

# Welcome to UofSC Transit!

UofSC Transit has 10 daytime and 2 night routes to get you around the University of South Carolina campus in downtown Columbia. Best of all, if you are a student, employee or faculty member of UofSC, the ride is free!

Look for UofSC Transit bus stop signs and specially wrapped buses for travel between University



destinations. The route names and numbers appear on bus displays above the driver, and on the sides of vehicles. UofSC Transit operates every 10-30 minutes on 12 routes, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with limited service on Saturday and Sunday, as well as reduced school days. Check the service calendar for additional details.



## Blue Bike

Blue Bike provides on-demand access to bicycles for short distance trips in Downtown Columbia. UofSC Transit riders can receive unlimited 45-minute Blue Bike ride sessions in a day, by asking the bus operator for a code to input in a kiosk or on the app. More details available by downloading the Blue Bike SC app from App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) or visiting [www.bluebikesc.com](http://www.bluebikesc.com). A credit card, pre-paid gift card or debit card with Visa or Mastercard logo is required to use Blue Bike.

## Transit Stops

UofSC Transit buses only stop at signed transit stops. Flag stops are not permitted. A complete transit stop list for each route is available below. Some transit stops have benches, shelters and trash cans. Real time tracking by bus stop is available by texting "uscvm" and the bus stop ID number on the sign to 41411 to get real time information sent to your phone! **Example:** uscvm 266 in a text message to 41411. You can also download the Transit app to track buses in real time, or visit [uscvm.transloc.com](http://uscvm.transloc.com).

## Late Night Ridesharing

The COMET will pay up to \$8.00 for ridesharing trips that start and end in The COMET fixed route service area on Lyft and Uber through COMET @ Night, seven days a week between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. by applying the promo code which is posted inside the bus. Anything over \$8.00 is your responsibility. The code must be entered to receive the discount. Trips outside the service area are not eligible for the discount. To get started, download the Lyft and Uber app from App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android). If you do not have a smartphone or require mobility device access, call (803) 255-7124 for service.



## How To Ride UofSC Transit Powered by The COMET

- 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 or 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:** If you are a student, employee or faculty member of UofSC, the ride is free! Swipe your CarolinaCard in the farebox. If you do not have a CarolinaCard you will be required to pay a fare. Otherwise, for all other passengers, be ready to pay your fare or present your pass when you board. Bus operators cannot make change. Should you 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!
- Inclement Weather & Service Interruption:** For The COMET inclement weather and service interruption information, please visit call (803) 255-7118 or check The COMET website, Facebook or Twitter (@CatchTheCOMET) for updates.
- Innovative Mobility:** The COMET offers additional programs such as free Blue Bike rides in Downtown Columbia by asking for the code from the bus operator, \$8.00 subsidy on Lyft and Uber for trips to and from the grocery store and between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., 7 days a week, DART service for those with a disability that cannot ride The COMET buses, mobility services for seniors and persons with disabilities that live in Richland and Lexington Counties outside of the DART service area and a vanpool program for commuters to work. To learn more, visit [www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org) or call (803) 255-7100.
- Night Owl:** At night, upon request, the bus 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.
- Bicycles:** Bicycle racks are located on the front of all The COMET buses. Racks are available on a first come-first served basis. Customers are responsible for loading and unloading bicycles, and use the racks at their own risk.
- Animals on The COMET:** Service animals are welcome. Non-service animals may travel on the bus if secured in a cage or muzzle.
- Amenities:** Cell phone ports, wi-fi, hand sanitizers and security cameras available on board every UofSC bus! Download CatchTheCOMET app or Transit app from Google Play or App Store to track UofSC Transit!

## UofSC Transit Service Calendar

Only Routes 13, 14 and 20 operate on reduced service days. Only Route 20 operates on weekends.

MONTH	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
January 2021	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
February 2021	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
March 2021	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
April 2021	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
May 2021	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
June 2021	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

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May 2021	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
June 2021	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

LEGEND	
Full Service Day	Weekend Service Day
Reduced Service Day	Beginning or End of Semester, Full Service Day
	University Closed, No Service



## UofSC Transit Fares

UofSC employees, students and faculty can ride UofSC Transit **FREE**. Swipe your CarolinaCard in the farebox in order to receive a free ride.

## The COMET Fares

Effective 1/28/2019	Basic	Discount*	Express
One Way	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00
All-Day Pass	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$6.00
7-Day Pass	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$28.00
10-Ride Pass	N/A	N/A	\$40.00
31-Day Pass	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$80.00
Route Deviation on Flex Routes	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00	N/A
Express Route Upcharge	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00	—
Soda Cap Connector	FREE	FREE	FREE
Transfer (60 minutes only)	FREE	FREE	FREE

*\*Free transfer requires COMETCard*

## \*Discount Fares are available to:

- Seniors ages 65 years old and older with ID
- Persons with Disabilities with The COMET Half Fare ID
- Medicare Card Holders with ID
- Youth ages 16-18 years old with The COMET Half Fare ID
- Veterans with a Military ID, Veterans ID or DD-214 form
- Half Fare ID Cards can be obtained at COMET Central. Call (803) 255-7100 for more details.
- The COMET offers free programs for DART passengers, youth 39 inches to 15 years old, students in middle and high schools in Richland and Lexington Counties and selected employers. Visit [www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org) or call (803) 255-7100 for details.
- UofSC employees, students and faculty can ride UofSC Transit free. Fares are required on The COMET Routes (except Routes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7, which are free).
- Santee Wateree RTA and Fairfield County Transit System transfers are accepted for no additional cost.

## Passes

COMETCards, Day, 7-Day, and 31-Day Passes can be purchased:

- In person:** All Piggly Wiggly Stores in Columbia, Eastover and Springdale Town Halls, Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility, 3613 Lucius Road, MTC-Beltline Campus, Columbia Visitors Center and COMET Central, 1745 Sumter Street in Columbia
- On our website:** [www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org) (credit card)
- On our App:** Catch The COMET, Transit, Moovit or Token Transit app from Google Play or App Store (credit card or cash wallet payable at the COMET Central)
- By mail:** The COMET, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC (check, credit card or money order)
- On the bus:** Day, 7-Day or 10-Ride Passes (cash)
- All passes are non-refundable, non-replaceable and non-transferable.
- Businesses and organizations that purchase in bulk can purchase Basic passes at Discount prices. Call (803) 255-7133 or email: [info@CatchTheCOMET.org](mailto:info@CatchTheCOMET.org) for more details.

## UofSC Transit Holiday Schedule

No service is provided on UofSC holidays which are: New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, all days between Christmas and New Years Eve, and New Year's Eve. Reduced service operates on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Spring/Fall breaks and/or wellness days. For The COMET holiday schedule, visit [www.catchthecomet.org](http://www.catchthecomet.org) or call (803) 255-7100.

## Customer Service

- Visit COMET Central located at 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia. It is open 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Customer Service is available 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Call Center telephone hours are available 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Plan your trip by downloading Transit app from Google Play or the App Store. You may also pay fares, find Blue Bikes, and order Lyft and Uber cars. Your one stop shop!
- Lost and Found:** If you leave an item on The COMET bus, please call (803) 253-7100 to see if it has been retrieved. The COMET or 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.

## Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

The Central 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 Director of Regulatory Compliance & Civil Rights Officer, as defined above, 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.

## UofSC Transit Evening Routes

### UofSC Frequency Chart • Evening Routes

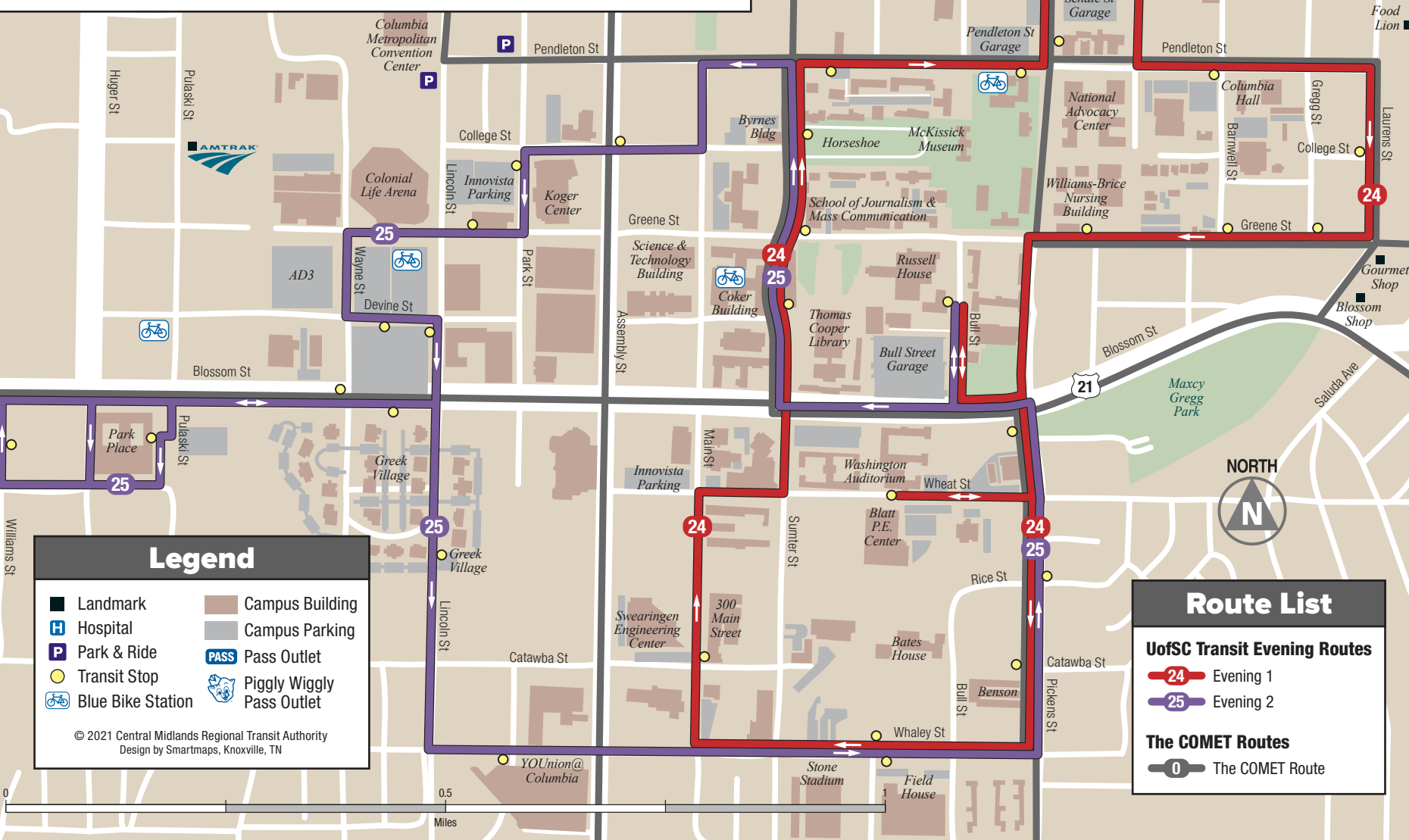
*No service on reduced service days. See service calendar for details.*

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RT #	ROUTE NAME	STARTING AND ENDING POINT	SERVICE SPAN	DAYS OF OPERATION	FREQUENCY	FIRST TRIP	MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR FROM FIRST TRIP	LAST TRIP
24	Evening 1	Barnwell @ AD7	6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Monday-Friday	30 Minutes	6:00 p.m.	:30, :00	12:00 a.m.
25	Evening 2	Sumter @ College (Horseshoe)	6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	Monday-Friday	30 Minutes	6:00 p.m.	:30, :00	12:00 a.m.

### Transit Stops • Evening Routes 24, 25

RT #	ROUTE NAME	LOCATION	STOP ID	RT #	ROUTE NAME	LOCATION	STOP ID
24	Evening 1 Loop	Barnwell @ AD7 Lot SB	1840	25	Evening 2 Loop	Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853
		Pendleton @ Barnwell EB	043			College @ Assembly WB	1232
		Laurens @ College SB	028			Park @ College - Innovista Parking SB	1847
		Greene @ Gregg WB	1770			Greene @ Park WB	1867
		Greene @ Barnwell WB	1765			Devine @ Calisum AD3 Lot EB	1843
		Greene @ Williams-Brice Nursing WB	1766			Lincoln @ Devine SB	20011
		Russell House MB	1861			Blossom @ Gadsden WB	863
		Pickens @ Blossom SB	1414			Founders Park (Wheat @ Williams WB)	1858
		Blatt P.E. Center @ Wheat Street MB	1863			Park Place Apartments MB	1866
		Pickens @ Catawba SB	090			Blossom @ Gadsden EB	680
		Whaley @ Bates WB	1860			Greek Village MB	1851
		Main @ 300 Main Street NB	1862			YOUNION @ Whaley St MB	1856
		Sumter @ Coker Life Science NB	1865			Whaley @ Bates House EB & Marion @ Whaley NB	1848
		Sumter @ School of Journalism NB	1845			Pickens @ Rice NB	095
Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853	Russell House MB	1861				
Pendleton @ Sumter EB	041	Sumter @ Coker Life Science NB	1865				
Pendleton @ Pickens EB	024	Sumter @ School of Journalism NB	1845				
Pickens @ Pendleton NB	1767	Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853				
Pickens @ Senate NB	1768						
Hampton @ 1600 EB	1842						
Barnwell @ AD7 Lot SB	1840						



UofSC Transit is powered by The Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority. Services are provided under contract to RAMP Dev USA, Inc. of Fort Worth, TX. The COMET has an intergovernmental agreement with the University of South Carolina to provide this service to you!

We hope to hear from you! We want your bus ride to be perfect every time. We welcome your comments, compliments, complaints or suggestions. Tell us how we can be better for you!

For specific comments, suggestions or concerns about UofSC Transit, please contact the UofSC Parking and Transportation Services, 1501 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29208. You can email: [shuttle@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:shuttle@mailbox.sc.edu) or visit phone 803.777.5160, fax: 803.777.4325.

UofSC Parking and Transportation Services on the web at: [http://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/](http://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/) parking/parking/index.php

Effective Monday, January 11, 2021



# UofSC TRANSIT



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803.255.7100 • 711 through Relay Service



# UofSC Transit Day Routes

## UofSC Frequency Chart • Day Routes and Gamecock Express

Below are the specifics of each of the UofSC Transit routes serving the UofSC campus. Routes generally operate between 7:00 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. operating every 10-30 minutes, Monday-Friday. Limited service is provided on Saturday, Sundays and designated reduced service days as defined on the Service Calendar. The chart below shows the span of service (hours of

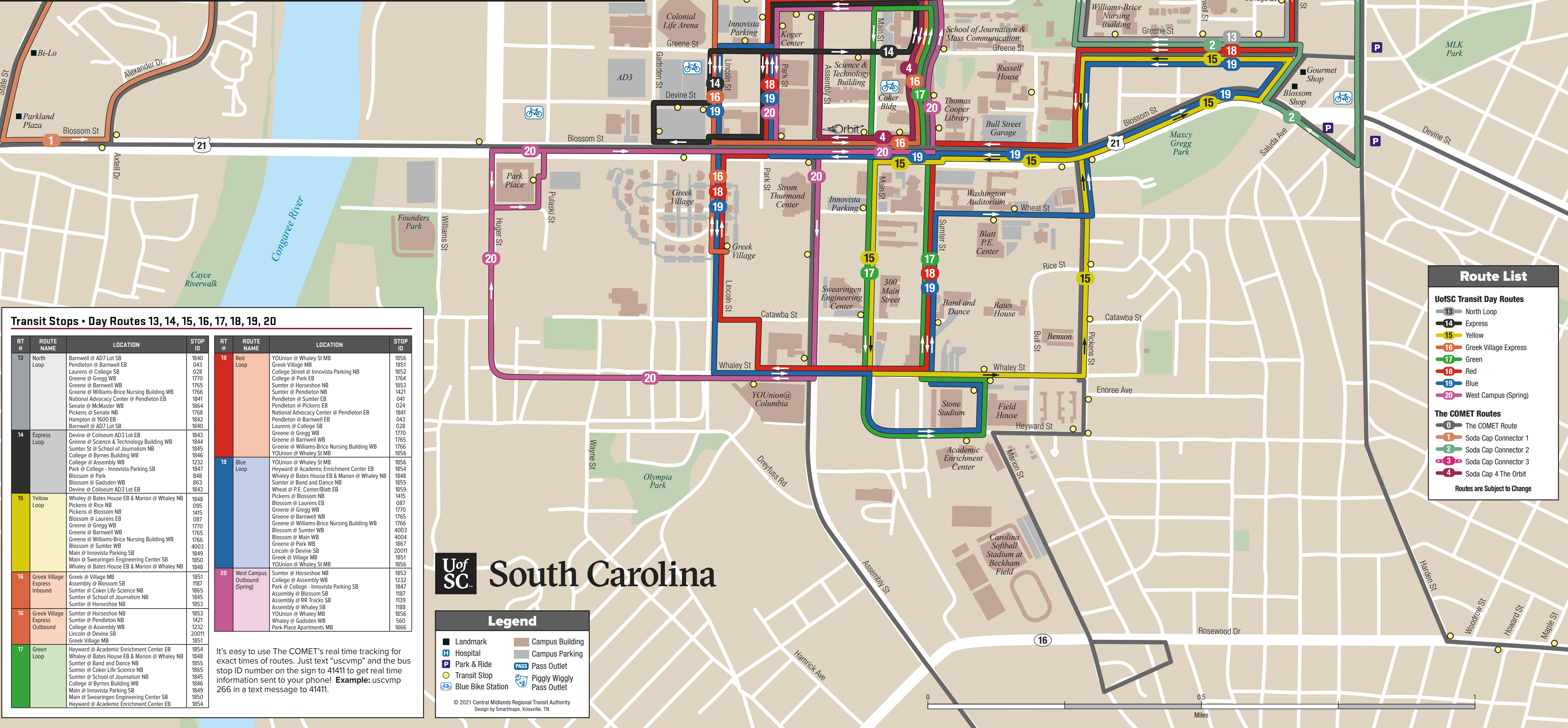
operation) according to the day of the week, and the frequency of each route (how many minutes apart trips are scheduled for each bus route). The minutes listed are approximate and service hours vary by route. Times are first pick up to last drop off. For exact times of routes, take advantage of The COMET's real time tracking which is available by texting "uscvm" and the bus stop ID number

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See Evening Routes on other side.

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13	North Loop	Barnwell @ AD7 Parking Lot	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	20 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:10, :30, :50	5:50 p.m.
14	Express	Devine @ AD3 Parking Lot	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	15 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:30, :45, :00, :15	5:45 p.m.
15	Yellow	Bates @ AD6 Parking Lot	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	20 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:10, :30, :50	5:50 p.m.
16	Greek Village Express	Sumter @ College (Horseshoe)	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	15 Minutes	9:30 a.m.	:30, :45, :00, :15	1:45 p.m.
17	Green	Heyward @ Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	15 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:30, :45, :00, :15	5:45 p.m.
18	Red	YOUnion (Whaley @ Park)	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	15 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:00, :15, :30, :45	5:30 p.m.
19	Blue	YOUnion (Whaley @ Park)	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	15 Minutes	7:30 a.m.	:00, :15, :30, :45	5:45 p.m.
20	West Campus (Spring)	Park Place Apartments MB	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	10 Minutes*	7:00 a.m.	:00, :10, :20, :30, :40, :50	7:00 p.m.
20	West Campus (Weekend)	Park Place Apartments MB	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Saturday & Sunday	20 Minutes	9:00 a.m. / 3:00 p.m.	:00, :20, :40	1:00 p.m. / 8:00 p.m.

Routes 23, 94 and 2001 are suspended for the Spring semester. Service may resume in Fall 2021. Please call (803) 255-7100 or visit [www.catchTheCOMET.org](http://www.catchTheCOMET.org) for details.



### Transit Stops • Day Routes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

RT #	ROUTE NAME	LOCATION	STOP ID	RT #	ROUTE NAME	LOCATION	STOP ID				
13	North Loop	Barnwell @ AD7 Lot SB	1840	18	Red Loop	YOUnion @ Whaley St MB	1856				
		Pendleton @ Barnwell EB	043			Greek Village MB	1851				
		Laurens @ College SB	028			College @ Innovista Parking NB	1852				
		Greene @ Gregg WB	1770			College @ Park EB	1764				
		Greene @ Barnwell WB	1765			Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853				
		Greene @ Williams-Brice Nursing Building WB	1766			Sumter @ Pendleton NB	1421				
		National Advocacy Center @ Pendleton EB	1841			Pendleton @ Sumter EB	041				
		Senate @ McMaster WB	1854			Pendleton @ Pickens EB	024				
		Pickens @ Senate NB	1768			National Advocacy Center @ Pendleton EB	1841				
		Hampton @ 1600 EB	1842			Pendleton @ Barnwell EB	043				
Barnwell @ AD7 Lot SB	1840	Laurens @ College SB	028								
14	Express Loop	Devine @ Coliseum AD3 Lot EB	1843	19	Blue Loop	YOUnion @ Whaley St MB	1856				
		Greene @ Science & Technology Building WB	1844			Heyward @ Academic Enrichment Center EB	1854				
		Sumter St @ School of Journalism NB	1845			Whaley @ Bates House EB & Marion @ Whaley NB	1848				
		College @ Byrnes Building WB	1846			Sumter @ Band and Dance NB	1855				
		College @ Assembly WB	1232			Wheat @ P.E. Center/Blatt EB	1859				
		Park @ College - Innovista Parking SB	1847			Pickens @ Blossom NB	1415				
		Blossom @ Park	848			Blossom @ Laurens EB	087				
		Blossom @ Gadsden WB	863			Greene @ Gregg WB	1770				
		Devine @ Coliseum AD3 Lot EB	1843			Greene @ Barnwell WB	1765				
		15	Yellow Loop			Whaley @ Bates House EB & Marion @ Whaley NB	1848	20	West Campus (Spring)	YOUnion @ Whaley St MB	1856
Pickens @ Rice NB	095			Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853						
Pickens @ Blossom NB	1415			College @ Assembly WB	1232						
Blossom @ Laurens EB	087			Park @ College - Innovista Parking SB	1847						
Greene @ Gregg WB	1770			Assembly @ Blossom SB	1187						
Greene @ Barnwell WB	1765			Assembly @ RTR Tracks SB	1139						
Greene @ Williams-Brice Nursing Building WB	1766			Assembly @ Whaley SB	1188						
Blossom @ Sumter WB	4003			YOUnion @ Whaley MB	1856						
Main @ Innovista Parking SB	1849			Whaley @ Gadsden WB	560						
Main @ Swearingin Engineering Center SB	1850			Park Place Apartments MB	1866						
16	Greek Village Express Inbound	Whaley @ Bates House EB & Marion @ Whaley NB	1848	20	West Campus (Spring)	YOUnion @ Whaley St MB	1856				
		Greek @ Village MB	1851			Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853				
		Assembly @ Blossom SB	1187			College @ Assembly WB	1232				
		Sumter @ Coker Life Science NB	1865			Park @ College - Innovista Parking SB	1847				
		Sumter @ School of Journalism NB	1845			Assembly @ Blossom SB	1187				
		Sumter @ Horseshoe NB	1853			Assembly @ RTR Tracks SB	1139				
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		College @ Byrnes Building WB	1846								
		Main @ Innovista Parking SB	1849								
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		Heyward @ Academic Enrichment Center EB	1854								

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## UofSC South Carolina

**Legend**

- Landmark
- Hospital
- Park & Ride
- Transit Stop
- Blue Bike Station
- Campus Building
- Campus Parking
- PASS Pass Outlet
- Piggly Wiggly Pass Outlet

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**Route List**

**UofSC Transit Day Routes**

- 13 North Loop
- 14 Express
- 15 Yellow
- 16 Greek Village Express
- 17 Green
- 18 Red
- 19 Blue
- 20 West Campus (Spring)

**The COMET Routes**

- 0 The COMET Route
- 1 Soda Cap Connector 1
- 2 Soda Cap Connector 2
- 3 Soda Cap Connector 3
- 4 Soda Cap 4 The Orbit

Routes are Subject to Change