



CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT

Spring 2023 Edition

# OUTBOUND

Community Newsletter

## CAT is the recipient of the Georgia S.M.A.R.T. Grant

Georgia lawmakers have secured \$1.2 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve transportation connectivity in Chatham County. Senators Jon Ossoff and Reverend Raphael Warnock are using the funds to support a new electric vehicle micro-transit project through Chatham Area Transit (CAT), which will provide a reliable call-a-ride service for Savannah residents to access work, school, healthcare, and other essential services. The new micro-transit system is expected to improve access to transportation for residents of Chatham County, particularly those in rural areas.

The SMART Grants Program, established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is designed to help local agencies advance innovative projects that improve transportation efficiency and safety in their communities. Senators Ossoff and Warnock secured the \$1.2 million for CAT's EV Zonal Micro-Transit Project through this program. CAT Executive Director and CEO Faye DiMassimo expressed gratitude for the game-changing SMART grant opportunity, thanking Senators Ossoff and Warnock for their leadership in securing the funds. Additionally, DiMassimo highlighted that Georgia Tech, Savannah State, the ATU operators union, and GDOT would be key partners in the project's success.

Overall, the new micro-transit system is expected to provide Chatham County residents with a new, affordable transportation option that will enable them to access critical services and employment opportunities more easily. Through the bipartisan infrastructure law, lawmakers hope to continue delivering investments that will strengthen Georgia's infrastructure and promote stronger connectivity and safer communities.



Sen. J. Ossoff

Sen. R. Warnock



Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART)

## Introducing CATCast: The Chatham Area Transit Podcast



CAT introduces CATCast, a podcast featuring discussions about everything related to transit and transportation in Chatham County with officials and leaders from the area. Recent episodes have welcomed guests such as Savannah's Mayor Van Johnson, City Manager Jay Medler, Chatham County Chairman Chester Ellis, Chatham County Manager Michael Kaigler, and President and CEO of Savannah Chamber of Commerce Brent Brantley and Visit Savannah President Joseph Marinelli.

Available on Spotify and CAT's YouTube page, the podcast provides insights into the challenges and exciting projects involved in operating a transit system in the region.

Subscribe and follow CAT on social media to stay up to date.



# CAT Implements Minor Service Changes to Some Fixed-Routes



Effective **Monday, March 27, 2023**, Chatham Area Transit (CAT) implemented minor service changes for some Fixed-Routes. These changes will not impact all routes, and the aim is to enhance the overall efficiency of the public transit system.

Some of the affected route and time adjustments include:

**3B Augusta Ave:** Adding a 5:30 AM trip back to weekdays, Monday through Friday.

**3 West Chatham:** The route will now stay on Gulfstream and Hwy 21 without stops on Dean Forest Rd.

**6 Crosstown:** Time adjustments. Between nonpeak hours, the frequency will increase to 120 minutes. Specific times will be published.

**12 Henry:** The 12 Henry will continue to leave 51st and Hopkins at :26 past the

hour. The bus will continue to leave Victory Dr and Wallin at :48 past the hour. Inbound trips will continue East on Victory Dr. across Skidaway and service the last outbound bus stop on Victory Dr at the Chick-fil-A. The first Inbound trip will service the bus stop shelter at Victory and Wallin. Specific times will be published.

**14 Abercorn:** An additional bus will be added to service in the afternoon. Specific times will be published.

**DOT - Carver Village/Cloverdale:** The route will run from 7:50 a.m. - 6:50 p.m., on a one-hour frequency.

The changes aim to provide a more reliable and efficient service to customers while also addressing some of the concerns raised by commuters. The adjustments are expected to improve the overall riding experience, and CAT will continue to evaluate and adjust services as necessary.

Riders can sign up for service text alerts by texting "**RIDECAT**" to **41411**.

For more information on CAT's fixed-route services and schedules, customers are encouraged to visit the CAT website [www.catchacat.org](http://www.catchacat.org), call the customer service center **(912) 233 - 5767**, or subscribe to CATTracker.

## CAT is "Always Moving Forward" with job opportunities

Chatham Area Transit (CAT) has been an integral part of the community for the past 35 years, and we owe our success to the unwavering support of our local population. As we embark on a new year, we recognize that our continued growth and success are dependent on the dedicated and passionate individuals who make up our team. If you are someone who values making a meaningful impact in the world, we invite you to join us at CAT. We offer a range of exciting career opportunities, competitive compensation, and excellent benefits. Explore your options and take the first step towards a fulfilling career in transit by visiting our website at [www.catchacat.org](http://www.catchacat.org) today!

CAT is hosting a job fair every Friday, from 1 - 4 p.m. at CAT Central.

Fixed-Route starting pay has increased to **\$20/hour**  
Paratransit starting pay has increased to **\$15/hour**



CAT Graduates March 24, 2023

**JOIN THE  
CAT TEAM  
TODAY!**



[www.catchacat.org/about-cat/cat-careers/](http://www.catchacat.org/about-cat/cat-careers/) ✕



# CAT in the Community

## St. Patrick's Day Parade



## CAT Community Calendar

### Board Committee Meeting Location:

In Person 900 E. Gwinnett Street

### Public Meeting Location:

Zoom Video: <https://bit.ly/2EsR4kH>

### Board Meeting Location:

CAT Central, 900 East Gwinnett Street

### Virtual Meeting Location:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85839896020>

### Catch all of CAT's videos

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Board Committee Meeting 2nd Tuesday	Board Governance Committee Meeting 11AM 3rd Thursday	Regular Board Meeting 11AM 4th Tuesday	Board Workshop Meeting
Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	TBA
May 9	May 16	May 23	TBA
Jun 13	Jun 20	Jun 27	TBA

### April

22 - Earth Day  
28 - Arbor Day

### May

4 - Star Wars Day  
14 - Mother's Day  
29 - Memorial Day

### June

18 - Father's Day  
19 - Juneteenth Day  
21 - Summer Solstice

# Stay Connected!

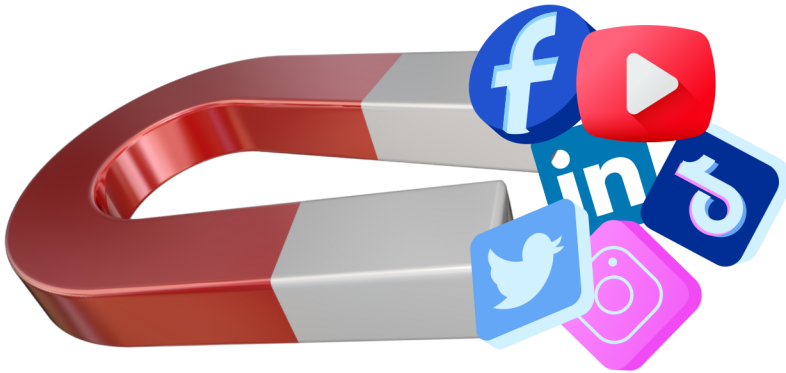
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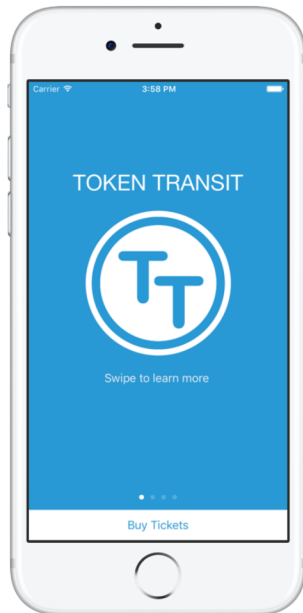
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