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**Xpress Announces Construction Related Service Changes to
Routes 490 Effective July 1, 2021**

ATLANTA -- The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) announced construction-related changes to its Xpress Commuter Services - Route 490. Currently, this route provides service to Downtown Atlanta from Canton and Woodstock. Effective Thursday, July 1, 2021, Xpress Route 490 will suspend current service from its Canton location. Xpress customers may continue to travel to Midtown and Downtown Atlanta via the route's Woodstock location or Xpress routes 483, 484 and 485.

In early March 2021, the City of Canton broke ground on a new Water Pollution Control Plant. The \$70 million project is the largest municipal project in the city's history. Construction is expected to be completed in 2024.

Since the project was launched, a significant portion of the Xpress Park and Ride Lot used by Route 490 commuters has not been available for use. Following a review of the available space, Xpress reviewed options with city leaders and determined that suspension of the current location and use of alternate locations provided the preferred option.

"The safety of our commuters and Xpress team members is our top priority," said Chris Tomlinson, ATL Executive Director. "As Canton city leaders embark on this important infrastructure project, we are pleased that Xpress customers will continue to have convenient access to and from Atlanta from other routes and park-and-ride locations."

Xpress 490 customers may continue to use the Woodstock park and ride lot (550 Molly Lane – Woodstock). Customers will also have access to Downtown and Midtown Atlanta from two other convenient park and ride lots during the project's construction period:

- The **Town Center Park-and-Ride Lot** is located at 634 Big Shanty Road in Kennesaw. It services Route 483 which provides weekday (Monday – Friday) to Midtown Atlanta.
- The **Hickory Grove Park-and-Ride Lot** is located at 2018 Hickory Grove Road in Acworth. From this location, Route 484 provides weekday (Monday – Friday) to Midtown Atlanta and Route 485 provides weekday service to Downtown Atlanta.

Xpress has 27 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. Additional information is available at www.XpressGA.com to assist customers with selecting alternate transportation options. Customer service representatives are available Monday – Friday from 5:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. at 844-XPRSSGA (977-7742). Riders may also sign up for alerts by texting XPRESS to 888777.

About the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority

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.

About the Xpress Transit System

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