

# Transit 101

The Southwest Georgia Regional TDP will look at a number of additional transit modes and technologies to determine which, if any, may be appropriate to introduce to the region. In addition to the existing transit services provided by Albany Transit System, Southwest Georgia Regional Transit, and Thomas County Area Transit, potential transit services for the region include the fixed-route and demand-response modes below.

## 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:** Albany Transit System, StarMetro



### 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



## 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:** Southwest Georgia Regional 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:** Valdosta On-Demand

