

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
MANDATORY FEES REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**Mandatory Fee:** Transportation

**Current Fee Level FY18:** \$85 Fall/Spring-\$57 Summer

**Proposed Fee Level FY19:** **\$86 Fall/Spring-\$57 Summer** (2/3's of \$85 fee for summer FY19)

**FY 2017 Revenue:** \$3,878,444 Transportation Fee Revenue

\$5,121,205 Total Revenue

**Fee Review Organization:** Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee

**Current Uses of Revenue:**

Fee revenue and other income from transportation operations are used for the day-to-day operation of the Tech Trolley, the Stinger bus and Stingerette services. The Stinger and Trolley offer multiple routes with 19 buses and 8 trolleys to transport people to various locations on campus, including Technology Square, NARA/TEP, Midtown MARTA and Georgia Tech facilities along 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Transportation added a Tech Express route, which provides express service from the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center to Tech Square and the Scheller College of Business.

Stinger service provides 10 continuously running buses operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 10:07 p.m.; and 3 Green Route buses operating weekdays between 6:43 a.m. and 8:57 p.m. It also provides shuttle service from main campus to the NARA/TEP complex operating one passenger van Monday through Friday from 7:20 a.m. – 6:18 p.m. Shuttle service to Publix-Atlantic Station is provided from 10:10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the Tech Square Express route operates 2 buses weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:28 p.m.

The Stingerette offers demand-response service provides after-hours transportation to students. It provides point-to-point transportation to campus locations, select offsite Georgia Tech facilities and MARTA Midtown station. The service operates daily from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. The Stingerette also offers paratransit service to Georgia Tech students, requiring transportation assistance due to temporary or permanent mobility impairments. The service operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Tech Trolley provides 5 continuously running trolleys operating Monday through Friday from 5:45 a.m. until 10:33 p.m., from 10:00 a.m. to 6:38 p.m. on Saturdays; and from 3:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. on Sundays, providing service between the Trolley HUB (adjacent to the Student Center) and the MARTA Midtown Station. The Tech Trolley also provides daily service to the

Midtown Publix after 5:00 p.m. The Midnight Rambler provides nighttime transit service seven days a week from 8:54 p.m. to 3:21 a.m., connecting west campus residential to east campus. The Rambler provides two trolleys on its route and includes convenient stops at the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center and the North Avenue Dining Hall. The Midnight Rambler is in service during fall and spring semesters only.

Fees are also used for capital expenses such as vehicle replacement, communication equipment, digital signage and transit shelters.

Transportation receives two major sources of revenue which include Student Fees and Institute Allocation dollars. This revenue represents approximately 91% of the department's total revenue.

Stinger and Trolley services are currently provided through a contract with a private vendor - Groome Transportation. The Stingerette services are staffed by Groome Transportation and Parking and Transportation employees.

Annual service hours are projected to be 19,722 for the Trolley and Midnight Rambler; 30,592 for the Stinger service; 2,844 hours for the NARA/TEP service; and 18,300 hours for the Stingerette, with an estimated 73,000 boardings.

#### **Explanation of Fiscal 2019 Fee Request:**

Transportation Services is submitting a request for a \$1 fee increase for Fall and Spring semesters of fiscal year 2019. The requested fee increase for FY19 will allow the department to maintain the Institute's current level of day and nighttime service for students, and support the increased contractual obligations with our principal provider of transportation services.

#### **Consequences if Request for Fee Increase is Not Approved:**

If the fee is not approved, revenue generated will not be adequate to cover projected expenditures, and the department will need to consider a reduction in Stinger, Trolley and/or nighttime service, or to further use its reserves to maintain current service levels. Since the department is currently operating at a reduced service level on weekends and during the Summer semester, the service reductions would come from Fall and Spring semesters.

Based on this assumption, for each dollar not approved, a service reduction would need to be made that equals the reduction of the Trolley and Stinger services by approximately 3.5 hours each day. This reduction in service this will have an impact on student safety – particularly with regard to the nighttime transit operations.