Points of Interest

C1 ALLEN UNIVERSITY
@allenuniversitySC | @allenuniv
allenuniversity.edu

C2 BENEDICT COLLEGE
@officialbenedictpage | @benedicteEDU
@benedict_college | benedict.edu

E1 BULL STREET DISTRICT
The Bull Street District is home of the Columbia Fireflies Minor League Baseball team and the First Base Building, the largest private office building constructed in Columbia since 2009. It also features a 20-acre public park with trails and a pond.
@BullStreetSC | Bullstreetsc.com

E2 COLONIAL LIFE ARENA
@coloniallifearena | @CLAmktg
coloniallifearena.com

C3 COLUMBIA COLLEGE
@columbiacollegesc
@columbiakoala | columbiasc.edu

S1 COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN AIRPORT
@flycae | @caeairport | flycae.com
* Not shown on map

E3 COLUMBIA MTRO. CONVENTION CTR
@conventioncenter | @columbiamcc
columbiaconventioncenter.com

E4 COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART
The heart of the Columbia Museum of Art is its collection, which encompasses 7,000 works and spans 5,000 years of art history. The CMA has themed collection galleries, beautiful works of art and activities for all ages.
@columbiamuseum | @colamuseum
ColumbiaMuseum.org

C4 COLUMBIA SC 63 TOUR
Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters is a historical tourism non-profit agency dedicated to the untold stories of the Civil Rights Movement in Columbia that offers walking and bus tours.
@ColumbiaSC63 | Columbiasc63.com

E5 CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK
nps.gov/cong * Not shown on map

S2 DECKER BLVD BUSINESS COALITION
Decker Boulevard is a vibrant multi-cultural two mile commercial district famously known as the official "International Corridor" for Richland County. | DeckerBBC.org

S3 DEVINE STREET
Nestled in the heart of Shandon, Devine Street features a unique blend of boutiques, eclectic dining establishments and traditional businesses. This mile-long, tree-lined avenue offers you the opportunity to visit more than 100 locally-owned businesses.
@DevineStreet | @DevineStCola
Devinestreetcolumbiasc.com

S4 FIVE POINTS
Named for the five-pronged intersection of Santee Avenue, Harden Street and Devine Street, Five Points has been a diverse shopping and commercial district for over 100 years. This village neighborhood plays host to daytime activities such as sidewalk dining and shopping. At night, Five Points turns into one of Columbia's most vibrant entertainment districts.
@FivePointsSC
Fivepointscolumbia.com

C5 FORT JACKSON
@fortjackson | home.army.mil/jackson

E6 HARBISON STATE FOREST
state.sc.us/forest/refharb * Not shown on map

E7 KOGER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
The Koger Center for the Arts at the University of South Carolina stands out as a cultural destination for audiences seeking diverse experiences in a lively and dynamic setting. The Koger Center for The Arts features local arts groups, performances by both the UofSC School of Music and Dance Department, as well as touring Broadway shows and other national artists.
@KogerCenterfortheArts
@KogerCenter | Kogercenterforthearts.com

S5 MAIN STREET DISTRICT
City Center Partnership manages the Main Street District, a 36 block area bounded by Gervais, Elmwood, Assembly and Marion streets. Enjoy art, live entertainment, cultural events, shopping and some of the greatest foodie hotspots in the heart of the Capital City.

@mainstcolaSC | Mainstcolasc.com

E8 MTC HARBISON THEATRE
@HarbisonTheatre
harbisontheatre.org * Not shown on map

S6 NORTH MAIN STREET DISTRICT
northcolumbiabusinessassociation.com
@nomacolumbia

C6 RICHLAND LIBRARY MAIN
Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literacy cultural programs and 12 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a modern experience.
@RichlandLibrary | @AccessFreely
Richlandlibrary.com

E9 RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDEN
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is home to more than 2,000 magnificent and fascinating animals and one of the nation's most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens.

@RiverbanksZoo | Riverbanks.org

C7 SC STATE LIBRARY
@southcarolinastatelibrary
@scstatelibrary | statelibrary.sc.gov

E10 SC STATE MUSEUM
@scstatemuseum | scmuseum.org

E11 SALUDA SHOALS
@irmochapinrecreationcommission
@irmochapinrec * Not shown on map
icrc.net/parks/saluda-shoals-park

E12 SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK
@sc.state.parks | @scstateparks
@SC_State_Parks * Not shown on map
southcarolinaparks.com/sesqui

S7 SODA CITY MARKET
Open every Saturday morning year-round, rain or shine. Join the party at 1500 Block of Main Street from 9am-1pm.
@SodaCity | @sodacitysc
sodacitysc.com

E13 STATE FAIRGROUNDS
scstatefair.org

C8 STATE HOUSE
scstatehouse.gov

E14 THE TOWNSHIP
@thetownshipauditorium
@townshipsc | thetownship.org

E15 THREE RIVERS GREENWAY
@theriveralliance | threeriversgreenway.com

E16 TRUSTUS THEATRE
@TrustusTheatre | trustus.org

S8 THE VISTA
@vistaguild | @vistacolumbiasc
vistacolumbia.com

C9 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
@UofSC | SC.edu

C10 VISITORS CENTER
Located in the historic Vista district, you can stop by to see our knowledgeable staff who are eager to assist you with area information. Whether visiting, conducting business or attending a meeting or event, be sure to stop by the Columbia SC Visitors Center.
@ExperienceColumbiaSC
@ColumbiaSC | ColumbiaMuseum.org

E17 WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM
facilities.gamecocksonline.com

Additional Information

Customer Service

	Weekdays	Weekends & Holidays
COMET Central: 1745 Sumter St	5a.m. - 11:45p.m.	6a.m.-10p.m.
Customer Svcs.	7a.m. - 7p.m.	8a.m. - 5p.m.
Call Center	6a.m. - 9p.m.	7a.m. - 7p.m.
DART Service	9a.m. - 5p.m.	N/A

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.

Bicycles | Bicycle racks are located on the front of all fixed route 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 | Service animals are welcome. Non-service animals may travel on the bus if secured in a cage or muzzle.

Inclement Weather & Service Interruption
For information, please call (803) 255- 7118 or check The COMET website, Facebook or Twitter (CatchTheCOMET) for updates.

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 and New Year's Eve.

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 stop. Larger buses can also kneel. DART is the 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 application. For more information about DART, call (803) 255-7123. Fare is $4.00 one way with 10-Ride Pass available for sale.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 | 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 Civil Rights Officer, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201, 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 SCDOT Office of Business Development & Special Programs, 955 Park Street, Suite 117, Columbia SC 29202.

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
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	*(see left)*
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 16-17 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** or call (803) 255-7100 for details.
- Santee Wateree RTA 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 and COMET Central, 1745 Sumter Street in Columbia
- **On our website: www.CatchTheCOMET.org** (credit card)
- **On our App: Catch The COMET** from Google Play or App Store (credit card or cash wallet payable at COMET Central)
- **By mail:** The COMET, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC (check, credit card or money order)
- **On the bus:** Day and 7-Day 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** for more details.

Effective November 2019

Visitor's TRAVEL GUIDE

PLAN YOUR VISIT

www.CatchTheCOMET.gov

803.255.7100 • 711 through Relay Service

Plan Your Visit
To Columbia, SC

HOW TO RIDE

COMET Transit STOP (803) 255-7100 CatchTheComet.org

Transit Stops | The COMET buses only stop at signed transit stops. A complete transit stop list for each route is available on our website at **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 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. Please do not cross in front of the bus when exiting.

Track The COMET | Text 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, download the Rider App or visit TheCOMET.TransLoc.com.

Soda Cap CONNECTOR

LOOK FOR THE SODA CAP!

Connecting many popular downtown and waterfront destinations, this service operates every 30 minutes on three routes and it's free!

SUN-WED 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
THR-SAT 9:00 a.m. to Midnight.

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FREE

THE COMET ON THE GO

Lyft Uber

Ride Share | The COMET will pay up to $5.00 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 9 p.m. and 3 a.m., apply the promo code which is posted inside the bus.
- **COMET To The Market:** Seven days a week between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., apply the promo code COMETMARKET18 and your trip must start or end at a grocery store that sells fresh produce and meats. COMET To The Market can only be used twice a week per passenger. Visit CatchTheCOMET.org for a list of approved stores.

To get started, download the Lyft or Uber app from App Store or Google Play. If you do not have a smartphone or require mobility device access, call (803) 255-7124 for service.

Blue Bike | Blue Bike provides on-demand access to bicycles for short distance trips in Downtown Columbia. The COMET riders with a 1-day, 5-day, 7-day, 31-day or 10-Ride pass 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, Blue Bike SC to unlock the bicycle at 15 stations in downtown Columbia with an additional 10 more to be constructed by The COMET in Spring 2019. Stations are identified by a bicycle icon on the map. More details available by downloading the Blue Bike SC app from App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) or visiting bluebikesc.com. A credit card, pre-paid gift card or debit card with Visa or Mastercard logo is required to use Blue Bike and The COMET On The Go.

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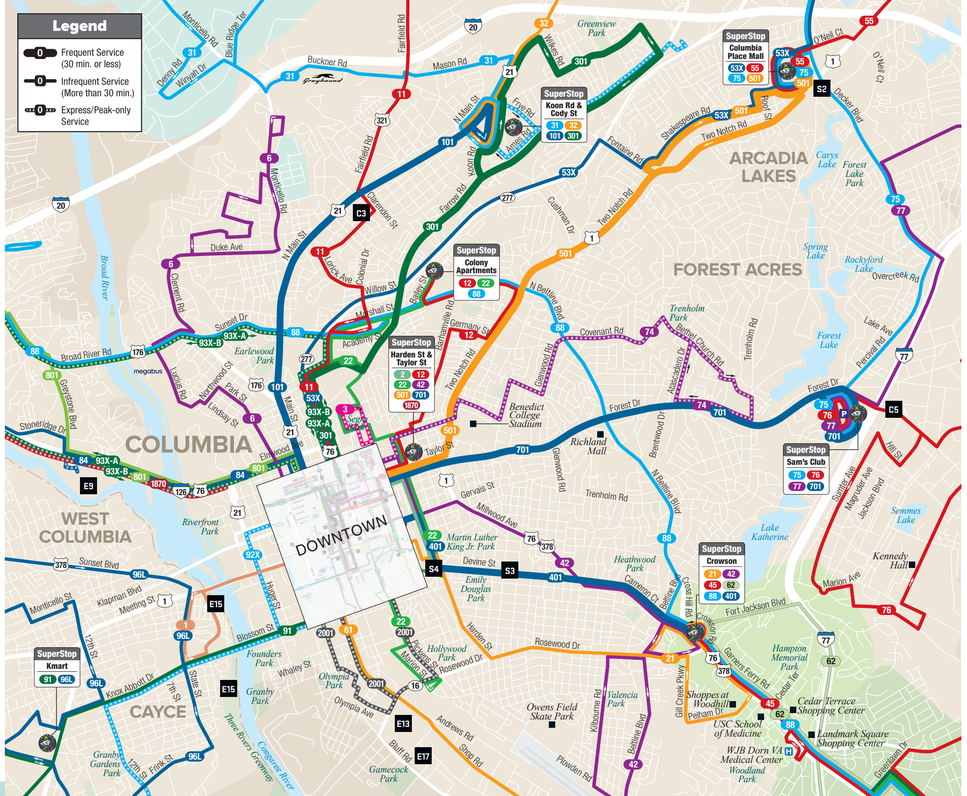

ROUTES TO TRAVEL

Parking P

For more information about parking, visit columbiasc.net/parking or call (803) 545-4015.

Entertainment

- E1 Bull St. District / Fireflies Stadium 3 22
- E2 Colonial Life Arena 1 2001
- E3 Columbia Mtro. Convention Center 1
- E4 Columbia Museum of Art 1 2
- E5 Congaree National Park 47
- E6 Harbison State Forest 801
- E7 Koger Center For The Arts 28 61 63 52X 2001
- E8 MTC Harbison Theater 801
- E9 Riverbanks Zoo 84
- E10 SC State Museum 1
- E11 Saluda Shoals 1870 to 63L
- E12 Sesquicentennial State Park 77
- E13 State Fairgrounds 61 63 2001
- E14 The Township 12 701 1870
- E15 Three Rivers Greenway 1
- E16 Trustus Theatre 1
- E17 Williams-Brice Stadium 61 63 2001

Community

- C1 Allen University 2 12 42 74 501 701
- C2 Benedict College 2 12 42 74 501 701
- C3 Columbia College 11 101
- C4 Columbia SC 63 Tour 1 2 3
- C5 Fort Jackson 701 76
- C6 Richland Library 1 2 21 26 28 42 61 101 301 401 701
- C7 SC State Library 2 42 401
- C8 SC State House 1 2 42 401
- C9 University of SC 2 21 61 101 301 401
- C10 Visitors Center 1 28 61

Shop/Dine/Other

- S1 Columbia Metropolitan Airport 28
- S2 Decker Boulevard Business Coalition 75
- S3 Devine Street 401
- S4 Five Points 2 21 22 401
- S5 Main Street District 1 2 3
- S6 North Main Street District 101
- S7 Soda City Market 1 2 3
- S8 The Vista 1 2 28 61