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News Release

Gary Public Transportation Corporation announces new modified emergency schedule, effective April 19, 2020.

Gary, IN...(April 9, 2020) Effective April 19, 2020, Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) will move to a new, modified emergency route schedule. As Northwest Indiana is heeding the directives of state and local officials for essential travel only, GPTC is currently experiencing a 52% decrease in ridership. This emergency schedule will right-size GPTC's service to meet the demand of essential workers and essential trips, and minimize the exposure to the coronavirus to our staff and riders.

- Broadway Metro Express (Bmx) bus service will operate hourly instead of every twenty minutes and will serve the Lake County Government Center on these trips.
- The R2 (US30 Shuttle) will operate with a Saturday schedule, providing hourly service along US30 from Meijer to Sam's Club.
- The R6 (Ivy Tech Shuttle) will be suspended.
- All other services, including the R4 (Lakeshore South) and R5 (Merrillville Shuttle) will operate on their weekday schedules.
- GPTC's service hours will be maintained on weekdays.

Committed to the safety of riders and staff, Gary Public Transportation Corporation is observing social distancing protocols on buses and requests that riders follow the recommended boarding and seating arrangements (*COVID Passenger Spacing PSA 04.01.20.pdf*). To make it easier to practice safe social distancing, riders are able to purchase bus passes on smart phones with the Token Transit app, available on Google Play and the App Store.

Monthly, GPTC carries as many as 75,000 riders in Northwest Indiana. Many are going to work or school, and our service connects to shopping, medical and other mobility needs. Once Indiana's stay-at-home order is lifted and travel restrictions are eased, GPTC will be returning to its normal schedule. For more details and the most up-to-date information on route schedules, please visit: <https://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 any questions.