

## **Valparaiso Extends Free Rides on ChicaGO Dash and South Shore Connect**

To encourage riders to safely ride Valparaiso's transit services, the City has extended free rides aboard the ChicaGO Dash express bus to Chicago and the South Shore Connect service to and from the Dune Park Station – both through 2020. "These convenient transit services are excellent opportunities for those who travel into Chicago and we want riders to know that we've also added safety measures to keep the buses clean," said Valparaiso Mayor Matt Murphy.

The City of Valparaiso is following CDC and HHS guidance to protect riders and staff aboard the city's transit services, making each ride as safe and clean as possible. Buses are cleaned nightly, including use of a hospital-grade disinfecting fogger -- the same unit used in the city's ambulance and EMS vehicles after every patient. Bus drivers are masked and both hand sanitizer and masks are available aboard each bus.

The ChicaGO Dash offers two trips daily to and from the Chicago Loop, departing Valparaiso at 6:00 am and 7:00 am with return routes from Chicago beginning at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm from Michigan and Randolph, LaSalle and Wacker, and Clark Street stops. Service is aboard 53-passenger coach buses with lavatories, Wi-Fi, free parking at the Brown Street station in Valparaiso, and even on-board bike racks.

South Shore Connect service is an express bus from Valparaiso's Brown Street station to and from the Dune Park South Shore station. Parking at the Valparaiso station is free, and the bus serves six departures from Valparaiso and six arrivals at Dune Park Station daily.

For complete schedules and details on all of the City of Valparaiso's transit services, visit [ValpoTransit.com](http://ValpoTransit.com). Valparaiso's Ticket Office for Transit remains closed. For transit questions, you may also contact Valparaiso's Transit Director Don Lorntzen at [DLorntzen@valpo.us](mailto:DLorntzen@valpo.us).