit services for Cobb, Cherokee and Bartow County customers to and from midtown and downtown Atlanta.

“The Xpress commuter service has a goal of providing transportation options that address capacity issues on Georgia’s most congested highways,” said Chris Tomlinson, ATL Executive Director. “The new Hickory Grove park and ride lot and routes will leverage the direct access and the mobility offered by the Northwest Corridor managed lanes. Xpress coaches will use these lanes free of charge, making service speedier and more reliable while saving travel time for transit users.

On April 30, 2021, ahead of the lot’s official opening, the ATL will host a ribbon cutting event. The event will be livestreamed to provide access to Xpress customers, transit advocates and supporters. Information regarding livestream access is available at www.xpressga.com.

Xpress has 29 routes in 12 metro Atlanta counties that carry more than 1.8 million passenger trips annually to and from major employment centers in Downtown, Midtown, and Perimeter Center. Customer service representatives will be available Monday – Friday from 5:30 A.M. – 8:30 P.M. at 844-XPRSSGA (977-7742). Riders may also sign up for alerts by texting XPRESS to 888777. Additional information about Xpress and its services is available at www.xpressga.com.

Fast Facts: Hickory Grove Road Park & Ride Lot | Routes 484 and Route 485

Address: 1820 Hickory Grove Road | Acworth, GA

Xpress Routes: Route 484 will offer weekday service to/from Midtown Atlanta and Route 485 will offer weekday service to/from Downtown Atlanta

of Bus Bays/ Shelters: Three with high reflective painted roofs

of Benches: 4 Seating Benches and 6 Leaning Benches

General Parking Spaces: 522

Handicapped Accessible Parking Spaces: 11

of Spaces Reserved for Future EV Charging Stations: 4

Other amenities include Seven Call Boxes, Trash Cans, LED Lighting System, Impact Rated Bollards, Granite Curb Lines, Underground Storm Water Storage System and an Advertisement Box.

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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