



Rider's Guide & System Map

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Connections to Other Services

Contact the following providers listed below for transportation options in the Central Midlands:

- Amtrak: 1-800-USA-RAIL... Greyhound: (800) 231-2222... MegaBus: (800) MEGA-BUS... Fairfield County Transit System...

This rider's guide and all transit information is available in alternative and accessible languages and/or accessible formats.



Passes

- Day Pass can be purchased on the bus and is valid for unlimited rides for a 24-hour period... 7-Day Pass is valid for 7 consecutive days... 31-Day Pass is valid for 31 consecutive days...

- Pass Purchase Locations COMETCards, Day, 7-Day, and 31-Day Passes can be purchased: In person: All Piggly Wiggly Stores... On our website: www.CatchTheCOMET.org... On our App: Catch The COMET...

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Fare Notes

- Exact change is required. Bus Operators do not make change. Fare Notes include: Interlined routes do not require an additional fare... The COMETCard - \$2.00 for first card... The COMET Half Fare ID Card...

Fares: Effective January 28, 2019

Table with columns: Basic, Discount, Express and rows for One Way, All-Day Pass, 7-Day Pass, 31-Day Pass, Route Deviation Fare, Express Route, Transfer (60 minutes only), Soda Cap Connector.

- 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...

Qualifying identification for Discount fare includes: The COMET Half Fare ID Card, Medicare Card, Senior Driver's License/State ID Card, Military ID Card or VA Veterans ID Card.

Transfers

- The COMET's main transfer points is at COMET Central, located at Laurel and Sumter Streets in Downtown Columbia... Harbison Road Walmart, Forest Drive Sam's Club...

The COMET Is Your Bus System

We hope to hear from you! We want your bus ride to be perfect every time. We welcome your comments, compliments, complaints or suggestions.

- Visit us online: www.CatchTheCOMET.org... Write or visit us: Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201...

Customer Service

- Visit the COMET Central located at 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia, It is open 7 days a week from 5 a.m. to 11:45 p.m... Call Center telephone hours are available Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Rules Of The Road

Please observe the following rules when riding The COMET buses or waiting at the COMET transit stop, COMET Central or SuperStop:

- No smoking on buses, inside transit facilities or within 20 feet of the opening of a window or door at transit facilities... Eating and drinking is permitted provided that you dispose of the waste from eating or drinking... Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on public transit buses...

Innovative Mobility

The COMET Vanpool The COMET Vanpool is designed to assist employees to form vanpools for the home-to-work commute. A monthly subsidy of \$500 is available to help with the cost of the vanpool.

The COMET On The Go! 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.

Anything over \$5.00 is the responsibility of the passenger. The code must be entered to receive the discount. Trips outside the service area or to non-authorized grocery stores are not eligible for the discount.

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.

Planning Your Trip

This system map shows The COMET bus routes in colors. Locate your starting point, your destination and the bus route nearest them on the map. If the bus route nearest your starting point does not go to your destination, you may transfer to another local route.

The COMET provides individual route schedule brochures to further assist you in your travel plans. Each route brochure has its own map and corresponding schedule. When looking at the route schedule, you will see the major timepoints listed across the top of the schedule.

Map and schedule for Route 55 Sandhills. Includes a map showing the route from Village at Sandhill to SuperStop and a table with times for Monday-Friday.

Special Services for Persons with Disabilities

Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART) DART is the complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service for persons with disabilities unable to board The COMET buses or access a transit stop for any trip purpose.

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.

Customers using a scooter may be asked to transfer to a seat on the bus. All mobility aids must be able to fit within the allocated space, have working brakes and cannot exceed the capacity of the lift/ramp.

Alternative Transportation Policy: If a The COMET bus has a non-functioning ramp or lift upon arrival of pick up, another vehicle or supervisor vehicle will be dispatched to you within 30 minutes upon receipt of the call and take you to your destination for free.

The COMET Frequency Chart

Most The COMET routes are radial routes which begin and end at COMET Central in downtown Columbia or at a Superstop. Not all routes serve the COMET Central and, in most cases, a customer would have to ride at least two or more of The COMET routes to get to your final destination.

the body of the route and do not have DART parallel service. Stops on these routes are generally available only at the beginning and end points of the route.

(how many minutes apart trips are scheduled for each bus route). The minutes listed are approximate. Peak and off-peak service hours vary by route. Please refer to individual route schedules more specific details.

Frequency chart table with columns: RT #, ROUTE NAME, COMET CENTRAL, SPAN + FREQUENCY, SCHEDULE. Lists routes like Eau Claire, Fairfield, Edgewood, Rosewood, etc.

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Weather - Stay Cool in the Heat

The COMET wants you to stay safe and keep your cool as you travel to your destination. Please take care as we reach extreme, humid temperatures in the summer months.

- Customers waiting at transit stops should prepare for the excessive temperatures, especially since many fixed routes generally operate every 60 minutes... Bring water, wear a hat or use an umbrella...



Welcome Aboard The COMET!

We are so glad that you are having a great day at The COMET! This service enhancement continues to deliver the best possible service to Richland and Lexington Counties!



John Andoh, Executive Director/CEO coming to COMET Central now depart at either :15 or :45 past the hour to make your trip time faster.



About The COMET

The COMET is a service of the Central Midlands Regional Transportation Authority and transit services are provided under contract to Transdev Services, Inc of Lombard, Illinois.

Service Area

The COMET provides fixed route, ReFlex flex routes and DART paratransit services throughout Richland and Lexington Counties.

Service Hours

- Monday-Friday: 4:50 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday: 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday and Holidays: 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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.

How to Ride The COMET

Now that you know where you're going and which route is needed to get there, how do you ride The COMET buses? Don't worry - riding with The COMET is easy - and just one of the many reasons that makes public transportation a quick and convenient option for getting around town.

- Transit Stops: The COMET buses only stop at signed transit stops. Flag stops are permitted only on Route 47 and 76... Catching the Bus: Be at the transit stop, 5 minutes before the scheduled departure... Paying your Fare: Be ready to pay your fare or present your pass when you board.

Riding Tips

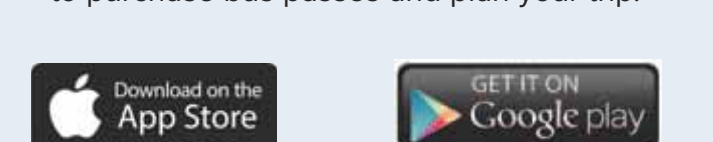
- Inclement Weather & Service Interruption: For The COMET inclement weather and service interruption information, please visit... Track The COMET: Text The COMET and the bus stop number on the sign to 4141 to get real time information sent to your phone... Reflex Routes 31, 46, 47 and 62: On these routes, you can request to be picked up or dropped off at locations between regularly scheduled transit stops...

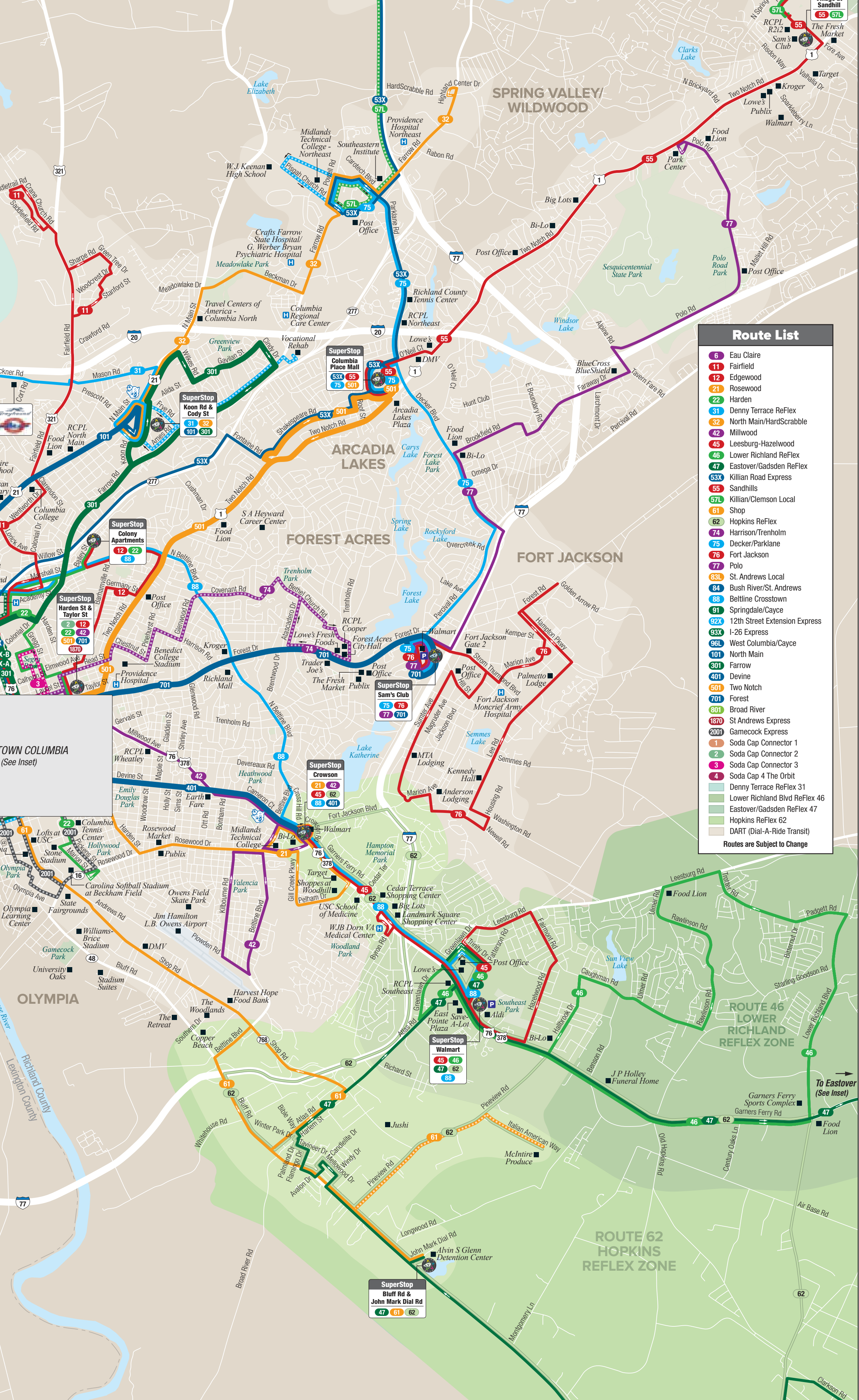
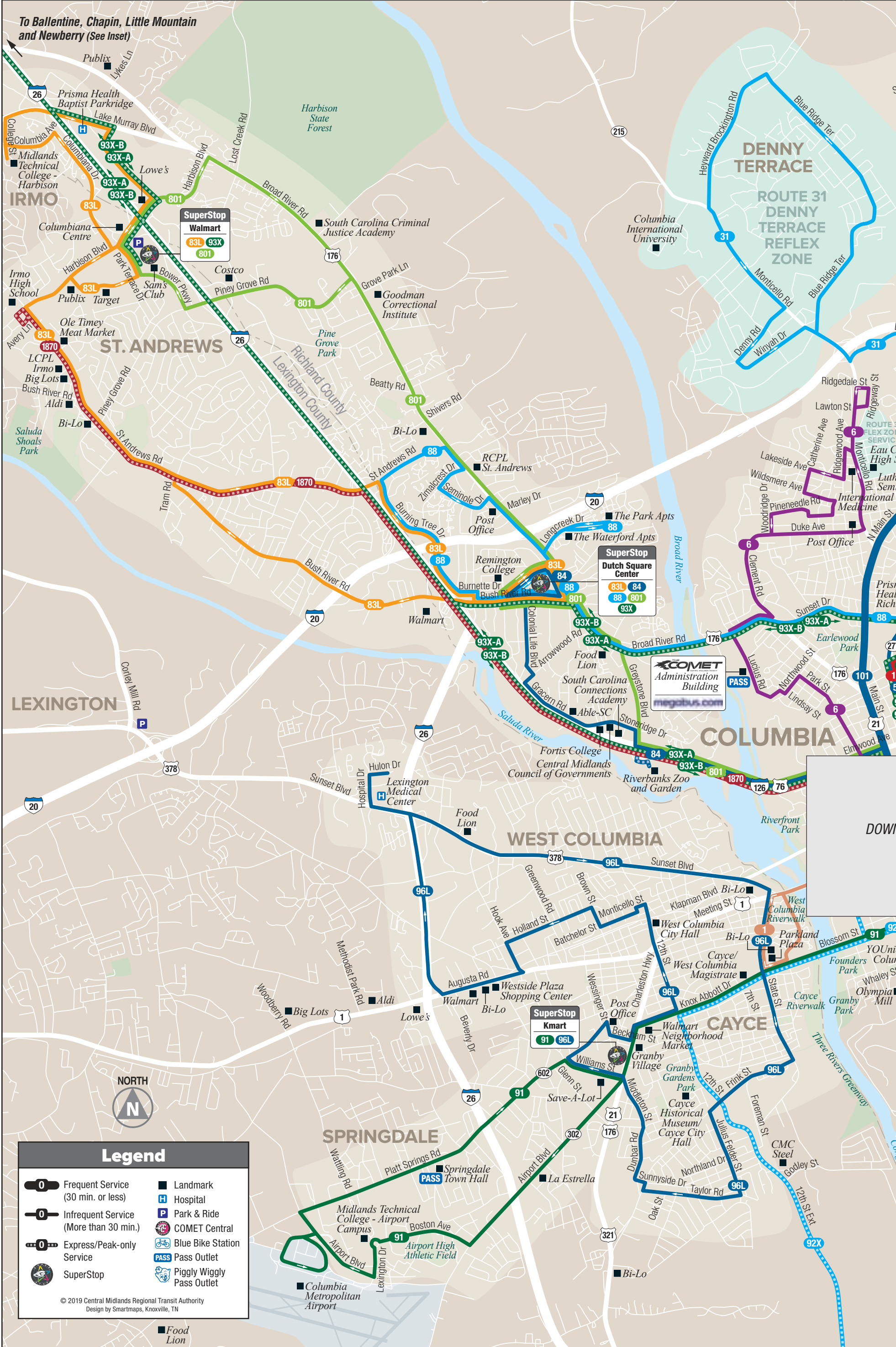
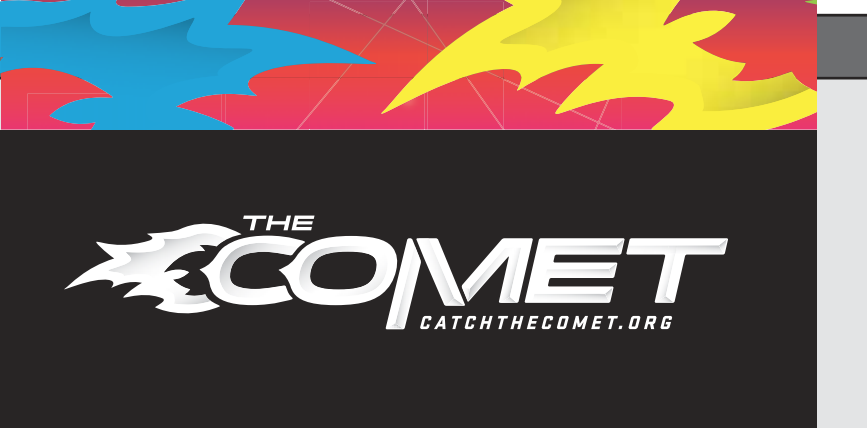
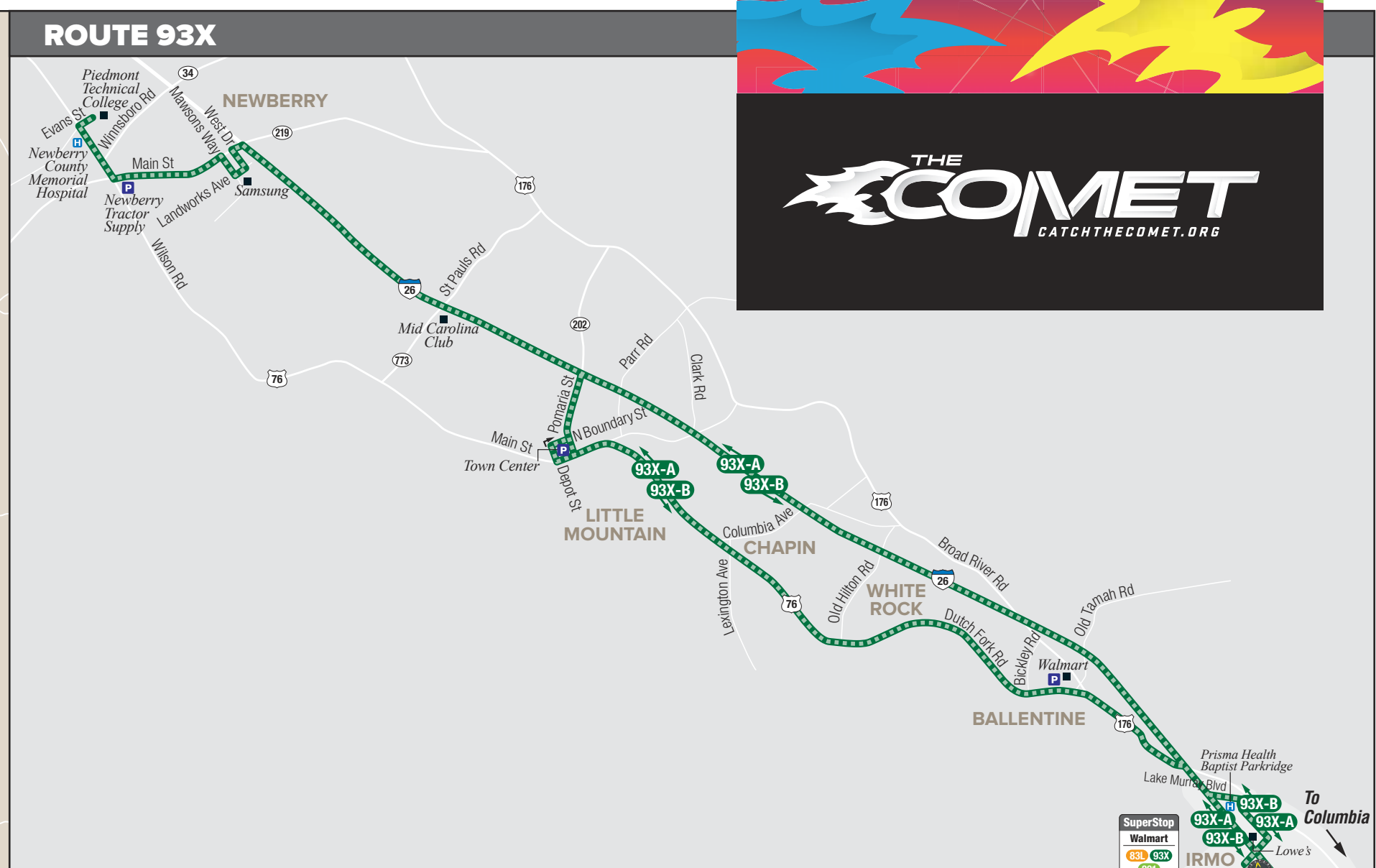
Soda Cap Connector

This fun and festive service connects many popular downtown Columbia destinations, including West Columbia, Cayce, the Main Street District, The Vista, Five Points as well as Segra Park, Allen and Benedict Colleges and the University of South Carolina.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

The 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.





Route List

- 6 Eau Claire
- 11 Fairfield
- 12 Rosewood
- 22 Harden
- 31 Denny Terrace Reflex
- 32 North Main/HardScrabble
- 42 Millwood
- 45 Leesburg-Hazelwood
- 46 Lower Richland Reflex
- 47 Eastover/Gadsden Reflex
- 53X Killian Road Express
- 55 Sandhills
- 57L Killian/Clemson Local
- 61 Shop
- 62 Hopkins Reflex
- 74 Harrison/Trenholm
- 75 Decker/Parklane
- 76 Fort Jackson
- 78 St. Andrews Local
- 84 Bush River/St. Andrews
- 88 Bellline Crossstown
- 91 Springdale/Cayce
- 92X 12th Street Extension Express
- 93X I-26 Express
- 93W West Columbia/Cayce
- 93B North Main
- 93C Farrow
- 90L Devine
- 90I Two Notch
- 90J Forest
- 90K Broad River
- 90L St. Andrews Express
- 90M Remescok Express
- 90N Soda Cap Connector 1
- 90O Soda Cap Connector 2
- 90P Soda Cap Connector 3
- 90Q Soda Cap 4 The Orbit
- 90R Denny Terrace Reflex 31
- 90S Lower Richland Blvd Reflex 46
- 90T Eastover/Gadsden Reflex 47
- 90U Hopkins Reflex 62
- 90V DART (Dial-A-Ride Transit)

Routes are Subject to Change

Metro Points of Interests

Here are a few of our most popular destinations and attractions:

RECREATION & LEISURE	SHOPPING
Benedict College Stadium 74, 501	Columbiana Centre 83L, 801
Carolina Coliseum 91	Columbia Place Mall 53X, 55, 75, 501
Cayce Riverwalk 1, 91	Devine Street 401
Colonial Life Arena 1, 91, 93X	Dutch Square Center 83L, 84, 88, 93X, 801
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center 1, 93X	Five Points 1, 21, 22, 401
Columbia Museum of Art 1, 2, 4	Main Street 1, 2, 3
Carolina Softball Stadium at Beckham Field 22, 2001	North Columbia 101
Carolina Tennis Center 22, 2001	Olympia Plaza 91
EdVenture & Library 22	Richland Mall 74, 88, 701
Eugene E. Stone III Stadium 12, 21, 42, 61, 91	Rosewood Center 21, 88
Founders Park 91	Shoppes at Woodhill 701
Granby Park 91	Trenholm Plaza 55, 57L
Koger Center for the Arts 1, 4, 61, 91, 2001	Villages at Sandhill 1, 2, 4, 42, 61, 91, 93X
Lexington County Public Library 97	
Batesburg-Leesville 97	
Cayce-West Columbia 96L	
Chapin 93X	
Irmo 83L	
Lexington Main 97	
South Congaree-Pine Ridge 96L	
Owens Field Park and Skate Park 42	
Richland County Public Library 74, 701	
Cooper 47	
EdVenture 1	
Main 1, 2, 4, 21, 42, 61, 91	
North Main 101	
Northeast 85	
Sandhills R212 55, 57L	
Southeast 46, 47	
St. Andrews 801	
Trinity Presbyterian Church 31, 32, 301	
Wheatley 12, 22	
Riverbanks Zoo and Garden 84	
Riverfront Park 1, 2	
Saluda Shoals Park 83L, 1870	
SC State Museum & EdVenture 3, 22	
Segra Park 401	
South East Park 401	
State Fairgrounds 31, 32, 301	
Trinity Presbyterian Church 2, 12, 701, 1870	
West Columbia Riverwalk 1, 96L	
Williams-Brice Stadium 61, 2001	
	HOSPITALS
	Crafts Farrow State Hospital 32
	Fort Jackson Moncrief Army Hospital 76
	G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital 32
	Lexington Medical Center 96L
	Prisma Health Baptist 1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 61, 101, 301, 401, 701
	Prisma Health Baptist Parkridge 83L, 93X
	Prisma Health Richland 11, 22, 88, 93X, 301
	Providence Hospital 701
	Providence Hospital Northeast 32
	Veterans Hospital 45, 62, 88
	GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY
	City Hall 97
	Batesburg-Leesville 97
	Cayce 91, 92X
	Columbia 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 21, 42, 53X, 61, 74, 84, 91, 92X, 93X, 101, 301, 401, 501, 701, 801, 901
	Eastover 47
	Forest Acres 74, 701
	Springdale 91
	West Columbia 96L
	Chapin 93X
	Columbia Visitor Center 1
	Harvest Hope Food Bank 61
	Hope Plaza MIA 84, 1870, 801
	Richland County Administration Building (Health Department, Tax Office, Election Commission) 2, 22, 42
	SC DMV 75
	Decker Blvd 84
	Dutch Square 53X, 55, 75
	O'Neil Court 61
	Shop Road 1, 2, 4 (walk from Assembly Street)
	Strom Thurmond Federal Building 4, 42, 61, 91, 101, 301, 401, 501, 701, 801, 901
	US Post Office 4, 42, 61, 91, 101, 301, 401, 501, 701, 801, 901
	Veterans Administration 12, 21, 401, 701
	TRANSPORTATION
	Amtrak Station 1
	Columbia Metropolitan Airport 91
	COMET Central (T45 Sumter St) 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 21, 42, 53X, 61, 74, 84, 92X, 93X, 101, 301, 401, 501, 701, 801
	Greyhound & Southeastern Stages 31
	Jim Hamilton Field, B. Owens Airport 61
	Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility 6, 88
	Megabus 6, 88

