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Ride GoDurham Fare-Free on Election Day

Fare-Free Days Also Announced for all Future Elections in Durham

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham is making it even easier to get to the polls next month on Election Day, not only for this year, but for all future elections.

[GoDurham](#) buses will be fare-free all day on Tuesday, November 5 in addition to being fare-free for all future municipal and general election days thanks to a [City Council-approved ordinance](#) from their October 7 regular business meeting.

According to Derek Bowens, director of the Durham County Board of Elections, free bus rides should help voter turnout. “Free bus rides all day on Election Day will most definitely encourage voter turnout since for many Durham residents public transit is a practical way to get to the polls,” Bowens said. “By removing the cost barrier, we hope more registered voters will cast a ballot on November 5 as well as in all future election years.”

Polling places will be open on Tuesday, November 5 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Visit the GoDurham [website](#) to plan a route. To find specific polling locations on GoDurham bus routes and for other voting information, visit the Durham County Board of Elections [website](#).

About the City of Durham Transportation Department

The [Transportation Department](#) is responsible for a broad range of transportation services which includes traffic signs and signals, transportation planning, [parking operations](#), street lighting, taxicab administration, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. The department also oversees [GoDurham](#) and [GoDurham ACCESS](#) and leads planning functions for the [Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (DCHC MPO), which is the regional organization that is responsible for planning and programming state and federal transportation projects in the urbanized areas of Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to strengthen the foundation, enhance the value, and improve the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods that are necessary for a strong and diverse community. For more information, follow the department on [Twitter](#).

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