

“JTRAN” UNVEILS NEW BRAND AND FUTURE HYBRID ELECTRIC FLEET ENHANCEMENTS



(Jackson, Miss.) – On June 11th the City of Jackson unveiled its newly rebranded transit system, completely changing its spelling from JATRAN to JTRAN, and debuted two brand-new Gillig 35-inch Low Floor Buses with the new brand scheme. The buses are the first in a series of scheduled purchases over the next two years. JTRAN's first batch of hybrid electric buses will arrive later this year, marking JTRAN's shift to low emission vehicles.

“The ability to provide quality public transportation is consistent with the strategic aims of our city. One of the closest statistical variables to generational poverty is commute time for your residents. And so, I’m grateful, not only to receive these resources to support and build a fleet of buses that service our residents better, but I’m grateful to those individuals in our planning department who have worked diligently in this aim. And, I’m grateful to our residents that utilize our bus service and we want to make sure that it is appropriate and built to their needs,” said Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.



On June 2nd, JTRAN was awarded \$5.5 million in additional funding for low emission bus purchases by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration through the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. In addition to the new buses and branding, the City of

Jackson is working on additional updates to its transit services, including completing security upgrades, bus stop improvements, advertising sales, and a city-wide transit study.

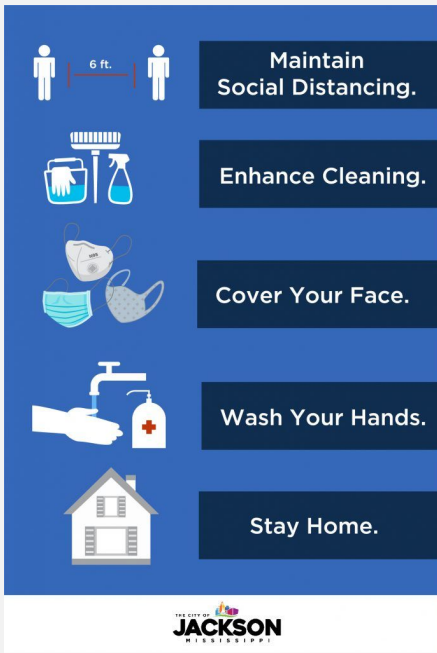
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“The new brand is a shift in how we run a transit system. It’s not just a paint scheme and a tag line. The projects we have laid out over the next two years will fundamentally transform and modernize transit in Jackson and the new brand is the launch party,” said Director of Planning, Jordan Rae Hillman, AICP.

JTRAN and the City of Jackson would like to acknowledge the critical work of all of its transit workers and their service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. JTRAN has continued operations throughout that time and provided critical transportation to the community. The City of Jackson extends a sincere thank you to all transit workers.

MAYOR LUMUMBA EASES RESTRICTIONS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES; URGES CONTINUED VIGILANCE AGAINST COVID-19



(Jackson, Miss.) – Mayor Lumumba is slowly re-opening the City of Jackson following months of being on lockdown due to COVID-19, while acknowledging that data does not yet reflect that Jackson or the State of Mississippi has experienced a decline in the rate of new COVID-19 cases. The decision comes after mounting pressure from the business community and the lifting of many restrictions by the State.

“What I am faced with now is just not simply a question of the data, but a question of what is practical based on the fact that so many cities are opening up around us. We can maintain our social distancing; we can maintain our procedures as a city, but it has little effect if people living in Jackson can go north, south, east, and west in order to go into places that are now open for public congregation,” said Mayor Lumumba during an emergency COVID-19 press briefing on May 8th.

The first phase eased some restrictions on the operation of retail shops, restaurants, gyms, and personal grooming services such as hair and nail salons. A complete list of guidelines can be found by visiting the City of Jackson website at www.jacksonms.gov/slowopen.

CITY OF JACKSON NOW OFFERS TSA PRE-CHECK SERVICES ALONG WITH OTHER SERVICES

(Jackson, Miss.) – As of June 4th, you can now get TSA PreCheck services through the City of Jackson’s Department of Municipal Clerk’s Office.

“As you may be aware, as we are living in a post 911 world in a space where security is paramount that often when people are endeavoring to travel, they are delayed by TSA security services. And so, it has become a recent offering that has been provided across the country for TSA PreCheck services. Previously, in order to register for TSA PreCheck services, you had to leave Jackson and go to Vicksburg. And so, we are happy to announce that the City of Jackson is providing this,” said Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

CITY OF JACKSON DISTRIBUTES FOOD BOXES AND MASKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

(Jackson, Miss.) – The City of Jackson recently partnered with the Mississippi Food Network and the We Are Hungry organization to give out free boxes of food to citizens.

Each Thursday, the City will give out boxes that contain fruit and vegetables to communities in South and West Jackson, fulfilling part of Mayor Lumumba’s first Strategic Plan goal: Healthy Citizens, which focuses on the physical and mental wellbeing of every citizen.

In addition to the food distribution, the City of Jackson handed out free masks to citizens in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. On June 2nd, Mayor Lumumba and Hinds County Supervisor, Robert Graham announced the distribution of 75,000 masks during a press conference.

“One of the most sacred and important responsibilities of elected officials is to ensure the safety of everyone that they serve. So I am very grateful, specifically for Hinds County for this very generous donation and I’m grateful to the President of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, Robert Graham,” said Mayor Lumumba.



The masks were given to the City by the Hinds County Board of Supervisors thanks to Mississippi Emergency Management, FEMA, and the State of Mississippi. Mayor Lumumba has been a strong proponent of every citizen wearing a face covering to ensure everyone’s safety.

The City is set to receive another 50,000 masks from Hinds County for a grand total of 125,000 masks for Jackson residents. The first round of masks was issued out the first week of June. ■

Those that are interested in registering for TSA PreCheck can walk-in or make an appointment ahead of time by visiting www.identogo.com/. In addition to this, the Department of the Municipal Clerk is offering the ability to take passport photos, Transportation Workers’ Identification Credential (TWIC) cards and the Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

“This is a low-risk expedited security certification program that travelers within the United States can come in and be fully vetted. You have to go through a background check and be finger printed. We send it to the Department of Transportation Security and once you are approved, you’re assigned a customer number and when you get ready to book your airline tickets, you include that number and that will expedite you through airport security,” said Municipal Clerk, Angela Harris.

The location is right next to City Hall in the old Chamber building located at 201 S. President Street. Services are available from Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The City of Jackson is the only government entity in the metro-area that offers TSA PreCheck services.

PAVING SEASON 2020 KICKS OFF WITH ROAD RESURFACING WORK ON OAK FOREST AND BELVEDERE DRIVE



(Jackson, Miss.) – Paving Season 2020 officially kicked off on May 21st with the announcement of much needed road resurfacing work taking place on Oak Forest Drive in Ward 6.

Pastor Jesse Kelly of St. Paul Church of God in Christ, which is located on Oak Forest Drive, said his congregation will be thrilled to drive to church when society gets back to normal after the pandemic.

“We are very excited about Oak Forest Drive being paved. When we come back together and worship as a church family, our membership will encounter no hindrance. We’ll be able to come to church on a smooth street and enjoy the word of God,” said Pastor Kelly.

Mayor Lumumba is thankful to get started on repaving roads in South Jackson.

He said, “We are thankful not only for the funds from the One Percent Sales Commission to be able to accomplish this project, we’re grateful to the constituents for their continued patience and sacrifice so that these projects can take place. It has been our mission as an administration to show progress. We know that our infrastructure has been well behind the regular and routine maintenance that it deserves for many, many years. So, we understand that we will not be able to pave every road or deal with every infrastructure project that the constituents deserve, but we are grateful that we can show progress,” said Mayor Lumumba.



In addition to the Oak Forest Drive project, on June 10th, Mayor Lumumba announced road resurfacing taking place on Belvedere Drive from McDowell Road to Treehaven Drive, also in Ward 6. These are two of three

that will be resurfaced in Ward 6 during this year’s paving season as part of the Citywide Resurfacing Project Contract B, the total cost of which amounts to \$5,275,949.00. Resurfacing on McDowell Road from Belvedere Drive intersection to I-55 is next on the list. A total of 13 roads across the city will be repaved this summer thanks to funds levied from the One Percent Sales Tax Commission.

EMPLOYEE SHOUT OUT!

The City of Jackson congratulates newly appointed Municipal Clerk, Angela Harris.



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION UPDATES SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

(Jackson, Miss.) - Due the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Parks & Recreation will continue to evaluate events scheduled from June 3rd through August 29th. Most events have been cancelled in the best interest of the public, with the exception of the following:

- Mayor’s Cup Golf Tournament: May 22nd - rescheduled to August 7, 2020
- Movies in the Park and Drive-in events will be offered with social distancing and limited spaces. The schedule will be released in the coming weeks.
- Fireworks Event: June 27, 2020 - Fireworks at Smith-Wills Baseball Stadium will take place with COVID-19 restrictions strictly enforced.
- The Feeding Program will continue Monday - Friday, from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. for youth aged 18 and under at the following locations:

Westside Gymnasium 1450 Wiggins Road Jackson MS 39209 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Vergy P. Middleton Community Center 3971 Flag Chapel Road Jackson MS 39213 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Battlefield Park Community Center 953 Porter Street Jackson MS 39204 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Grove Park Community Center 4126 Parkway Ave Jackson MS 39213 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Canceled events:

- All White Party - May 23rd
- Blues in the Park - June 20th
- Summer Enhancement Program (cancelled)

Under the amended Stay Safe Jackson executive order, effective June 4, 2020, Golf Courses and Tennis Centers are open with restrictions and guidelines. Walking trails are open at all park facilities. Buddy Butts Park will be open for walking, Go-Karting, and RC Flying, however, soccer fields and bathrooms will remain closed. Youth Baseball will be permitted with Covid-19 guidelines and policies strictly enforced. Mynelle Gardens has been open since June 5th with limited capacity and social distancing rules in place. The garden can host events of up to 25 people outside. The Westbrook House will remain closed.

Community centers, gymnasiums, parks/playgrounds, splashpads, and pools will remain closed. Sporting events previously scheduled to take place at these facilities have also been cancelled.

Signage has been placed at all City of Jackson parks and facilities indicating that they are closed. As a reminder, tampering with and/or the destruction of City property is a criminal offense.

SESAME STREET SUPPORTS CITY OF JACKSON WITH REMOTE LEARNING

(Jackson, Miss.) - Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba and Jackson Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Errick Greene announced on May 29th that Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street, has provided 1500 distance learning kits to the City.



“The City is overjoyed to have a relationship with Sesame Street which has been working for generations to educate young people and to fill the educational gap through creative learning processes. And so, Sesame Street, true to its history, has stepped in the same regard here in the City of Jackson and we are abundantly blessed to have them alongside us,” said Mayor Lumumba.

The City of Jackson initially reached out to Sesame Workshop in April 2020 after learning about their teaching resources designed to help parents and young children manage through COVID-19 as part of their Caring for Each Other initiative. The Sesame Street learning kits will be made available for daycare providers, teachers, and parents and children to help them learn and do together - and is part of Sesame Workshop’s Sesame Street in Communities program to provide valuable resources to children, parents, and caregivers.



“Jackson Public Schools is thrilled to partner with the City of Jackson in promoting early literacy. With these high-quality and intuitive resources donated by Sesame Street, Jackson parents are better positioned as partners in educating their children. School is out for the summer, but this helps to ensure that learning doesn’t end,” said Jackson Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Errick Greene. Distribution of the learning kits will be coordinated with JPS. For more tips and resources, visit: <https://sesamestreetincommunities.org>.

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Jackson Police Precinct 3.....601.960.0003
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