



Passenger Link

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COVID-19 Update

The health and safety of passengers and employees continues to be the top priority for CityLink/GPMTD during the current COVID-19/coronavirus health crisis. Essential workers and passengers needing access to essential services rely on public transportation. With the health and safety of passengers and employees in mind, the following changes have been implemented since the printing of the last edition of Passenger Link in July 2020:

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- CityLink announces its participation in **APTA Health and Safety Commitments Program**.
- The Program was developed after asking transit users from across the country what measures would make them feel more confident riding public transportation amid concerns about COVID-19. From this research, the industry identified four key areas that transit systems need to address to earn riders' confidence:
 - ⇒ Following public health guidelines from official sources;
 - ⇒ Cleaning and disinfecting transit vehicles frequently and requiring face coverings and other protections;
 - ⇒ Keeping passengers informed and empowered to choose the safest times and routes to ride;
 - ⇒ Putting health first by requiring riders and employees to avoid public transit if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or feel ill.



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- GPMTD implements **Face Mask Policy** to provide a uniform set of guidelines for the wearing of face masks/face coverings on GPMTD property or vehicles to provide for the protection of employees and visitors.
- Passengers responsibilities include:
 1. All passengers who wish to ride a GPMTD bus are required to wear a face mask / face covering that covers both the nose and mouth at all times. Passengers who are not wearing a face mask / face covering will be asked to exit the vehicle for the safety of all other passengers.
 2. Passengers entering GPMTD facilities are required to wear a face mask/face covering at all times. Passengers who are not wearing a face mask/face covering will be asked to exit the facility for the safety of all other passengers.
 3. Passengers should observe social distancing guidelines while waiting for the bus at the Transit Center or at bus stops.

- Any passenger who does not wear a face mask/face covering will be asked to leave the bus and/or facility. Refusal to depart will result in a GPMTD supervisor or a Law Enforcement Officer escorting the passenger from the bus and/or facility and can lead to suspension from passenger service or use of the facilities.

How to wear a mask: Cover your nose and mouth.



Face coverings are required
on public transit.

While this continues to be an evolving situation, CityLink/GPMTD will endeavor to make decisions that are in the best interest of passengers and employees. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. Visit www.ridecitylink.org/covid19 for the latest COVID-19 updates and news from CityLink/GPMTD.

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Thank you for being our passenger!

CityLink on the Move Public Meetings

CityLink is hosting public meetings to share information and receive feedback on the proposed implementation of the CityLink on the Move service improvement plan. There will be two virtual meeting opportunities and five in-person meeting opportunities. The meeting dates/times/locations are listed on the graphic below.

Please note the following:

- The virtual meetings require pre-registration by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 9, 2020.
 - Register online here: www.ridecitylink.org/public-meeting-virtual-registration-form
- The off-site public meetings are limited to no more than 50 attendees at a time.
- The Transit Center public meetings are limited to no more than 20 attendees at a time and the lobby will only be open to those attending the public meeting. The facilities will not be available to use during the meetings.
- Face masks/coverings are required to be worn at all in-person public meetings.

Visit www.citylinkonthemove.org for more information on the CityLink on the Move Transit Study and the upcoming public meetings.



Stuff-A-Bus 2020

The 33rd Annual Stuff-A-Bus food drive is being hosted differently this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The 2020 Stuff-A-Bus Committee has chosen not to collect any physical donations to load onto the vintage bus. Instead, our goal is to collect \$10,000 in donations towards the purchase of non-perishable food and stuff a VIRTUAL bus. The campaign will take place October 23, 2020-December 1, 2020. Below are the ways that you can donate to this year's food drive:

- Rounding up your purchase to the next dollar amount while shopping at participating Kroger locations from October 23, 2020 until December 1, 2020.
- Making an additional voluntary donation at the register while shopping at participating Kroger locations from October 23, 2020 until December 1, 2020.
- Donating online directly on the Peoria Friendship House website at www.friendship.house.



The participating Kroger stores include all stores located in Peoria and the store location in East Peoria. Cumulus Radio, WYZZ Fox 43, WMBD CBS 31 and CIPROUD.com are the media partners in this food drive. The Amalgamated Transit Union Local #416 is also a long-time participating sponsor of Stuff-A-Bus.

For the most up-to-date information on this year's food drive and track the progress of stuffing the virtual bus, please "like" Stuff-A-Bus on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stuffabuspeoria.

GPMTD Board Trustee Sharon McBride Receives APTA Award



Sharon McBride

CityLink is pleased to share that GPMTD Board Trustee Sharon McBride has been selected as the 2020 Outstanding Public Transportation Board Member by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA). McBride has served on GPMTD Board of Trustees for more than 23 years, first assuming her role as Trustee on May 5, 1997. She represents West Peoria and is appointed by the Township Supervisor.

Trustee McBride was honored virtually with other category winners on October 21, 2020.

CityLink congratulates Sharon on this well deserved honor and for her many years serving on the GPMTD Board of Trustees!