



Dear Sir or Madam:

The COMET has launched two new programs that may benefit you, the Volunteer Driver Reimbursement Program (V-Trip) and the Pick Up Program (PUP). We have included each program's application for your convenience and a short description below.

The V-Trip program gives you funds to pay for a volunteer driver in the form of a mileage reimbursement for the driver. This amount is based on the federal mileage reimbursement rate. Volunteer drivers can be a friend or a neighbor that gives you rides. All trips must begin or end in the Columbia urbanized area. Reimbursement is available for up to 100 miles per month, for each program participant to reimburse a volunteer driver.

PUP lets you get a ride from a taxi or rideshare service 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The program provides up to \$50 per month to cover the cost of riding with one of the approved taxi or rideshare services. If you ride with a taxi service, you will get a Debit Card to use to pay for the taxi you choose from the list provided. If you choose to use a rideshare, you will be given instructions on how to use your voucher funds to pay for the rideshare you choose. All trips must begin or end in the Columbia urbanized area to use PUP funds.

You may be able to use these programs if you are a DART rider, participating in the Half Fare Program as a person with a disability, or are age 65 or older. Turn in your application for the program, show proof of your eligibility and complete a training to use these programs. You can only use these programs if you live in the Columbia urbanized area outside The COMET's service area. More information on which areas are included will be shared in the program training.

Safe Travels,

**The Mobility Management Team**

If you need more information on these programs, please contact

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