



**marin transit**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Marin Transit is responsible for local transit and paratransit services within Marin County.

### What is Marin Transit?

Marin County Transit District (Marin Transit) was formed by a vote of the people of Marin County in 1964. Marin Transit is responsible for local public transit and contracts with other providers, including Golden Gate Transit and Whistlestop Wheels, to operate local bus and paratransit services. Marin Transit's services are designed to provide for the mobility needs of the general population throughout the County. In 2007, Marin County Transit District underwent a complete rebranding, renaming ourselves Marin Transit.

### What exactly is local transit?

If the bus begins and ends in Marin County, then it's probably a local transit route. Golden Gate Transit (GGT) routes that travel between counties (i.e. to San Francisco, Sonoma, or Contra Costa) are considered regional routes. In time, all our local transit vehicles will be distinguishable by the Marin Transit logo and accompanying green graphics.

### If Marin Transit is responsible for local transit, why do many of the buses say "Golden Gate Transit" on them?

Golden Gate Transit is the contract operator hired by Marin Transit to provide the majority of local services in Marin. By using Golden Gate buses, drivers, and facilities, we are able to get the most efficient service possible. Some of the buses that provide local service during certain times of day also provide GGT regional service during peak periods.

### How are Marin Transit's operations funded?

Public transit is funded through many sources. Only a portion of the cost of public transit is covered by passenger fares. Historically, primary sources of transit operating funds for most public transit agencies are state funds, including the Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) programs. With the passage

of a local half-cent transportation sales tax, Measure A, in November 2004, Marin Transit has a dedicated source of local funding for transit. Over its 20 years, Measure A is expected to provide about \$182 million for local transit. Marin Transit also received a small percentage of the property tax in the County and federal grant funds to support out West Marin Stagecoach service.

### What kinds of improvements has Marin Transit made recently?

Since 2006, Marin Transit has increased Rural Service, taken responsibility for the Muir Woods Shuttle, created three community shuttles, and implemented system-wide local service changes to increase frequency where appropriate, reduce transfers, and meet system performance goals. In 2009, Marin Transit launched new local passes good for daily, weekly or monthly travel.

Marin Transit's 2009 Short Range Transit Plan update includes plans for new hybrid vehicles and retaining core services with decreasing revenues.

### How can I learn more about Marin Transit?

There are several ways you can find out more about Marin Transit and our services.

Visit our website [www.marintransit.org](http://www.marintransit.org).

Sign up for Marin Transit news updates, West Marin Stagecoach news and/or Shuttle news by joining our e-mail distribution lists. Visit our website to register online.

Contact Marin Transit directly at (415) 226-0855 or send us an email at [info@marintransit.org](mailto:info@marintransit.org).

# marintransit routes

- 17** Marin City – Mill Valley – San Rafael
- 19** Marin City – Tiburon
- 22** San Rafael Transit Center –  
San Anselmo – Marin City – Sausalito
- 23** Fairfax – San Anselmo – San Rafael
- 29** San Rafael Transit Center – Larkspur –  
College of Marin – San Anselmo
- 35** Canal – San Rafael Transit Center
- 36** San Rafael Transit Center – Marin City
- 45** Kaiser/Northgate – San Rafael Transit  
Center
- 49** Novato – Ignacio – Hamilton – Grand –  
San Rafael Transit Center
- 51** Novato local (San Marin – Novato –  
Vintage Oaks – IVC – Ignacio)
- 52** Novato (Novato – Ignacio – San Rafael)
- 61** West Marin Stagecoach (Marin City – Mill  
Valley - Stinson Beach – Bolinas)
- 62** West Marin Stagecoach (Stinson Beach–  
Bolinas – Pt. Reyes Station)
- 66** Muir Woods Shuttle (Seasonal)
- 68** West Marin Stagecoach (San Rafael  
Transit Center – San Anselmo –  
Pt. Reyes Station – Inverness)
- 71** Novato – San Rafael Transit Center –  
Marin City
- 221** Larkspur – Corte Madera
- 233** Santa Venetia - San Rafael Transit Center
- 259** Marinwood – Terra Linda

