

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**"Ben Hill to Join Regional Transit on July 1"**

Ben Hill County Public Transit will soon be seeing some changes. Effective July 1, Ben Hill County Public Transit will be joining Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) Regional Transit. Current riders are likely not to notice much change in the service except for a new name on the vehicles and a new phone number to schedule trips.

SGRC Regional Transit began in 2021 when several individual county-operated systems joined together with the SGRC to operate public transit services throughout a 14-county region. The SGRC, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation and MIDS Transportation, Inc., administers the service.

Residents of Ben Hill County will be able to call 1-855-360-7475 at least 24-hours in advance to schedule a trip for any purpose throughout the region. Riders can also download the "Let's Ride" App for their smart phones to schedule rides as well. For residents of Ben Hill County that are over the age of 60, they can schedule free transportation through the Ben Hill County Senior Center at (229) 426-5085. Residents who are Medicaid clients may also receive free transportation, and can schedule transportation by calling 1-888-224-7985.

SGRC Regional Transit creates vital connections between people, jobs, shopping, healthcare, social opportunities, and community services. This is an exciting venture for our region and we are proud to share information that is relevant to the roll-out of public transit with you.

For more information about SGRC Regional Transit visit our website at [www.letsridesouthga.com](http://www.letsridesouthga.com).

The SGRC looks forward to continuing the great success that Ben Hill County has built to provide affordable and accessible mobility to its residents.

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The SGRC will continue to provide coordinated human services transportation to seniors and behavioral health clients at no cost to the clients or the counties in all 18 counties as a part of this regional transit program. Individuals may contact their local senior center or their behavioral health case manager to determine eligibility and to schedule trips.

For more information about the transition to SGRC Regional Public Transit please contact Megan Fowler, Transit/Mobility Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or [mfowler@sgrc.us](mailto:mfowler@sgrc.us).



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