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Rider's Guide





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 Fairfield County Transit System: 1-877-311-Road at Marboro Street bus shelter, megabus.com. Buses depart from Lucius WegaBus: (800) MEGA-BUS – www. www.southeasternstages.com

Southeastern Stages: 877.837.9709

.2239-693 (808) Columbia. For local information call Buses depart from 710-A Buckner Road, (800) 531-5332. www.greyhound.com Greyhound: (800) 231-2222, en Espanol

Amtrak Station, 850 Pulaski St, Columbia, Trains and buses depart from the Columbia Amtrak: 1-800-USA-RAIL – www.amtrak.com.

for transportation options in the Central Contact the following providers listed below

Services to Other Services

Discount pass prices. Call (803) 255-7133 or bulk passes, can purchase Basic passes at For businesses and organizations that purchase

email: info@CatchTheCOMET.org for more details.

and non-transferable. All passes are non-refundable, non-replaceable On the bus: Day, 5-Day and 7-Day Passes (cash)

SC (check or money order) By mail: The COMET, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, App Store (credit card) •On our App: Catch The COMET from Google Play or

 On our website: www.CatchTheCOMET.org (credit and 3818 Devine St, Columbia Piggy Wiggly – 1220 North Main Street, Columbia • Transit Center - 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia Lucius Road, Columbia • Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility - 3613

Greenbax at Piggy Wiggly only) In person: (cash, check, credit and debit cards. can be purchased: Day, 5-Day, 7-Day, 31-Day Passes and DART Tokens Pass Purchase Locations

pass into the farebox each time. or 7-Day Pass or 10-Ride Pass for repeat rides, dip the using the magnetic stripe reader. When using the 5 the Day or 31-Day Pass for repeat rides, swipe the pass first time, dip the pass into the farebox. When using eligibility of the pass. When activating the pass for the stripe technology which can track the use and/or Day, 5-Day, 7-Day and 31-DayPasses utilize a magnetic date of pass activation and is the best value.

periods with no expiration date. 7-Day Pass is valid for 7 consecutive days, 24-hour three or more times, obtain a Day Pass as there are

for unlimited rides for a 24-hour period. If you ride

Day Pass can be purchased on the bus and is valid

31-Day Pass is valid for 31 consecutive days from for

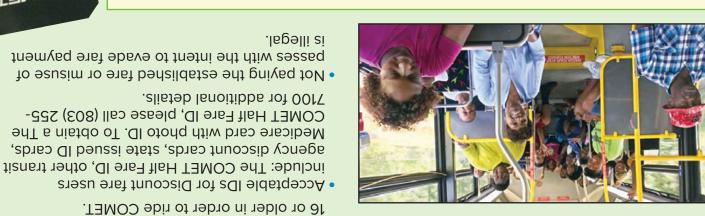
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two or more The COMET routes meet. between buses at locations where Mall. Customers can also transfer Detention Center and Columbia Place Village at Sandhills, Alvin S. Glenn Crawson Road, Killian Road Walmart,

Forest Drive Walmart, Koon & Cody Drives, Stops located at Harbeson Road Walmart, In addition, transfers can be made at Super Assembly and Gervais Streets in Columbia. Transit Center - Laurel and Sumter Streets and The COMET's main transfer points are at the



• Veterans with a Military ID, Veterans ID or DD-214 form

 Youth ages 16-17 years old with The COMET Half Fare Medicare Card Holders with ID Persons with Disabilities with The COMET Half Fare ID Seniors ages 65 years old and older with ID *Discount Fares are available to:

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The COMET & ReFlex Fixed Route Bus Fares

Fares: Effective August 14, 2014 The COMET Is Your Bus System

Customer Service is available seven days a days a week between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. Assembly Street, Columbia is open seven Assembly Street Bus Shelter located at 1240 Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DART reservations can be made Monday-

week between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sundays and Holidays from 7 a.m. Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Call Center telephone hours are available .m.q d of .m.s 8 morf eys biloH a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sundays and Service is available Monday-Friday from 7 Holidays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Customer from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sundays and

Street, Columbia. It is open Monday-Friday

• Visit the Transit Center located at 1745 Sumter

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available on our website or by calling us. details, members, agendas and minutes are and 4th Wednesday of each month. Meeting COMET Board of Directors meet on the 2nd Attend our Board of Directors Meetings: The

come to the facility). holidays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Route 6 and DART SC 29201. Open Monday-Friday, excluding Transit Facility, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, Write or visit us: Lowell C. Spires, Jr Regional email: john.andoh@CatchTheCOMET.org 10 Nation And of (803) 255-7087 or Contact our Executive Director/CEO: Fax us: (803) 255-7113

Call us: (803) 255-7100 or 711 through the relay Email us: info@CatchTheCOMET.org Visit us online: www.CatchTheCOMET.org suggestions. Tell us how we can be better for you! your comments, compliments, complaints or

ride to be perfect every time. We welcome

We hope to hear from you! We want your bus

Rules Of The Road

Please observe the following rules when riding The COMET buses or waiting at a The COMET transit stop, transit center or Super Stop:

No smoking on buses, inside transit facilities or

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- within 20 feet of the opening of a window or door at transit facilities. Eating and drinking is permitted provided that you dispose of the waste from eating or
- drinking. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not
- permitted on public transit buses under Federal law. No standing in front of the white or yellow
- the bus is in motion. • If you are sitting in one of the front seats, be prepared to give up your seat as a courtesy to seniors and persons with disabilities.

'standee" line, in doorways or stepwells while

- No unnecessary conversation or interference with bus operator for safety reasons. No fighting, using vulgar or offensive language,
- pushing, shouting, or any behavior that disturbs or endangers other customers. All audio devices require the use of
- headphones. Amplified music is not allowed on buses or at transit facilities. No flammable, hazardous materials or
- weapons shall be allowed on board the bus (except oxygen). No large object that cannot be held by the
- customer or placed under seat. Customers are allowed up to three shopping bags, luggage or packages. Bus operators may provide assistance up to 25 pounds at their discretion. Customers must have a destination when
- riding The COMET buses. After two round trips, customers may be requested to leave the bus by the bus operator at the nearest transit center or major transfer point.
- All customers must pay a fare when boarding The COMET buses or they may be refused boarding. Posting of flyers, pamphlets or brochures on
- The COMET buses or transit facilities are not allowed. Contact the The COMET at (803) 255-7100 or email info@CatchTheCOMET.org in regard to advertising on The COMET buses. A person who commits an assault or battery upon a transit operator with a deadly weapon
- or presents the ability to use a deadly weapon is subject to a felony. The COMET, its security personnel, local police, Main Street District Ambassador,
- authorized personnel or its transit operations contractor reserve the right to refuse service to customers and/or suspend customers who demonstrate disruptive and unsafe behavior or violate any of the rules and regulations presented above. Any person violating the provisions of SC Law
- Section 58-23-1810 (Public Transportation Passenger Rights Act) is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction for a first offense must be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$200, for a second offense, imprisoned for not more than 60 days or fined not more than \$500, or both, and for a third or subsequent offense, imprisoned for not more than 90 days or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Weather - Stay Cool in the Heat

The COMET wants you to stay safe and keep your cool as you travel to your destination. Please take care as we reach extreme, humid temperatures in the summer months.

 Customers waiting at transit stops should prepare for the excessive temperatures, especially since many fixed routes generally operate every 60

Bring water, wear a hat or use an umbrella, dress for summer—light-colored clothing, and slow down, take your time.

• Have your fare ready, and remember to board the

bus quickly as heat escapes inside the bus from the doors when they open. On very hot days, The COMET will provide free water to customers when temperatures exceed 105 degrees.

>>> Planning Your Trip

When planning your trip using the The COMET, it's helpful to begin at the end Most people will need to take two buses to reach their final destination, so it's important to time your transfer from your first bus to your second. The easiest way to do that is to start with the time you need to reach your final destination and work backward.

the route you need to take for your final destination and the time that's closest to when you need to arrive. Then, look to see what time that same bus departs the Transit Center. When taking a different (or first) bus to reach the Transit Center, look at its schedule to see when your bus will arrive at the Transit Center.

Look at the schedule for

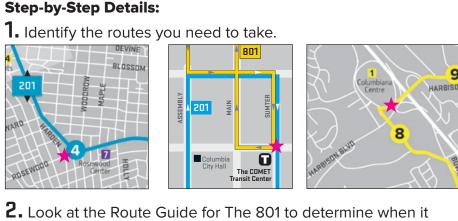
Compare that time to the departure time of your second bus. Finally, work backward to see what time your first bus leaves from your bus stop.

For example: Let's say you live in the Rosewood/Harden Street

area and want to go to Columbiana Centre Mall. arriving at 1:30 p.m. Looking at the system map you know you'll need to take The 201 to the Transit Center and then The 801 to reach the Mall. Looking at The 801 first, you can see it reaches Bower Parkway at 12:44 p.m. Working backward, you see that The 801 departs the Transit Center at 12:00 p.m. Now looking at The 201, you can see the arrival time at the Transit Center closest to 11:25 p.m. is 12:25 p.m.

Working backward again, you see that The 201 leaves Rosewood and Harden at 11:10 p.m. Now you know you have to catch The 201 at 11:10 p.m. at Rosewood and Harden, then The 801 at 12:00 to reach the Mall at 12:44 p.m.

Step-by-Step Details:



arrives at Columbiana Centre.



3. Look to the left along that row to see when that trip leaves the Transit Center



4. Now, look at the Route Guide for The 201 to determine when it arrives at the Transit Center before The 801 leaves at 12:45 p.m.

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5. Look to the left along that row to see when The 201 picks-up at your nearest bus stop.

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6. Now you know when to catch the bus to arrive at Columbiana Centre at 1:30 p.m.

Need assistance in planning your trip? Visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org and use the trip planner powered

by Google, Apple and Bing Maps or call (803) 255-7100. You can also track a COMET bus by downloading the TransLoc Rider app on your smartphone to see in real time when the bus is due to arrive at your transit stop.

>>> Special Services for Persons with Disabilities

Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART)

DART is the complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service for persons with disabilities unable to board The COMET buses or access a transit stop for any trip purpose. In order to use DART, customers must complete an ADA Certification Application. DART operates the same service hours as The COMET non-express fixed routes. Customers must board, travel and alight within 3/4 mile of an operating The COMET route. Please see the system map for DART service boundary. For more information about DART, including trip reservations, cancellations and certification, call (803) 255-7123, visit our website or see the DART Information Guide or Rider's Guide. Fare is \$3.00 one way with tokens available for sale.

Accessibility

All The COMET vehicles are fully equipped with mobility aid ramp or a lift and a mobility aid securement area with space for two to four mobility aids. The bus operator will provide assistance with normal boarding or exiting, mobility device securement and operation of

the lift/ramp. Bus operators are required to secure

all mobility aids before the bus can leave the transit

Customers using a scooter may be asked to transfer to a seat on the bus. All mobility aids must be able to fit within the allocated space, have working brakes and cannot exceed the capacity of the lift/ramp (with the customer and mobility aid). If the mobility aid cannot fit the lift/ramp platform, the customer will not be able to ride. Mobility aids with leaking batteries or fluids will not be allowed to board.

All The COMET larger fixed route buses can kneel by lowering the front platform for easier boarding for customers with mobility limitations. Please let the bus operator know if you need to use the bus kneeling feature upon boarding or exiting. If necessary, Bus operators can provide assistance to help seniors and persons with disabilities board or alight buses.

Alternative Transportation Policy:

If a The COMET bus has a non-functioning ramp or lift upon arrival of pick up, another vehicle or supervisor vehicle will be dispatched to you within 30 minutes upon receipt of the call and take you to your destination for free. To check on alternative transportation or status, please call (803) 255-7100.

>>> The COMET Frequency Chart

accompanied by a fare paying customer age

free. All other companions pay appropriate

• One personal care attendant (PCA) can ride

Children 10 to 15 years old can ride free with

a change card will be issued from the farebox

not make change. If you pay too much in fare,

Exact change is required. Bus Operators do

Children under the age of 9 must be

operations contractor can ride free.

The COMET Half Fare ID.

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paying customer 16 years

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Employees of The COMET and transit

Most The COMET routes are radial routes which begin and end at The COMET Transit Center in downtown Columbia or at a Super Stop. Not all routes serve the Transit Center and, in most cases, a customer would have to ride at least two or more of The COMET routes to get to your final destination.

the body of the route and do not have DART parallel service. Stops on these routes are generally available only at the beginning and end points of the route. The chart below shows the span of service

(hours of operation) according to the day of

(how many minutes apart trips are scheduled for each bus route). The minutes listed are approximate. Peak and off-peak service hours vary by route. Please refer to individual route schedules more specific details. All intervals shown in minutes. Times are first

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6	Eau Claire	Laurel • :45	5:57 a.m. to 8:32 p.m.	• 60	6:57 a.m. to 7:28 p.m.	• 60	6:57 a.m. to 7:28 p.m.	• 60		
11	Fairfield Road	Laurel • :45	5:45 a.m. to 10:07 p.m.	• 60	6:45 a.m. to 9:07 p.m.	• 60	6:45 a.m. to 9:07 p.m.	• 60		
12	Edgewood	Laurel • :30	5:52 a.m. to 9:49 p.m.	• 60	5:52 a.m. to 9:49 p.m.	• 60	5:52 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.	• 60		
22	Harden	N/A	6:52 a.m. to 6:49 p.m	• 60	8:52 a.m. to 4:49 p.m.	• 60	8:52 a.m. to 4:49 p.m.	• 60		
26	West Columbia	Sumter • :20	6:20 a.m. to 7:26 p.m.	• 120	10:20 a.m. to 5:26 p.m.	• 120	No Service	N/A		
28	Springdale/Cayce	Sumter • :20	5:20 a.m. to 8:25 p.m.	• 120	9:20 a.m. to 6:25 p.m.	N/A	No Service	N/A		
31	Denny Terrace	N/A	5:20 a.m. to 7:17 p.m.	• 60	5:50 a.m. to 7:47 p.m.	• 60	6:50 a.m. to 6:47 p.m.	• 60		
32	North Main/ Hardscrabble	N/A	6:47 a.m. to 8:47 p.m.	• 60	6:47 a.m. to 8:47 p.m.	• 60	6:47 a.m. to 8:47 p.m.	• 60		
42	Millwood Avenue	Laurel • :00	6:00 a.m. to 7:57 p.m.	• 60	6:00 a.m. to 6:57 p.m.	• 60	6:00 a.m. to 6:57 p.m.	• 60		
45	Leesburg-Hazelwood	N/A	4:42 a.m. to 10:50 p.m.	• 60	6:56 a.m. to 8:50 p.m.	• 60	6:56 a.m. to 8:50 p.m.	• 60		
46	Lower Richland	N/A	6:21 a.m. to 7:51 p.m.	• 90	No Service	• 90	No Service	• 90		
47	Eastover	N/A	5:25 a.m. to 9:25 p.m.	• 120	No Service	• 120	No Service	• 120		
52X	Blythewood Express	Laurel • Variable	6:15 a.m. to 7:59 a.m./ 4:30 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.	• 3 trips	No Service	N/A	No Service	N/A		
53X	Killian Road Express	Laurel • :59	5:59 a.m. to 9:58 a.m./ 12:59 p.m. to 2:58 p.m./ 3:30 p.m. to 9:58 p.m.	• 60	No Service	• 60	No Service	• 60		
55	Sandhills	N/A	6:29 a.m. to 10:29 p.m.	• 60	7:29 a.m. to 9:29 p.m.	• 60	7:29 a.m. to 9:29 p.m.	• 60		
57L	Killian Road - Summit Parkway Local	N/A	6:27 a.m. to 10:27 a.m./ 1:30 p.m. to 3:27 p.m./ 4:30 p.m. to 9:27 p.m.	• 60	8:30 a.m. to 8:27 p.m.	• 60	No Service	N/A		
62	Hopkins	N/A	7:00 a.m. to 6:55 p.m.	• 60	No Service	N/A	No Service	N/A		
63	Bluff	N/A	7:00 a.m. to 7:38 a.m./ 6:20 p.m. to 6:58 p.m.	• 2 trips	No Service	N/A	No Service	N/A		
74	Harrison/ Trenholm Road	Laurel • :10	6:10 a.m. to 10:06 a.m./ 3:10 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.	• 60	No Service	• 60	No Service	• 60		
75	Decker Road/ Parkland Blvd.	N/A	5:39 a.m. to 10:33 p.m.	• 60	7:40 a.m. to 9:33 p.m.	• 60	7:40 a.m. to 9:33 p.m.	• 60		
76	Fort Jackson	N/A	6:07 a.m. to 9:27 p.m.	• 120	8:37 a.m. to 9:27 p.m.	• 120	8:37 a.m. to 9:27 p.m.	• 120		
77	Polo Road	N/A	6:33 a.m. to 10:33 p.m.	• 120	9:33 a.m. to 8:33 p.m.	• 120	9:33 a.m. to 8:33 p.m.	• 120		
82X	Harbison Express	Sumter • :30	6:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m./ 12:30 p.m. to 2:25 p.m./ 4:30 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.	• 60	6:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m./ 12:30 p.m. to 2:25 p.m./ 4:30 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.	• 60	6:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m./ 12:30 p.m. to 2:25 p.m./ 4:30 p.m. to 10:25 p.m.	• 60		
83L	St. Andrews Local	N /A	6:30 a.m. to 1:26 p.m./ 3:30 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 60	8:30 a.m. to 1:26 p.m./ 3:30 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 60	8:30 a.m. to 1:26 p.m./ 3:30 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 60		
84	Bush River/ St. Andrews	Laurel • :15	6:15 a.m. to 9:12 p.m.	• 60	8:15 a.m. to 7:12 p.m.	• 60	8:15 a.m. to 7:12 p.m.	• 60		
88	Beltline Crosstown	N /A	5:34 a.m. to 8:39 p.m.	• 120	9:39 a.m. to 5:39 p.m.	• 120	9:39 a.m. to 5:39 p.m.	• 120		
101	North Main	Sumter Street - inbound Laurel Street - outbound :05, :25, :45 (Weekday) :15 & :45 (Weekend)	5:04 a.m. to 11:01 p.m.	• 20-30	5:04 a.m. to 11:01 p.m.	• 30-60	5:46 a.m. to 11:11 p.m.	• 30-60		
201	Rosewood	Sumter Street :00 & :30	5:30 a.m. to 10:25 p.m.	• 30-60	5:30 a.m. to 10:25 p.m.	• 60	7:30 a.m. to 8:25 p.m.	• 60		
301	Farrow Road	Sumter Street - inbound Laurel Street - outbound :05 & :35	5:43 a.m. to 10:11 p.m.	• 30	5:43 a.m. to 10:11 p.m.	• 60	7:05 a.m. to 7:41 p.m.	• 60		
401	Devine	Sumter Street • :00 & :30	5:28 a.m. to 11:24 p.m.	• 30	5:28 a.m. to 11:24 p.m.	• 60	6:30 a.m. to 9:24 p.m.	• 60		
501	Two Notch Road	Laurel Street • :00 & :30	6:00 a.m. to 10:56 p.m.	• 30	6:00 a.m. to 10:56 p.m.	• 60	7:00 a.m. to 9:56 p.m.	• 60		
601	Shop Road	Sumter Street • :15	5:15 a.m. to 10:43 p.m.	• 60	5:15 a.m. to 10:43 p.m.	• 60	7:15 a.m. to 7:43 p.m.	• 60		
701	Forest Drive	Laurel Street • :10 & :40	5:40 a.m. to 11:06 p.m.	• 30	5:40 a.m. to 11:06 p.m.	• 60	7:10 a.m. to 10:06 p.m.	• 60		
801	Broad River	Laurel Street • :00	5:18 a.m. to 10:50 p.m.	• 60	5:18 a.m. to 10:50 p.m.	• 60	6:00 a.m. to 10:33 p.m.	• 60		
1870	St. Andrews Express	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.5 hours before kick off, 1 hour after game	• 20	N/A	N/A		
2001	Gamecock Express	N/A	4 hours before kick off, 2 hours after game	N/A	4 hours before kick off, 2 hours after game	N/A	4 hours before kick off, 2 hours after game	N/A		
1	Soda Cap Connector 1	N/A	11:00 a.m 2:56 p.m./ 4:40 p.m 9:16 p.m.	• 20	11:00 a.m 2:56 p.m./ 4:40 p.m 9:16 p.m.	• 20	11:00 a.m 2:56 p.m./ 4:40 p.m 9:16 p.m.	• 20		
2	Soda Cap Connector 2	N/A	11:10 a.m 3:06 p.m./ 4:50 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 20	11:10 a.m 3:06 p.m./ 4:50 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 20	11:10 a.m 3:06 p.m./ 4:50 p.m. to 9:26 p.m.	• 20		
3	Soda Cap Connector 3	N/A	1 hour before game, 1 hour after game	N/A	1 hour before game, 1 hour after game	N/A	1 hour before game, 1 hour after game	N/A		
	DART	N/A	4:42 a.m. to 11:24 p.m.	N/A	5:46 a.m. to 11:11 p.m.	N/A	5:46 a.m. to 11:11 p.m.	N/A		



Welcome **Aboard** The COMET!

The COMET is starting to get better for you! We have developed this new Rider's Guide to make it easier for you to navigate The COMET throughout the Richland and Lexington

John Andoh, Executive Counties. Over the next Director/CEO year, we intend to improve

the routes operated and add new innovative services to help move you around the Central Midlands!

To learn more about what is coming to The COMET, check out our website at www.CatchTheCOMET.org or call us at 803.255.7100.

We hope you enjoy your trip on The COMET as we connect you to people, places and community. Thank you for riding with us!



>> About The COMET

The COMET is a service of the Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority and transit services are provided under contract to Transdev Services, Inc of Lombard, Illinois.

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>>> Service Area

The COMET provides fixed route, ReFlex flex route and DART paratransit services throughout Richland and Lexington Counties. Connections are available to Fairfield County Transit System, Megabus, Greyhound, Southeastern Stages and Santee Wateree RTA bus services for intercounty travel.

>>> Service Hours

• Monday-Friday: 4:50 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. • Saturday: 5:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. • Sunday and Holidays: 5:30 a.m. to 11:15 p.m. See timetables for details on exact times.

>> Holiday Schedule

Sunday service is provided on New Years Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. No service is provided on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. A Saturday schedule operates on the Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

How to Ride The COMET

which route is needed to get there, how do one of the many reasons that makes public for getting around town.

• Transit Stops: The COMET buses only stop at signed transit stops. Flag stops are not permitted. A complete transit stop list for each route is available on our website at www. CatchTheCOMET.org. Some transit stops have benches, shelters, trash cans and cart corrals.

 Catching the Bus: Be at the transit stop, 5 minutes before the scheduled departure. Make sure the bus operator can see you.

Check the headsign on the front, curbside and rear of the bus to ensure you board the correct route. When boarding at night, wear bright clothing and flash the bus operator with a light. • Paying your Fare: Be ready to pay your fare or present your pass when you board. Bus

overpay, a change card will be issued for future use on The COMET. Exiting the Bus: When you see your destination or transfer point, signal the bus operator, by pulling the cord near the window, pushing the yellow strip or calling out "next stop". Please provide enough notice, so that the bus operator can stop safely. If you are not familiar with the area, ask the bus

operator for assistance. Please do not cross

in front of the bus when exiting and do not

forget your bicycle if you have one!

operators cannot make change. Should you

>>> Riding Tips

For The COMET inclement weather and service interruption information, please visit call (803) 255-7118 or check The COMET website, Facebook or Twitter

• Track The COMET: Text The COMET and the bus stop number on the sign to 41411 to get real time information sent to your phone! Example: COMET 266 in a text message to 41411.

routes, you can request to be picked up or dropped off at locations between regularly schedule transit stops within the designated zone. For deviated drop off, if you board at a timepoint, just ask your Bus Operator. To be picked up, call DART at (803) 255-7123, to reserve a time slot for pickup by 5 P.M. before the day of travel or on Saturday for Monday travel. Please call ahead to cancel if the deviation is no longer needed to allow another person the opportunity to ride.

operator can stop at a location that is closer to your final destination rather than the regular stop. The bus operator will determine where it is safe to pull over.

(CatchTheCOMET) for updates.

• Route 31 and ReFlex Route 62: On these

• **Night Owl:** At night, upon request, the bus

COMET bus, please call (803) 253-7100 to see if it has been retrieved. The COMET or

Download on the App Store

Soda Cap Connector

Soda Cap Connector: This fun and festive service connects many popular downtown Columbia destinations, including the Main Street District, The Vista, Five Points as well as Spirit Communications Park, Allen and Benedict Colleges and the University of South

Carolina. Service operates every 20 minutes on three routes, Tuesday -Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and best of all, the route is FREE! Look for a Soda Cap type sign to board this service.



Title VI

Midlands Transit (COMET) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. For more information, or to file a complaint, contact The COMET Compliance and Civil Rights Officer as shown on the cover, FTA Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program. Coordinator, East Building -- 5th Floor TCR, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 or SCDOT, Attn: Title VI Program Coordinator at (803) 737-5095, or in writing to the Office of Business Development & Special Programs, 955 Park Street, Suite 117, Columbia SC 29202.

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Inclement Weather & Service Interruption:

• Lost and Found: If you leave an item on The

its contractors are not responsible for lost or stolen items on board its vehicles. Items not retrieved within 30 days will be donated to local charity or disposed of. • Animals on The COMET: Service animals are welcome. Non-service animals may travel

on the bus if secured in a cage or muzzle.

Animals that are disruptive may result in the

customer and animal having to alight the bus

at the next transit stop or safe alighting area.

Visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org and use the trip planner powered by Google, Apple and Bing Maps or call (803) 255-7100. • Download the App: You can also track The

to the bicycle.

information.

planning your trip?

• Bicycles: Bicycle racks are located

route buses. Racks are available

on a first come-first served basis.

Customers are responsible for

on the front of all The COMET fixed

loading and unloading bicycles, and use

due to customer demands or use of the

the racks at their own risk. Bicycles may be

brought on board buses on a space available

wheelchair space by a mobility device. Please

let the bus operator know when you need to

load or unload a bike. After you remove your

bicycle, please lift the rack up and step away

assumes no responsibility for damage or loss

from the bus. The COMET or its contractors

• Travel Training: New to transit? Learn how

to ride The COMET and plan your trip. Upon

completion of the training, you will receive

a free 10-Ride Pass. Call (803) 255-7133 or

e-mail info@CatchTheCOMET.org for more

• Travel Assitance: Need assistance in

basis, however, customers may be bumped

to purchase bus passes and plan your trip.

COMET bus by downloading the TransLoc

Rider app on your smartphone to see in

real time when the bus is due to arrive at

your transit stop. In addition, the Catch The

COMET app powered by Passport allows you

