

## NEWS & UPDATES



### Midlandsbiz Comet Chat with CEO John Andoh

The COMET has had an eventful start to 2021.

February is Black History Month, and The COMET is proud to celebrate by sharing the story of Sara Mae Flemming on its social media channels. This campaign is reminiscent of the “Saving Sarah’s Seat” campaign that The COMET ran last year, and continues to honor the contributions Ms. Flemmings made to our city, state and country by standing up for her rights as an American citizen.

The COMET has also launched their “Don’t Miss Your Shot” campaign, an initiative to provide people with free transportation to receive their COVID-19 vaccines. A dedicated webpage, [www.COMETCovidHelp.org](http://www.COMETCovidHelp.org), has been created to answer questions and provide detailed information about this campaign.

Please reach out to me anytime if you have any thoughts, comments or questions about The COMET at [803.255.7087](tel:803.255.7087) or [jandoh@TheCOMETSC.gov](mailto:jandoh@TheCOMETSC.gov).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Every segment of American society— individuals, families, communities, and businesses—benefits from public transportation.

Public transportation consists of a variety of different transport modes, including:

- Buses
- Light rail
- Subways
- Commuter trains
- Streetcars & trolleys
- Cable cars
- Van pool services
- Ferries and water taxis
- Paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities
- Monorails and tramways



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## THE COMET IN THE COMMUNITY



### The COMET launches “Don’t Miss Your Shot” Campaign

The COMET has launched the “Don’t Miss Your Shot Campaign” to inform and transport Midlands residents to major vaccination sites in Richland and Lexington county—free of charge.

Visit [www.COMETCovidHelp.org](http://www.COMETCovidHelp.org) to learn more about this initiative and how it can help you.



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Satara Lopez is honored as Front-Line Hero

Satara Lopez, a COMET bus operator, was recently honored by the Columbia Urban League as a Front-Line Hero. When interviewed, Lopez expressed how her love for people enables her to enjoy her job, even during difficult times.



### Applications for the Spring 2021 COMET Academy are open

The COMET Academy is a leadership development program for those interested in understanding how public transit works. The COMET hosts the program at no charge to attendees. The COMET Academy will be held virtually as 60-minute sessions, once a week from March 1 through March 29.

If interested in applying, complete the application here and email it to [info@TheCOMETsc.gov](mailto:info@TheCOMETsc.gov) no later than Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

## RIDING SAFELY

### The Comet is Working Hard to Keep You Safe on our Buses and Fight The Spread of COVID-19

Per President Biden’s Executive Order 13998, issued January 21, 2021, all passengers boarding The COMET must have a mask that covers the nose and mouth. The COMET will not tolerate any passengers whom chose to not follow this directive and will risk suspension and a trespass notice. Requiring masks will protect America’s transit workers and passengers and help control the transmission of COVID-19. Find out what else The COMET is doing to keep you safe at [www.catchthecometsc.gov](http://www.catchthecometsc.gov).

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