



The COMET Fare Change & Service Enhancements Effective Monday, January 28, 2019

The COMET will implement the following fare changes and service enhancements, effective Monday, January 28, 2019. Timetables will be available on the buses, timetable distribution outlets and online by January 21, 2019. Should you have any questions, please call (803) 255-7100, email info@CatchTheCOMET.org, visit www.CatchTheCOMET.org or visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google + and YouTube.

On Tuesday, January 1, 2019, The COMET will operate a **Sunday Schedule** on New Year's Day and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There would be **no service** on Routes 26, 28, 46, 47, 52X, 53X, 57L, 62, and 74.

| Route # | Description of Service Change |
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| All Routes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection Protection Zones will now become SuperStops. |
| Orbit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Orbit will be better identified for The 101, 301, 401 and 701, as well as Routes 21, 28 and 61. The Orbit is buses operating on Laurel, Sumter, Gervais or Pendleton and Assembly Streets. |
| Soda Cap Connector 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign route to serve State Street, Alexander Drive, (West Columbia/Cayce), Vista, and Main Street, every 25-30 minutes with one vehicle. Sun-Wed service is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except on Fireflies game days) Thurs, Fri and Sat service is from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight. Extend pilot to July 2019. The route will be interlined with Soda Cap Connector 2. |
| Soda Cap Connector 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign route to serve Main Street, Allen/Benedict Colleges and Five Points every 25-30 minutes with one vehicle. Sun-Wed service is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except on Fireflies game days) Thurs, Fri and Sat service is from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight. Extend pilot to July 2019. The route will be interlined with Soda Cap Connector 1. |
| Soda Cap Connector 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend pilot to August 2019 and operate service to Fireflies games in the 2019 season during game days only (1 hour before to 1 hour after game). http://www.milb.com/documents/9/1/6/290448916/2019FIREFLIESSEASONportrait.pdf |
| 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hourly service from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Mon-Fri) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat) • Reroute via Taylor & Hampton Streets instead of Gervais Street. Use Soda Cap Connector 1 for service on Gervais Street. No longer interlined with Route 12. |
| 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hourly service from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Mon-Fri) & 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat) • Interline with Route 12. |
| 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation will be added to Route 31 instead of The 301 for trips departing Koon & Cody SuperStop at 7:20 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:20 p.m. (by reservation) and 3:20 p.m. |
| 32 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel via Main St. to serve Piggy Wiggly inbound instead of Alida St. • Reschedule route. |
| 42 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend to Crowson SuperStop. |
| 45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interline with The 401. |
| 52X | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate 6:15 a.m. trip departing Blythewood and the 5:50 p.m. trip departing Transit Ctr. |
| 53X | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interline with Route 57L on weekdays and serve new Columbia Place Mall SuperStop. |
| 55 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interline with The 501 and serve new Columbia Place Mall SuperStop. |
| 57L | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interline with Route 53X on weekdays. • Fill in midday gap on weekdays – 10:27 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:27 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| 75 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to Columbia Place Mall SuperStop for better connections to Routes 53X, 55 and 75. • An additional evening trip departing Forest Drive SuperStop is added at 10:40 p.m. on weekdays to end at Parklane Road @ SR-277. |
| 82X | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last departure from Transit Center is 7:30 p.m. Use The 801 for later service, 7-days a week. |
| 92X | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW route connecting Columbia and Nephron Pharmaceuticals, Amazon and CMC Steel with one a.m. and one p.m. trip, Monday through Sunday via 12th Street Extension. |
| The 201 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route will operate hourly, seven days a week and renamed Route 21 – Rosewood Drive. • Extend to Crowson SuperStop. |
| The 301 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise turn-around loop to travel via Koon to North Main, to Wilkes Road to better serve Piggy Wiggly and connect to The 101, Routes 31 and 32 at Koon & Cody SuperStop. • Discontinue service to South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department (Use Route 31). • Shorten Orbit routing to Gervais Street. |

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| The 501 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interline with Route 55 and serve new Columbia Place Mall SuperStop. Retime schedule. • Last weekday trip departs Transit Center at 10:15 p.m. and weekend trip departs at 9:15 p.m. |
| The 601 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renumber to Route 61 Shop Road. |
| The 801 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 30-minute service, Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. • Extend selected trips to Midlands Technical College – Harbison and Harbison Theater. • Last trip departs Transit Center at 10:15 p.m. on weekdays and 9:15 p.m. on weekends. Add 11 p.m. departure from Harbison SuperStop to Broad River @ Food Lion on weekdays. Bus would continue to Downtown upon request. On the 10 p.m. weekend trip from Harbison will end at Broad River @ Food Lion. Bus would continue to Downtown upon request. |

NEW FARES - Effective: January 28, 2019

The COMET Fixed Route Fares

The COMET will **no longer** sell 5-Day All Access Pass and 10-Ride Passes or DART Tokens.

| Description | Basic | Discount* | Commuter Express (44X, 52X, 92X, 93X) |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any passenger not eligible for discount fare with qualifying ID | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors age 65 & older • Persons with Disabilities • Veterans • Medicare Card Holders • Youth 16 to 18 years old with The COMET Half Fare ID Card | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All customers riding peak-period express routes only. |
| One Way | \$2.00 | \$1.00 | \$4.00 |
| All Access DayPass | \$4.00 | \$2.00 | \$6.00 |
| 7-Day All Access DayPass | \$14.00 (\$2.00 per day) | \$7.00 (\$1.00 per day) | \$28.00 (\$4.00 per day) |
| 31-Day All Access DayPass | \$40.00 (\$2.00 per day) | \$20.00 (\$1.00 per day) | \$80.00 (\$4.00 per day) |
| Route Deviation Fare on Flex Routes | +\$2.00 | +\$1.00 | N/A |
| Transfer (60 minutes only) <i>Requires COMETCard</i> | FREE | FREE | FREE |

- DART eligible customers ride free with DART ADA ID Card.
- Interlined routes do not require an additional fare.
- The COMET employees, Board Members and Transit Operations Contractor employees ride free.
- Children through 15 years old ride free. Children taller than 39 inches through 15 years old must have a The COMET Half Fare ID Card to ride free.
- SWRTA customers with a transfer receive one free transfer on The COMET. The COMET customers with a DayPass or Transfer receive on free transfer on SWRTA at joint stops only.
- Children age 10 years old or older can ride unattended. Children under 10 years old must have a fare paying passenger age 16 years old or older.
- Class Pass - \$45.00 (Up to 5 adults and 40 students @ \$1.00 per ride). Purchase in advance.
- The COMET Half Fare ID Card – first card is free, lost card fee is \$5.00.
- Pennies are not accepted on The COMET fareboxes. *(This will be phased in a one-year period)*
- One Personal Care Attendant (PCA) rides free. All other companions pay fare for their category. COMETCard - \$2.00 for first card, \$5.00 for lost card. Use for transfers between buses and to load 1-Day, 7-Day and 31-Day passes.

**Qualifying identification for Discount fare includes: The COMET Half Fare ID Card, Medicare Card, Senior Driver's License/State ID Card, Military ID Card or VA Veterans ID Card.*

DART Fares

| Description | Within the ADA fixed route zone of 3/4 mile on either side of The COMET route |
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| One Way | \$4.00 |
| 10-RidePass | \$40.00 (\$4.00 per ride) |
| Buddy Fare (5 or more fare paying eligible passengers traveling from/to same location) | \$2.00 per person |

- Passengers must be ADA certified or a companion to ride DART.
- DART ADA ID Card - First card free, lost card fee - \$5.00.
- One Personal Care Attendant (PCA) rides free. All other companions pay same fare as eligible passenger.