

**GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
MANDATORY FEES REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

**Mandatory Fee:** Transportation

**Current Fee Level FY20:** \$85 Fall/Spring-\$57 Summer

**Proposed Fee Level FY21:** **\$85 Fall/Spring-\$57 Summer** (2/3's of \$85 fee for summer FY20)

**FY 2019 Revenue:** \$4,009,576 Transportation Fee Revenue

\$5,433,483 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. Additionally, Transportation Services operates a Tech Square route, which provides express service from the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center to Tech Square, including stops at the Scheller College of Business and Coda.

Stinger service provides 10 continuously running buses operating Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 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. Shuttle service for the Midnight Rambler route, which is a nighttime transit service offered seven days a week from 7:54 p.m. to 2:21 am, connecting west campus residential to east campus is also serviced by Stinger service. The Midnight Rambler provides two shuttles 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. Additionally, the Tech Square Express route operates 2 buses weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:28 p.m.; and beginning in FY19, the Stinger began servicing the Tech Trolley route during the summer semester only.

The Stingerette offers demand-response 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 7:00 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 7:00 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 services the Trolley route during fall and spring semesters only.

Fees are also used for capital expenses such as vehicle replacement, communications equipment for the Stingerette and Paratransit vehicles, digital signage and funding for a comprehensive transit study.

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 and Transportation Services employees.

Annual service hours are projected to be 12,400 for the Trolley; 36,067 for the Stinger service; 2,844 hours for the NARA/TEP service and 3,229 for the Midnight Rambler. The Stingerette carries an estimated 80,200 passengers annually.

**Explanation of Fiscal 2021 Fee Request:**

Although Transportation Services requires a \$3 increase to meet its expense obligations to continue the current level of services provided to students, a fee increase will not be requested. Since the revenue generated will not be adequate to cover projected expenditures, and the department will continue cost reduction strategies and may be required to use reserve funds to maintain services in FY21.