

Transportation Options

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ShuttleUM – University of Maryland Shuttle

Destinations include Greenbelt, Baltimore, Adelphi, Silver Spring, Hyattsville, New Carrollton, Prince George's Plaza, Columbia, Gaithersburg, various neighborhoods in and around College Park, etc. including the College Park Metro station - basically any place where the University holds classes. All routes begin and end at the Regents Drive Garage on the university campus

Sign up for the 12-month pass by going to City Hall or to the Greenbelt Aquatic Center. The cost is \$10 for a pass that starts in September (the beginning of the academic year) and runs for 12 months. The \$10 pass is only available through the City of Greenbelt. Be sure to take proof of residency with you.

Schedules and Stops: See the website for these at www.transportation.umd.edu and click on the NextBus button at the top of the page. There is also a free booklet, "Campus Connections", available at the Regents Drive Garage office, that has this information in print.

Free Pass for Seniors and Students: If you are 60 or older, you can take classes tuition-free at any state school, including the University of Maryland, although you will have to pay a registration fee. Once you're signed up as a student, you can ride the shuttle for free by showing your student ID.

How useful is this? Once you get to the shuttle stop of choice, you can utilize other public transportation. For example, if you take the shuttle to Baltimore, you disembark at the shuttle stop and then utilize any of the city's transportation options (bus, light rail, etc.) to get where you want to go: shopping, museums, sporting events, the JHU medical center, etc. Be sure to check the availability of the shuttle for your return trip; some routes have limited times when they operate during the day, on weekends and around school vacation times. Orioles or Ravens games, anyone?

"The Bus" - The Prince George's County Bus, alias "The Bus", has two routes (#15 and #16) that run through Greenbelt between the Greenbelt Metro and the New Carrollton Metro stations. The #15 bus is an express bus which runs every 80 minutes and has a limited number of stops. A third route, #11, runs through Greenbelt, originating from and returning to the Greenbelt Metro station. Both the #11 and the #16 buses are local buses, which means that they will stop to board passengers from any marked stop along their routes; they run every 30 minutes during rush hour. All three routes operate from Monday through Friday, with no service on weekends or major holidays (New Year's, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas).

Fare: \$1.25 unless you're a senior or physically challenged; then you can ride for free by showing your photo ID.

NEXTBUS app: tells you when the next bus is scheduled to arrive at your stop. The app is free and can be downloaded either from the App Store or directly from the website www.nextbus.com. You can also call (301) 324-2877 for route information.

Give your feedback: Visit the website www.princegeorgestransitvision.com to find out about the five-year plan being developed by the county to improve and expand transit within the county, focusing on local bus service, taxis and private ride sharing alternatives. Their public outreach will include a survey of riders, so this is your chance to make your voice heard.