

# Transit 101

The Georgia Mountains Regional TDP is reviewing the current transit service options and evaluating future transit needs to determine if expanded service and new technologies are appropriate to introduce in the region. Potential transit services that are appropriate for this region include the demand-response and fixed-route modes below. Currently, Rural Transit service is available to residents via on-demand programs including WeGo in Hall County and Dial-A-Ride in Banks, Dawson, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Towns, and Union Counties. White County offers service exclusively to participants within the Senior Congregate Program. Franklin and Stephens Counties do not currently have transit service.

## Demand-Response Modes

Demand-response transit allows riders to schedule pickups, instead of following a set timetable.

### Dial-a-Ride

- Door-to-door service used in more rural or suburban areas.
- Riders call ahead to schedule trips, usually a day in advance.
- Works best for medical trips and other advance appointments.
- **Example System:** Hart County Transit



### Microtransit

- Real-time dynamic routing of smaller transit vehicles.
- Riders use an app to request rides in real-time.
- Riders may have to walk short distances to a “virtual bus stop.”
- **Example System:** WeGo



## Fixed-Route Modes

Fixed-route transit relies on large vehicles, set routes, and regular frequencies to efficiently move large numbers of riders. These systems thrive in denser areas with sidewalks and other multi-modal infrastructure.

### City Bus

- The most common type of transit service.
- Follows a set route and schedule.
- Works best in denser, more urbanized areas with high ridership demand.
- **Example Systems:** Gainesville Connection (no longer in service)



### Commuter Bus

- Provides service from outer areas to central city employment areas.
- Follows a set route and schedule, in a single direction during peak times.
- Picks up commuters from park-and-ride lots.
- **Example System:** ATL Xpress

