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**For Immediate Release**

## **News Release**

*Gary Public Transportation Corporation begins a new and better schedule on September 8, 2020.*

Gary, IN...(August 2020) Effective Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) will begin a new and improved bus schedule, providing more service with fewer transfers for Northwest Indiana.

The Broadway Metro Express (Bmx) will have three additional stops, which include Lake County Government Building; Adam Benjamin Jr. VA Outpatient Clinic; and Purdue Research Park/Ivy Tech Campus. With the new schedule, it is now just one trip from Gary to Crown Point and from Crown Point to the South Shore Line, and the R6 (Ivy Tech/South Broadway Shuttle) will be suspended as a separate route. Trips on the Bmx will run every 30 minutes and will increase to every 20 minutes as ridership grows.

The R2 U.S. 30 Shuttle will continue to run hourly service on weekdays and Saturdays in order to provide more frequent trips where riders need it most.

Committed to the safety of riders and staff, Gary Public Transportation Corporation requests that riders adhere to Governor Holcomb's mask mandate while following the recommended seating arrangements for safe social distancing on buses (COVID Passenger Spacing PSA.pdf). Riders are asked to continue to exit the bus using the rear door, if able.

"Our staff continues to clean and sanitize buses daily, along with cycle cleaning to regularly sanitize all high-touch surfaces, such as arm rails, fare boxes, seats, and other surfaces riders may touch," says David W. Wright, planning and marketing manager for GPTC. "For the convenience of riders, we have installed hand sanitizer dispensers in our buses. Soon, we will also install driver shields and sanitizing wipe dispensers."

For cleaner, touchless boarding, and to make it easier to practice safe social distancing, riders are encouraged to purchase bus passes on smartphones with the Token Transit app. Riders can pay for these mobile tickets using a credit, debit, or commuter benefits card.

To view the most up-to-date information on route schedules, please visit: [www.garytransit.com](http://www.garytransit.com).

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*GPTC provides fixed-route transit in Gary and nine other communities in Northwest Indiana. GPTC also provides complementary curb-to-curb paratransit service to those who are, due to a disability, unable to use its fixed-route service. Follow GPTC on Twitter (@GaryTransit) and on Facebook (keyword "GaryTransit") for service alerts and announcements. Call 219.884.6100 x 0 or message the GaryTransit Facebook page for questions.*