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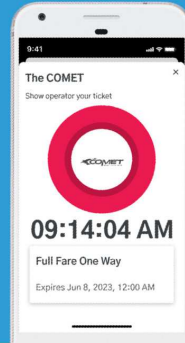
### Rosalyn Andrews Earns Prestigious Certification in Transit Management

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) proudly announced that Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/CFO has completed certification requirements to be recognized as a Certified Community Transportation Manager (CCTM) by the Community Transportation Association of America.

As Director of Finance/CFO, Andrews is responsible for managing and directing The COMET's financial and executive administrative activities, goals, objectives, policies, and procedures. Her role encompasses providing oversight to the areas of budgeting and accounting, financial grant and insurance administration, payroll, asset accountability, and audits.

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### Token Transit is replacing the Passport App.

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## THE COMET IN THE COMMUNITY

### Elevating Sarah Mae Flemming's Impact

Throughout June, The COMET spread awareness of Sarah Mae Flemming and her impact in the Midlands and beyond.

On June 22, 1954, 20-year-old Sarah Mae Flemming took a front seat on a segregated SCE&G public bus. The white bus driver then humiliated Flemming, blocking her with his arm and accusing her of sitting in the "whites-only" part of the bus.

This incident drove Flemming to file a lawsuit against the bus service that helped change history. This month, we remember her brave response and fight against segregation.



### Combatting the Famously Hot Midlands Summer

It's no secret that the Midlands is 'famously hot' in the summer.

The COMET's buses are all air-conditioned to ensure our riders get where they need to be, comfortably.

While waiting for your bus, making sure you stay hydrated is the first step in cooling down. Finding shade and avoiding direct sunlight can also help.



The City of Columbia also offers misting stations during the summer months to help you beat the heat.



## RIDING SAFELY

### The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is no longer enforcing the federal mask ordinance

As a result of a court order, effective April 18, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) January 29, 2021 order requiring masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs is no longer in effect. Therefore, the CDC will not enforce the Order. The CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time.

The COMET strongly encourages the continued wearing of masks on buses and in its facilities for the protection of our passengers, staff, and operators.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The COMET is proud to announce our newest Marketing and Administrative Intern, Maia Pelzer. Maia is a rising senior at UofSC with a major in Business Administration/Marketing, and a minor in Japanese.

In addition to helping with social media, general marketing, and community events, she assists with customer service and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) projects.

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## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



### Clayton Odom

Clayton Odom is part of the maintenance team at The COMET. Odom has 15 years of maintenance experience in transit. Odom is family oriented and enjoys vacationing in Florida.



### Malik Saaed

Malik Saaed is a CDL instructor + bus operator. He's been with The COMET for 19 years and has a 100% success rate with his CDL students.



### Henry Hamilton

Hamilton is a bus operator who has been with The COMET for 14 years. He loves his job and wants to make everyone he comes into contact with smile.