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## **GTrans Launches New, On-demand Microtransit Service, "Bolt Powered by GTrans"**

### **Improving Air Quality and Local Mobility**

(January 13, 2025- Gardena, CA) – GTrans, The City of Gardena’s public transportation service, is sending a “bolt” of energy towards rider flexibility and reducing emissions with the launch of its’ new on-demand ride service, “Bolt Powered by GTrans”. Bolt is an on-demand, shared-ride public service powered by an app, reaffirming a commitment to addressing local transportation needs through innovation and flexibility. The experience is easy, making local travel more convenient, accessible, and environmentally friendly for residents and visitors. The launch is another milestone built on GTrans’ growing expertise in transit operations for general on-demand and registered paratransit riders.

Bolt provides safe, efficient, and short-distance on-demand transportation service within Gardena city limits as well as specialized inter-city paratransit service. Passengers can travel throughout Gardena using predetermined physical and virtual stops, all within walking distance of their pick-up and drop-off locations. Registered seniors and paratransit riders can take advantage of curb-to-curb service for added convenience. Additionally, Bolt integrates with GTrans' existing bus network and offers specialized paratransit service to Gardena, the City of Hawthorne, and the incorporated areas of Los Angeles County, Del Aire and Alondra Park for those who need it.

“Bolt represents years of careful planning and innovation,” said Ernie Crespo, Director of Transportation for GTrans. “This concept was in development for over two years, evolving from an idea to reality. Similar on-demand transit services have been implemented in other



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cities, and we've taken inspiration from their successes to create a program tailored to Gardena's needs".

Gardena City Manager Clint Osorio added, "The launch of Bolt Powered by GTrans is an important step forward in enhancing mobility for our residents and visitors. This service helps meet the diverse needs of our community while supporting sustainable, eco-friendly travel options."

GTrans is dedicated to supporting Southern California's evolving transportation needs through ongoing innovation. Crespo also emphasized the importance of community feedback, stating, "We will continue to refine the Bolt service based on input from the community, ensuring it remains a responsive and dependable option for everyone who uses it."

## Key Features of Bolt Powered by GTrans:

- **On-Demand Accessibility:** Bolt's on-demand model lets passengers request rides via the mobile app, phone, or online booking, offering a convenient alternative to fixed-route transit.
- **Affordability and Sustainability:** The fare structure is cost-effective, at a flat rate of \$2 per ride for general on-demand service, creating a more economical option than ridesharing services.
- **ADA Compliant:** All vehicles are equipped to be ADA-compliant, providing safe and accessible transportation for individuals requiring specialized mobility.
- **Integrated Public Transit Network:** Bolt is designed to integrate seamlessly with GTrans' bus routes, offering greater connectivity across the city.
- **Eco-friendly:** Includes all the features above and more, all while supporting GTrans' sustainability goals utilizing a fleet of eco-friendly vehicles.

Bolt is now available for use. Interested passengers may download the Bolt app from their preferred app store to begin their experience. GTrans encourages residents and visitors to explore this new option and experience firsthand the benefits of on-demand transit.

This project was partially funded by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), highlighting the collaborative effort to improving air quality and reducing transportation emissions.

## About GTrans

GTrans, the City of Gardena's Department of Transportation, has been providing safe,



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reliable, and environmentally conscious transportation services for 85 years. Through a steadfast commitment to community engagement and sustainable development, GTrans offers a range of transportation solutions, including traditional fixed-route services and innovative transit options such as Bolt, which includes both general on-demand and paratransit service. For more information, please visit [RideGTrans.com/Bolt](http://RideGTrans.com/Bolt)

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