



TRANSPORTATION  
PROGRAM

**Transportation Penny Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 PM**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**2020 Hampton Street, Columbia SC 29202**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. **Call to Order** Mr. Phillip Simoneaux
2. **Approval of Minutes – (Pages 1-4)** Mr. Phillip Simoneaux
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Office of Small Business Opportunities (Pages 5-10)** Mr. Erica Wade
5. **Transportation Program (Page 11)** Mr. Michael Niermeier
  - Council Approvals
  - Preconstruction Update
  - Construction Update
  - Miscellaneous
6. **The Comet Program (Pages 12-18)** Mr. John Andoh
  - Financial Summary
  - Financial Highlights
  - December 2019 Ridership Report
  - The Comet is Catching On
7. **Other Business**
  - Next scheduled meeting: March 23, 2020
  - Resolution
8. **Adjournment**

Transportation Penny Advisory Committee  
October 28, 2019 – 5:30 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Simoneaux called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: No Quorum. Mr. Epting requested the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting be brought back for approval at the next TPAC meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No one signed up to speak.

**OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE**

- ◇ **Executive Summary**: This report is submitted pursuant to Ordinance(s) 049-13HR and 058-16HR to ensure that the OSBO team provides support to the County to ensure that the SLBE has equal opportunity to participate in County contracts for all six (6) Industry Categories: Construction Services, Professional Services, Non-Professional Services, Engineering Services, Architectural Services, and Wholesale Operations.
- ◇ **Purpose**: The purpose of this report is to manage the ongoing requirements of the Ordinance(s), improving and creating new Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and ensuring payments to contracted SLBEs.
- ◇ **Analysis**: SLBE Certified Firms (Active Certification) – 98 Firms
- ◇ **Contract Participation**:
  - Payments to SLBE Certified - \$38,523,255
  - Payments to Uncertified Firms - \$156,705,179
  - Total - \$195,228,434
- ◇ **Department Outlook**:
  - i. *Facilitating increase in County wide SLBE utilization in County wide contracts*
    - OSBO staff is collaborating with RC Directors to identify current vendors to become certified SLBEs
  - ii. *Continued review of Transportation Penny SLBE Contractual Compliance*
- **Business Development**
  - i. *OSBO Website Highlights*
  - ii. *Highlighted Articles*
    - ❖ *Featured Story*
    - ❖ *Winners of OSBO Power Up Pitch Competition*
  - iii. *Attended the Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals Training and Certification Course , December 3 – 5, 2019*

- iv. *Participated in OSBO Business Mixer, December 12, 2019*
- v. *Conducted 1 site visit*

- **Certification & Compliance:**

*(Projects Completed)*

- i. *Completed one (1) new certification and one (1) renewal<sup>1</sup>. There are three (3) certifications pending and one (1) re-certifications pending*
- ii. *Conducted two (2) site visits*
- iii. *Attended several meetings with OSBO staff members during the month of November/December*
  - a. *Staff Meetings – November/December*
  - b. *12/16/19 – B2G Certification Presentation*
  - c. *12/18/19 – Meeting (Pre-Construction) Greene Street Phase II*
  - d. *12/18/19 – Meeting (Pre-Bid) Lakeside at Ballentine*
  - e. *1/7/20 – County Council Meeting*
  - f. *1/9/20 – Bid Opening (Lakeside at Ballentine)*

- **Program Coordinator**

- i. *Reconciled/posted multiple payments to prime and subcontractors*
- ii. *Number of payments due to prime, 35*
- iii. *Number of payments due to subcontractors, 162 (November – December)*
- iv. *Participated in the SLBE Holiday Appreciation: December 2019*
- v. *Participated in the OSBO Business Academy: Procurement Symposium in collaboration with Richland Library, January 2020*

## **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

◇ Council Approvals:

- On December 10<sup>th</sup> Council approved the following:
  - a. Moving forward with construction for the following projects:
    - 1. Greene Street Phase II
    - 2. North Springs/Harrington Intersection
    - 3. Harrison Road Sidewalk
    - 4. Polo Road Shared Use Path
  - b. Approve the Transportation Budget, excluding non-active Dirt Road projects
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> Council approved to award contracts for two sidewalk projects
  - a. Polo Road Shared Use Path to Palmetto Sitework Services
  - b. Harrison Road Sidewalk Project to AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc.

◇ Preconstruction Update:

- Procurement Items
  - *Polo Road Sidewalk contract has been sent to the contractor for signature*

◇ Construction Update

- Clemson Road Widening – Construction is 50% complete and continues to include clearing and grubbing, earthwork and some drainage activities
- North Main Street – Project is approximately 69% complete. Drainage installation progressing north of Sunset toward Monticello. Due to utility conflicts and delays, construction completion is anticipated to be late 2020
- Shop Road Extension Phase 1 – The entire project is complete and open to traffic. The project is in the process of being closed out.
- 3 Rivers Greenway – The Fire Rescue building and electrical installation has been completed. Final inspections and property transfer to the City of Columbia will begin. The Department is working on language to amend the IGA with the City for turnover of the projects.
- Magnolia/Schoolhouse Sidewalks – Construction is 99% completed.
- Dirt Road Packages G and H and I (16 roads) – Construction continues. Three roads remain to be completed.
- Koon Sidewalk – Construction is complete, pending completion of punch list items.
- Pedestrian Improvement Projects – Construction is complete, pending completion of punch list items.
- Candlewood NIP Phase 3 – Sidewalk construction is approximately 100% complete for Candlewood NIP Phase 3 on Green Springs Drive, N. Chateau Drive and Concourse Drive
- SERN – Construction is approximately 20% complete. Culvert installation and resurfacing is complete on Rabbit Run Road.
- Broad River Neighborhood – Construction is 50% complete and continues with installation of storm drainage.
- Resurfacing O (39 roads) – Construction is complete. The project is in the process of being closed out.
- Resurfacing P (80 roads) – Construction is 90% complete and continues.
- Koon Sidewalk – Construction is complete, pending completion of punchlist items.
- North Springs/Harrington Intersection – Construction will be starting on February 3, 2020
- Resurfacing Package Q – Construction is 5% complete. Currently, full depth patching is underway. Decker Blvd. is substantially complete.
- Greene Street Phase II – Construction began in January 2020.

**THE COMET PROGRAM UPDATE**

◇ Financial Highlights

**Total Revenue:** YTD - \$6.45M compared 4/12 of annual budget at -\$9.93M; total YTD collections average 22% of annual budgeted amount

**Total Expenses:** YTD - \$8.66M compared to 4/12 of annual budget of \$9.93M; total YTD expenditures represent an average 29% of annual budget

- ◇ DBE Report July 2019 – Mr. Andoh stated Transdev Services, Inc.’s goal is to be at 25.9% by June 2020. At this time, they are at 27.0%.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 24, 2020 – 2020 Hampton Street

**ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 PM



## Transportation Penny Advisory Committee Report

OSBO  
Manager's Report

February 24  
2020

**1. Executive Summary:**

This report is submitted pursuant to Ordinance (s) 049-13HR and 058-16HR to ensure that the OSBO team provides support to the County to ensure that the SLBE has equal opportunity to participate in County contracts for all six (6) Industry Categories.

Primary Industry Category					
Construction Services	Professional Services	Non-Professional Services	Engineering Services	Architectural Services	Wholesale Operations

**2. Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to manage the ongoing requirements of the Ordinance(s), and ensuring payment to contracted SLBEs.

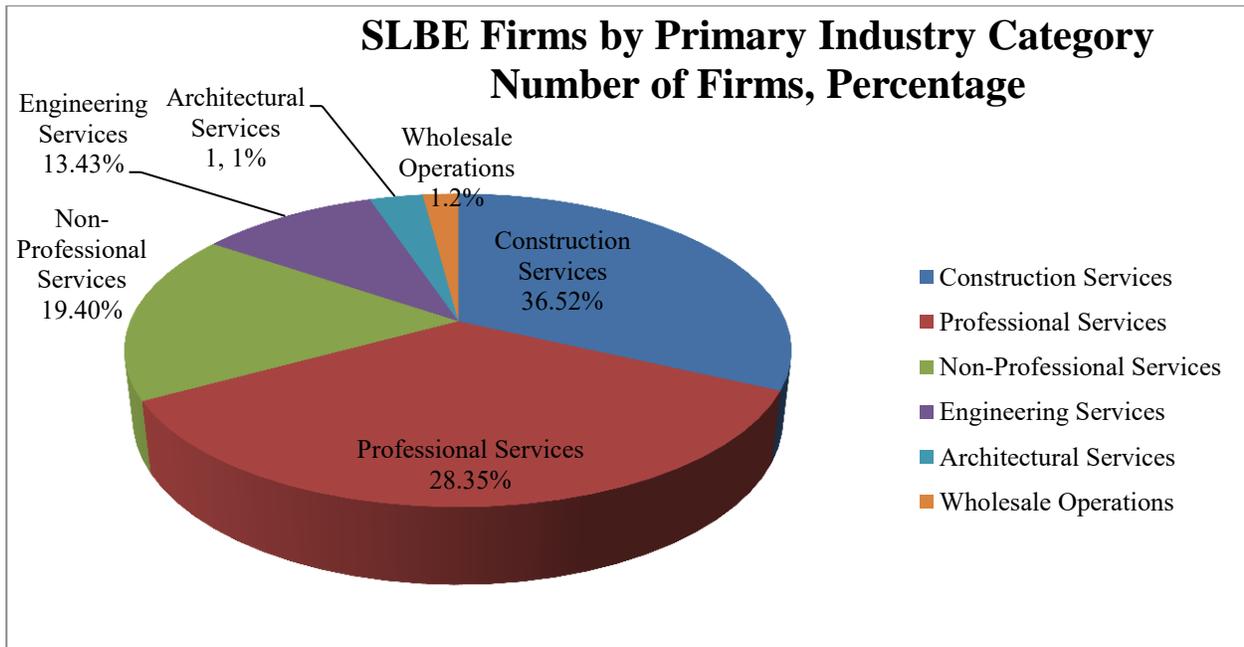
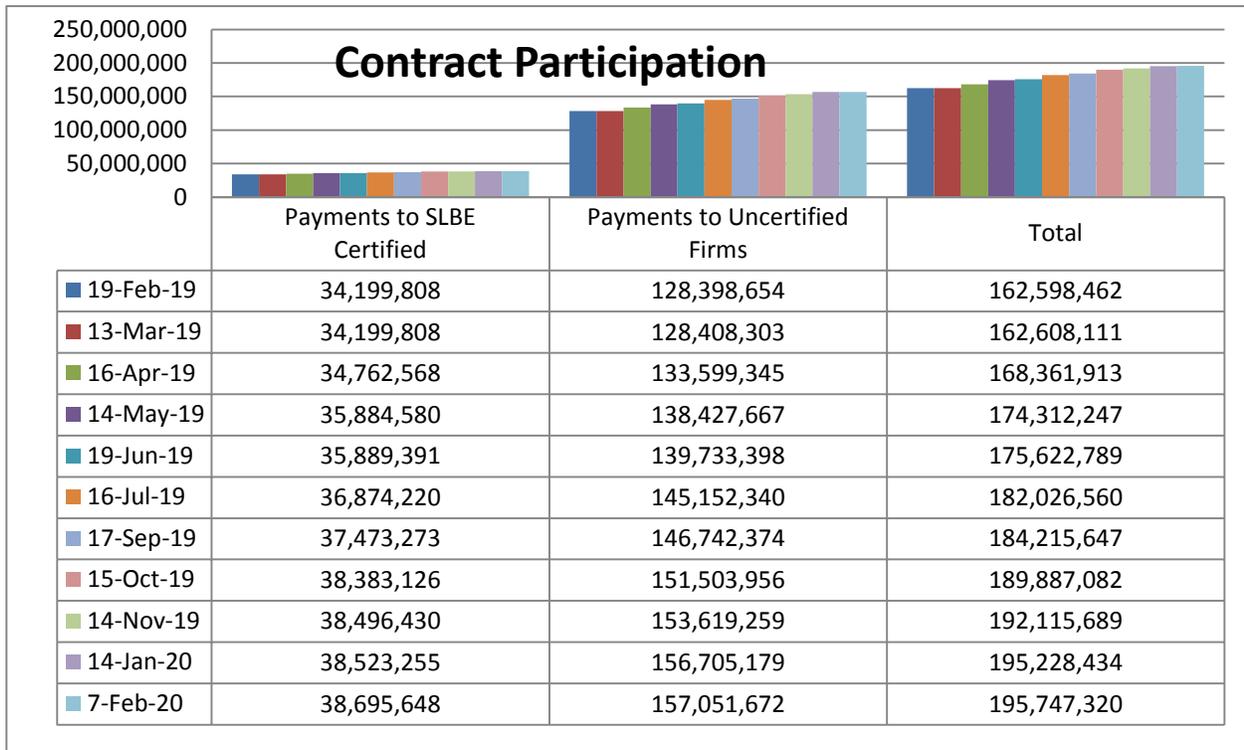
**3. Office of the Small Business Opportunity Cross Functional Team**

Team Matrix		
Name	Department	Title
<i>Christine Keefer</i>	<i>GCS</i>	<i>GCS Director</i>
<i>Michael Niermeier</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Director of Transportation</i>
Erica Wade	OSBO	Manager of OSBO
Michelle Rosenthal	OSBO	Business Development Coordinator
Bryant Davis	GCS	Asst. Director of GCS
Cheryl Cook	OSBO	Assistant Manager of OSBO
Jennifer Wladischkin	Procurement	Manager of Procurement
Yolanda Davis	Procurement	Contract Specialist
Allison Steele	Transportation	Deputy Director
Alicia Aull	Transportation	Senior Accountant
Nathaniel Miller	Transportation	Contract & Budget Manager

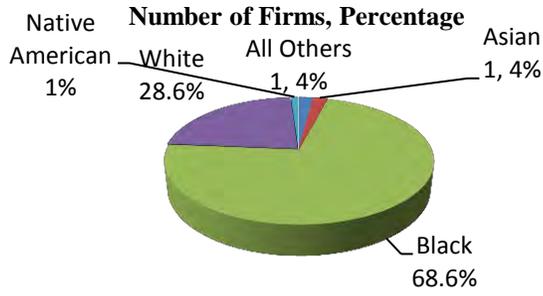
**4. Goal Setting Committee (GSC)**

Team Matrix		
Name	Department	Title
Erica Wade	OSBO	Manager of OSBO
Project Managers	Transportation	Project Manager
Michele Rosenthal	OSBO	Business Development Coordinator
Margaret Jones	OSBO	Certification & Compliance Specialist
Jennifer Wladischkin	Procurement	Manager of Procurement
Vacant	Transportation	Estimator

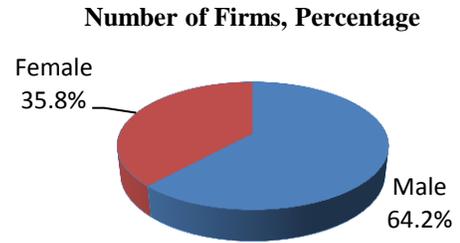
5. Analysis:



### SLBE Firms by Ethnicity

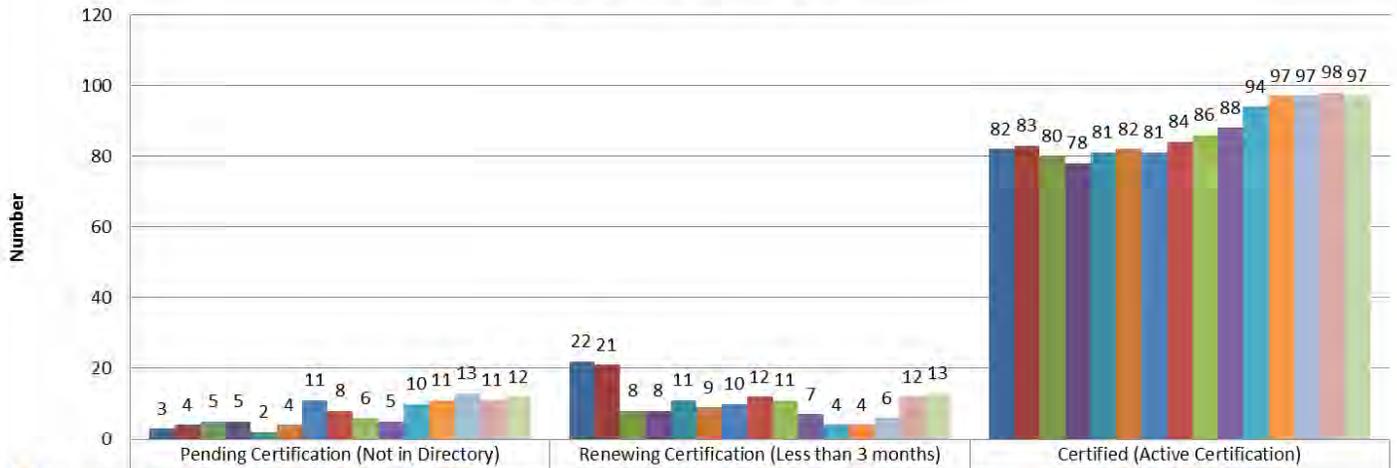


### SLBE Firms by Gender



### Contract Participation: January 1, 2012-February 7, 2020\*

#### SLBE Certified Firm Status



Month	Pending Certification (Not in Directory)	Renewing Certification (Less than 3 months)	Certified (Active Certification)
17-Sep-18	3	22	82
9-Oct-18	4	21	83
15-Nov-18	5	8	80
15-Jan-19	5	8	78
19-Feb-19	2	11	81
13-Mar-19	4	9	82
17-Apr-19	11	10	81
14-May-19	8	12	84
18-Jun-19	6	11	86
16-Jul-19	5	7	88
17-Sep-19	10	4	94
15-Oct-19	11	4	97
14-Nov-19	13	6	97
15-Jan-20	11	12	98
7-Feb-20	12	13	97

**PDT SLBE GOAL PARTICIPATION UPDATE 2018-2020**

Project Name	Sheltered Market	SLBE Goal	DATE
2017 Dirt Roads Package H/I	No	4.05%	February 6, 2018
2017 Dirt Roads Package G	Yes	100%	February 22, 2018
2018 Resurfacing Project Package O	No	0%	March 2, 2018
Resurfacing Project Package P	No	0%	May 7, 2018
Sidewalk Package S-8	Yes	100%	April 19, 2018
Pedestrian Improvements at Intersections	No	12%	July 3, 2018
2018 Sidewalks – Koon Rd. & Farmview St.	Yes	100%	July 18, 2018
2016 PDT Sidewalks-Clemson Road	Yes	100%	October 2, 2018
2018 Richland County Dirt Roads Package I	No	5.95%	October 19, 2018
SERN NIP	No	17.3%	November 15, 2018
2018 Richland County Dirt Roads Project 7 Road Group	No	11%	December 31, 2018
OET Sidewalks – Polo Road	No	25%	January 17, 2019
Sidewalk Package S-11	No	22%	January 28, 2019
Richland County Resurfacing Package Q	No	0%	February 26, 2019
North Springs and Harrington Intersection Improvements	No	15%	March 13, 2019
Greene Street Widening-Phase II	No	16%	April 9, 2019
Atlas Road Widening Project	No	14%	April 4, 2019
2019 Resurfacing Package R	No	0%	April 17, 2019
Lakeside Subdivision (Incl. Sienna Dr.) Resurfacing	No	3%	August 1, 2019
2016 PDT Sidewalk – Clemson Road	Yes	100%	July 22, 2019
Decker Woodfield NIP-Faraway Drive Sidewalk	No	33%	July 18, 2019
Green Street Phase II	No	8.1%	September 18, 2019
Sidewalk-Harrison Rd	No	19%	September 24, 2019
2019 Richland County Dirt Road Package K	No	23%	October 17, 2019
Lakeside at Ballentine Resurfacing (Non-Transportation)	No	3%	August 1, 2019
Knollwood and Planters Drainage Improvement	Yes	100%	January 21, 2020

**6. Department Outlook:**

- i. Facilitating increase in County wide SLBE utilization in County wide contracts
  - OSBO staff is continuing to collaborate with RC Directors to identify current vendors to become certified SLBEs
- ii. Continue review of Transportation Penny SLBE Contractual Compliance

• **Business Development**

- i. Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual McNair Entrepreneurship Showcase, January 31, 2020
- ii. Participated in SC Business Collaborative & Richland Library Workshop, Knowing Your Numbers: What All Small Businesses Should Know
- iii. Conducted two site visits

## 2020 Office of Small Business Opportunity Workshops

Title of Workshop/Event	Date	No. Attended
Procurement Resource Summit	Jan 9	120
Understanding Financial Statements	Jan 30	40
Contract and Collection Law	Feb 12	20
Business Taxes	Mar 3	
The Importance of Social Media & How it Effects Your Business	Apr 7	
Business Disaster and Recovery	Jun 3	
Growth, Future Opportunities, and Long Term Success	Jul 14 & 21	
Inclusion and Equality	Sep 9	

- **Certification and Compliance**

- Projects Completed

- i. Completed two (2) renewals. There are three (3) certification pending and one (1) re-certification pending
    - ii. Conducted one (1) site visits
    - iii. Attended several meetings with OSBO staff members during the month of January and February
      - Staff Meetings-January/February
      - 01/07 - Certification Presentation

- **Program Coordinator**

- i. Reconciled/posted multiple payments to prime and subcontractors
  - ii. Number of payments due to prime, 36
  - iii. Number of payments due to subcontractors, 163 (December- Feb 7)
    - Exhibitor at The McNair Institute for Entrepreneurism and Free Enterprise at the University of South Carolina on January 31, 2020
    - Participated in the SC Business Collaborative Event held a Richland Library on February 6, 2020

## **Transportation Update**

### **Pre-Construction Update**

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**Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority**  
**Condensed Statement of Financial Position**  
**Period Ended 12/31/19**

	Actual PTD 12/31/2019	Actual YTD 12/31/2019	Budget YTD FY 2020
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Passenger Fares/Revenue Contracts	254,806	1,575,160	1,557,175
Special (Advertising, Interest, Rental, Etc)	31,335	189,854	42,700
Admin/Misc	16,399	33,894	500
Local (The Penny)	1,511,531	6,778,561	9,427,649
State (SCDOT)	-	39,780	357,227
CBDG & Hospitality	-	-	53,000
Federal	468,757	2,816,630	3,462,166
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,282,828</b>	<b>\$ 11,433,879</b>	<b>\$ 14,900,417</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Contract Operator	1,207,463	7,755,303	7,749,768
Federal	332,602	2,149,479	3,450,840
Depreciation	240,076	1,438,526	1,400,000
Fuel	145,040	853,596	950,000
Salaries and Fringes	84,323	492,161	584,985
Professional Services	81,720	696,549	364,215
Utilities	12,936	67,788	92,450
Other Operating Expenses	48,971	295,094	308,158
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,153,131</b>	<b>\$ 13,748,496</b>	<b>\$ 14,900,418</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) From Operations:</b>	<b>\$ 129,697</b>	<b>\$ (2,314,618)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Cash:</b>			
Wells Fargo			
Petty Cash		216	
Operating Acct		3,473,014	
OPTUS Bank (formerly South Carolina Community Bank)			
Operating Reserve Funds	3,703,534		
Capital Reserve Funds	2,719,806	6,423,340	
Local Gov't Investment Pool			
Emergency Reserve: Avg Interest Rate: 2.4684%	8,487,500		
Operating Reserve: Avg Interest Rate: 2.4684%	8,487,500	16,975,000	
<b>Total Cash</b>		<b>\$ 26,871,570</b>	
Total Assets		<b>\$ 59,886,650</b>	
Total Liabilities		<b>\$ 4,341,195</b>	



## Financial Highlights FY 2020 Month End December 2019

*50.00% of fiscal year completed*

- ✦ Net Income (Loss)
  - Month ~ \$130K Actual YTD ~ (\$2.31M)
- ✦ Total Revenue:
  - YTD ~ \$11.43M compared 6/12<sup>th</sup> of annual budget at ~\$14.90M; total YTD collections average ~38% of annual budgeted amount
    - Includes billing for penny sales tax accrual
- ✦ Total Expenses:
  - YTD ~ \$13.75M compared to 6/12<sup>th</sup> of annual budget at ~ \$14.90M; total YTD expenditures represent an average ~ 46% of annual budget
    - YTD paid to Contract Operator since 7/1/2015 – Nov 15, 2019 ~\$60,614,903
      - Payments include any liquidated damages
    - Professional Contract services (4203,4361):
      - ABLE SC (Application s & Mobility Mgt Svcs) 9,513
      - Auger Consulting 10,130
      - Auger Consulting (reimburse via Transdev) 11,982
      - Burr Forman & McNair 4,000
      - Central Midlands COG 10,000
      - Chernoff Newman, LLC (includes invoice adjustments) 6,063
      - Nexsen Pruet, LLC 4,560
      - Harper, Poston, Moree (audit firm) 11,750
      - KM IT - Team Logic (IT Consultant) 800
      - Babcock Center - distribute COMET cards 564
      - Marketing, Adv & Promotion - including Flock & Rally, FHNY, Facebook Ads, adv of planning position, AdWheel entry fee 32,390
    - Board Expenses (4210):
      - Lunch 100
    - Employee Training (4518): (includes per diem, flight, hotel, registration fees & related expenses) 4,022
      - M. Ransom, J. Andoh, L. Deschamps, R. Andrews, P. Bynoe-Reed
        - Triennial Review Wksp, APTA Marketing & Comm Wksp, APTA Initiatives Wksp
- ✦ Cash:
  - Wells Fargo - Operating: ~\$ 3.47M
    - ✓ Made \$1.5 deposit into both LGIP accounts and OPTUS bank (\$4.5 total distribution)
  - OPTUS Bank Reserve Funds: ~\$ 6.41M
    - ✓ See Condensed Statement of Financial Position for breakdown details
  - Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP): ~\$16.96M
    - ✓ See Condensed Statement of Financial Position for breakdown details
  - Total collections of Penny Revenue since 2013 to present:
    - ✓ \$109,440,752 of \$300,991,000 allocation; \$5,003,997.19 payment received

# Ridership Report

December		2018		2019			Difference from Previous Year		
Route	Description	Boardings	Boardings per vehicle hour	Boardings	Boardings Per hour or Trip (Efficiency)	Subsidy per passenger	Farebox Recovery Ratio	Boardings	Efficiency
<b>Systemwide totals</b>	<b>All Boardings Total</b>	<b>205,798</b>		<b>212,544</b>				▲ 6,746	
	<b>Fixed-Route Total</b>	196,797	11.8	196,368	12.8	\$ 4.91	13.9%	▼ -429	▲ 1.0
	Weekday Service	155,226	10.9	159,241	14.5	\$ 4.26	15.7%	▲ 4,015	▲ 3.6
	Saturday Service	26,004	15.5	20,265	8.3	\$ 8.05	8.9%	▼ -5,739	▼ -7.2
	Sunday Service	15,567	9.0	16,862	9.1	\$ 7.23	9.9%	▲ 1,295	▲ 0.1
	<b>Flex Route</b>	275	0.3	3,430	3.5	\$ 20.06	3.8%	▲ 3,155	▲ 3.2
	<b>DART</b>	5,575	2.1	5,368	1.6	\$ 48.15	18.0%	▼ -207	▼ -0.6
<b>Special Services</b>	<b>Cookie Crawl</b>			29	9.7	\$ -	0.0%		
	<b>Gamecock Express 2001</b>	2,123	1.87	0	0.0	\$ -	0.0%	▼ -2,123	▼ -1.9
	<b>Inclement Weather Shuttle 7</b>			3,451	90.7	\$ -	0.0%		
	<b>COMET @ Night Uber</b>			366	N/A	N/A	0.0%		
	<b>COMET @ Night Lyft</b>			526	N/A	N/A	0.0%		
	<b>COMET To The Market Uber</b>			596	N/A	N/A	0.0%		
	<b>COMET To The Market Lyft</b>			2,410	N/A	N/A	0.0%		
	<b>COMET Vanpool</b>			0	N/A	\$ -	0.0%		
	<b>COMET Bikeshare Usage</b>			1	N/A	\$ -	0.0%		
	<b>Origins at BikeShare from COMET Stations</b>			112	N/A	\$ -	0.0%		
	<b>Proterra Electric Vehicle</b>		820						
	<b>Famously Hot New Year</b>		483	6.60					
<b>Weather</b>		⚡ Ave high 65°; Ave low 38°; Ave temp 49°. 13 days of rain (6.71 inches)		⚡ Ave high 60°; Ave low 39°; Ave temp 50°. 12 days of rain (3.40 inches)					
<b>Events and Occurances</b>		USC home game (12/1), Christmas Eve (Saturday service), Christmas Day (no service), New Year's Eve (FHNY)		Christmas Eve (Saturday service), Christmas Day (no service), New Year's Eve (Saturday service) (FHNY)					
	<b>Service weekdays</b>		19	19					
	<b>Service Saturdays</b>		6	6					
	<b>Service Sundays</b>		5	5					
	<b>Average weekday boardings</b>		8,170	8,381				▲ 211	
	<b>Average Saturday boardings</b>		4,334	3,378				▼ -957	
	<b>Average Sunday boardings</b>		3,113	3,372				▲ 259	
<b>KEY</b>	<b>No Data (Not in service)</b>	<b>Not to standard</b>	<b>&lt;66% of Standard</b>	<b>&gt;133% of Standard</b>					
<b>Monday through Friday</b>									
<b>Corridor</b>				<b>≥18</b>	<b>≤\$3</b>	<b>≥20%</b>	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	
101	North Main	16,961	22.8	14,621	21.4	\$2.63	23.2%	▼ -2,340	▼ -1.4
201	Rosewood	5,259	8.8						
301	Farrow	10,316	13.4	8,605	16.2	\$3.72	17.6%	▼ -1,711	▲ 2.8
401	Devine	11,867	18.6	11,984	20.8	\$2.73	22.5%	▲ 117	▲ 2.2
501	Two Notch	12,210	21.3	15,535	19.2	\$3.03	20.7%	▲ 3,325	▼ -2.1
601	Shop	7,829	11.6						
701	Forest	14,371	19.8	12,566	22.2	\$2.51	24.0%	▼ -1,805	▲ 2.4
801	Broad River	14,019	24.0	19,880	21.6	\$2.60	23.3%	▲ 5,861	▼ -2.4
<b>Local</b>				<b>≥12</b>	<b>≤\$5</b>	<b>≥15%</b>	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	
Rt. 6	Eau Claire	4,199	13.5	4,409	16.8	\$3.56	18.2%	▲ 210	▲ 3.3
Rt. 11	Fairfield	3,698	15.4	6,433	17.2	\$3.46	18.6%	▲ 2,735	▲ 1.8
Rt. 12	Edgewood	5,516	20.9	5,581	18.9	\$3.08	20.5%	▲ 65	▼ -2.0
Rt. 21	Rosewood			2,927	9.6	\$6.84	10.4%	▲ 2,927	▲ 9.6
Rt. 26	West Columbia	1,366	27.3						
Rt. 28/91	Springdale/Cayce	5,212	12.4	3,961	14.7	\$4.20	15.9%	▼ -1,251	▲ 2.3
Rt. 42	Millwood Ave	4,155	14.9	4,362	17.5	\$3.39	18.9%	▲ 207	▲ 2.6

December		2018		2019				Difference from Previous Year	
Route	Description	Boardings	Boardings per vehicle hour	Boardings	Boardings Per hour or Trip (Efficiency)	Subsidy per passenger	Farebox Recovery Ratio	Boardings	Efficiency
Rt. 45	Leesburg-Hazelwood	8,145	20.7	6,213	11.6	\$5.50	12.6%	-1,932	-9.1
Rt. 55	Sandhills	3,387	8.7	4,871	9.4	\$7.01	10.1%	1,484	0.7
Rt. 61	Shop			6,630	14.0	\$4.45	15.1%	6,630	14.0
Rt. 75	Decker-Parklane	3,706	9.4	4,921	12.5	\$5.07	13.5%	1,215	3.1
Rt. 84	Bush River/St. Andrews	4,150	15.0	2,963	14.4	\$4.28	15.6%	-1,187	-0.6
Rt. 88	Beltline Crosstown	2,210	7.9	1,770	7.0	\$9.63	7.6%	-440	-0.9
Rt. 96L	West Columbia/Cayce			1,682	7.3	\$9.29	7.9%	1,682	7.3
<b>Connector/Shuttle</b>					≥8	≤\$8	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 1	Soda Cap 1	1,138	4.0	2,628	10.6	\$6.10	11.5%	1,490	6.7
Rt. 2	Soda Cap 2	737	2.6	1,844	10.9	\$5.93	11.8%	1,107	8.3
Rt. 3	Soda Cap 3			0	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	0	#0 IV/0!
Rt. 4	Orbit 4			4,302	19.3	\$3.00	20.9%	4,302	19.3
Rt. 22	Harden	728	1.0	786	4.0	\$17.56	4.3%	58	3.0
Rt. 32	North Main - Hard Scrabble	2,713	11.3	2,093	8.4	\$7.97	9.0%	-620	-2.9
Rt. 57L	Killian-Clemson Local	729	4.0	543	2.0	\$35.60	2.2%	-186	-2.0
Rt. 63	Bluff	92	3.9						
Rt. 74 (frm. 17)	Harrison-Trenholm	1,143	13.5	1,060	7.5	\$8.94	8.1%	-83	-6.0
Rt. 76	Fort Jackson	388	3.4	481	3.0	\$23.50	3.3%	93	-0.4
Rt. 77	Polo Road	948	4.6	1,017	7.1	\$9.57	7.6%	69	2.5
Rt. 83L	St. Andrews Local	1,310	5.0	2,988	8.5	\$7.81	9.2%	1,678	3.5
<b>Rural</b>					≥5	≤\$12	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 46	Lower Richland Reflex	1,632	5.8	457	1.9	\$37.74	2.1%	-1,175	-3.9
Rt. 47	Eastover Reflex	2,332	6.2	1,234	5.0	\$13.98	5.4%	-1,098	-1.2
Rt. 97	Batesburg-Leesburg			0	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	0	#0 IV/0!
<b>Express</b>					≥10/trip	≤\$5	≥15%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 44X	Lower Richland Express			0	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	0	#0 IV/0!
Rt. 52X	Blythewood Express	176	2.5						
Rt. 53X	Killian Express	623	3.0	739	1.9	\$22.00	3.5%	116	-1.1
Rt. 82X	Harbison Express	833	4.0						
Rt. 92X	12th Street Ext. Express			605	8.0	\$5.96	11.7%	605	8.0
Rt. 93X	I-26 Express			241	3.2	\$29.09	2.6%	241	3.2
<b>Demand Response/Flex</b>					≥3	≤\$30	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 31	Denny Terrace Reflex	853	12.1	1,001	7.0	-\$4.56	9.8%	148	-5.1
Rt. 62	Hopkins Reflex	275	1.1	543	2.3	\$1.85	1.0%	268	1.2
DART	ADA Paratransit	4,929	2.0	4,495	1.5	\$39.69	7.0%	-434	-0.6
<b>Saturday</b>									
<b>Corridor</b>					≥18	≤\$3	≥20%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
101	North Main	3,154	49.6	2,095	13.8	\$4.53	14.9%	-1,059	-35.8
201	Rosewood	736	12.1						
301	Farrow	1,345	23.5	989	12.3	\$5.17	13.3%	-356	-11.2
401	Devine	1,796	29.5	1,100	12.4	\$5.13	13.4%	-696	-17.2
501	Two Notch	2,582	42.5	1,805	8.2	\$8.15	8.8%	-777	-34.3
601	Shop Road	862	8.5						
701	Forest	2,924	96.2	1,755	19.6	\$2.95	21.1%	-1,169	-76.6
801	Broad River	3,016	16.0	2,963	15.6	\$3.90	16.9%	-53	-0.4
<b>Local</b>					≥12	≤\$5	≥15%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 6	Eau Claire	625	15.02	575	7.6	\$8.81	8.2%	-50	-7.4
Rt. 11	Fairfield	754	12.4	804	7.4	\$9.11	8.0%	50	-5.0
Rt. 12	Edgewood	1,587	30.5	831	7.6	\$8.79	8.3%	-756	-22.9
Rt. 21	Rosewood			320	4.1	\$16.98	4.5%	320	4.1
Rt. 26	West Columbia								
Rt. 28/31	Springdale/Cayce			429	7.9	\$8.42	8.6%	429	7.9
Rt. 42	Millwood Ave	1,060	20.1	655	8.5	\$7.81	9.2%	-405	-11.6
Rt. 45	Leesburg-Hazelwood	1,536	25.9	740	8.8	\$7.52	9.5%	-796	-17.1
Rt. 55	Sandhills	700	12.9	599	5.4	\$12.69	5.9%	-101	-7.4
Rt. 61	Shop			802	6.7	\$10.19	7.2%	802	6.7
Rt. 75	Decker-Parklane	509	17.2	492	5.9	\$11.71	6.3%	-17	-11.3
Rt. 84	Bush River/St. Andrews	626	10.0	560	10.2	\$6.38	11.0%	-66	0.2
Rt. 88	Beltline Crosstown			171	3.6	\$19.75	3.9%	171	3.6
Rt. 96L	West Columbia/Cayce			122	2.6	\$27.53	2.8%	122	2.6
<b>Connector/Shuttle</b>					≥8	≤\$8	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 1	Soda Cap 1	245	3.8	349	3.4	\$21.00	3.6%	104	-0.5
Rt. 2	Soda Cap 2	232	3.6	175	2.3	\$30.49	2.5%	-57	-1.3
Rt. 3	Soda Cap 3			0	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	#0 IV/0!	0	#0 IV/0!
Rt. 4	Orbit 4			487	8.7	\$7.66	9.4%	487	8.7
Rt. 22	Harden	118	2.0	46	1.3	\$56.01	1.4%	-72	-0.7
Rt. 32	North Main - Hard Scrabble	578	9.2	272	3.3	\$21.88	3.5%	-306	-5.9
Rt. 57L	Killian-Clemson Local	127	3.0	67	1.0	\$71.31	1.1%	-60	-2.0
Rt. 76	Fort Jackson	182	12.8	61	1.5	\$48.64	1.6%	-121	-11.3

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Rt. 77	Polo Road	49	3.5	81	2.3	\$31.74	2.4%	32	-1.2
Rt. 83L	St. Andrews Local	284	3.0	817	8.6	\$7.67	9.3%	533	5.6
<b>Express</b>					≥10/trip	≤\$5	≥15%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 82X	Harbison Express	254	3						
Rt. 92X	12th Street Ext. Express			103	5.5	\$12.43	6.0%	103	5.5
<b>Demand Response/Flex</b>					≥3	≤\$30	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 31	Denny Terrace Reflex	123	3.3	82	1.7	\$36.01	2.07%	-41	-1.6
DART	ADA Paratransit	323	3.8	588	3.3	\$17.16	8.0%	265	-0.5
<b>Rural</b>					≥5	≤\$12	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 47	Eastover			51	1.5	\$49.44	1.6%	51	1.5
<b>Sunday</b>									
<b>Corridor</b>					≥18	≤\$3	≥20%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
101	North Main	1,897	23.9	1,639	12.9	\$4.88	14.0%	-258	-10.9
201	Rosewood	294	3.9						
301	Farrow	679	9.5	787	12.5	\$5.06	13.5%	108	3.0
401	Devine	1,078	14.2	893	12.0	\$5.29	13.0%	-185	-2.1
501	Two Notch	1,643	21.6	1,787	9.7	\$6.74	10.5%	144	-11.9
601	Shop Road	841	6.6						
701	Forest	1,640	53.9	1,268	17.0	\$3.52	18.3%	-372	-37.0
801	Broad River	1,791	8.0	2,630	16.6	\$3.62	18.0%	839	8.6
<b>Local</b>					≥12	≤\$5	≥15%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 6	Eau Claire	381	7.3	415	6.6	\$10.29	7.1%	34	-0.7
Rt. 11	Fairfield	470	6.2	635	7.0	\$9.66	7.6%	165	0.8
Rt. 12	Edgewood	902	13.9	615	8.2	\$8.10	8.9%	-287	-5.6
Rt. 21	Rosewood			323	5.0	\$13.88	5.4%	323	5.0
Rt. 42	Millwood Ave	634	9.6	594	9.3	\$7.12	10.0%	-40	-0.3
Rt. 45	Leesburg-Hazelwood	719	9.7	818	11.7	\$5.47	12.6%	99	2.0
Rt. 55	Sandhills	487	7.2	775	8.4	\$7.89	9.1%	288	1.3
Rt. 61	Shop			702	7.0	\$9.66	7.6%	702	7.0
Rt. 75	Decker-Parklane	382	12.9	524	7.5	\$8.99	8.1%	142	-5.4
Rt. 84	Bush River/St. Andrews	526	5.6	423	10.1	\$6.48	10.9%	-103	4.5
Rt. 88	Beltline Crosstown			146	3.5	\$20.26	3.8%	146	3.5
<b>Connector/Shuttle</b>					≥8	≤\$8	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 1	Soda Cap 1			257	4.5	\$15.56	4.8%	257	4.5
Rt. 2	Soda Cap 2			397	10.6	\$6.09	11.5%	397	10.6
Rt. 3	Soda Cap 3			0	#0 IV /0!	#0 IV /0!	#0 IV /0!	0	#0 IV /0!
Rt. 4	Orbit 4			29	0.6	\$117.41	0.7%	29	0.6
Rt. 22	Harden	75	1.0	53	1.8	\$40.29	1.9%	-22	0.8
Rt. 32	North Main - Hard Scrabble	453	5.8	360	5.2	\$13.36	5.6%	-93	-0.6
Rt. 76	Fort Jackson	116	2.0	59	1.7	\$41.80	1.9%	-57	-0.3
Rt. 77	Polo Road	8	0.6	89	3.0	\$23.88	3.2%	81	2.4
Rt. 83L	St. Andrews Local	193	2.0	443	6.1	\$11.19	6.6%	250	4.1
<b>Express</b>					≥10/trip	≤\$5	≥15%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 82X	Harbison Express	301	1.5						
Rt. 92X	12th Street Ext. Express			201	13.0	\$4.85	14.0%	201	13.0
<b>Demand Response/Flex</b>					≥3	≤\$30	≥10%	<b>Boardings</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>
Rt. 31	Denny Terrace Reflex	57	1.2	62	2.1			5	0.9
DART	ADA Paratransit	323	3.8	285	1.8	\$31.91	8.8%	-38	-2.0

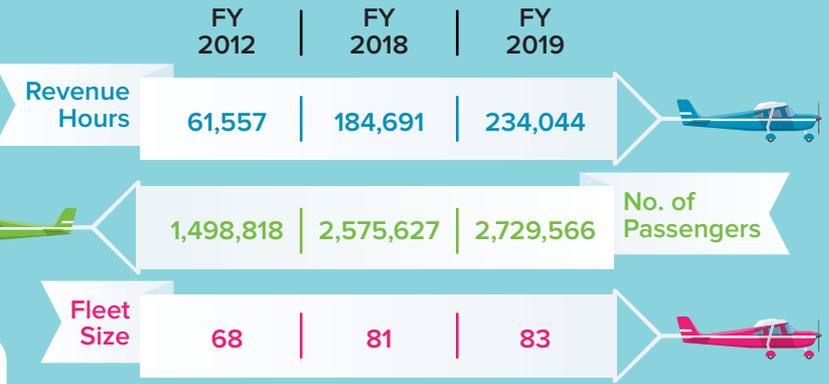
# THE COMET IS CATCHING ON!

CENTRAL MIDLANDS TRANSIT

In November 2012, with new funds, Richland County and The City of Columbia are continuing to provide to their citizens modern and cost-efficient transportation needs. In 2019, we added updated fuel-efficient buses to our fleet, increased service and expanded route areas, among other things.



The COMET has been in existence in one way or another since the first streetcars rolled in 1892 — approximately 127 years ago — through various elements of South Carolina Electric & Gas and The Authority.



**\$24,748,810**

FUNDS ADDED THROUGH FEDERAL MATCHING AS OF FISCAL YEAR 2018

## BLUE BIKE PROGRAM

The COMET and Blue Bike SC partnered to open 8 fully functional, docking stations this year as a pilot to provide a “first mile, last mile” connection specifically for The COMET riders. A \$250,000 Federal Transit Administration grant funded the expansion and \$70,000 is allocated to provide free access to riders.

## TRANSIT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Community leaders, elected officials and riders have graduated from The COMET Transit Academy where they were trained on how to ride the bus, how The COMET funding works, how to plan their trip and how to be informative ambassadors to the community for transit.

## TRANSIT FLEET

Improved air quality in the Midlands by using a B5 biodiesel blend in 39 buses and 2 trolleys and working on obtaining 2 hydrogen fueled busses. 40 of The COMET small bus fleet continue to be powered by propane.

## ROUTE SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

- Added frequency on popular routes
- Reduced service on non-popular routes
- Added more ReFlex services
- Created a pulse system in Downtown Columbia to reduce waiting times
- Restructured Express Routes to better connect people to employment sites in the area

## LYFT & UBER

Launched The COMET On The GO! with Lyft and Uber aimed at increasing fresh food access in food desert areas and extending hours from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., improving late night mobility.



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# MAJOR INITIATIVES



## NEW SERVICES

- Began selling fresh produce at COMET Central every Tuesday in partnership with Foodshare
- Created door to door services in Denny Terrace, Hopkins, Lower Richland and Eastover/Gadsden called ReFlex
- Started a vanpool program to connect people to jobs and combat congestion
- Added libraries on buses to promote literacy in partnership with Richland Library
- Added Columbia Police Department, Cayce Police Department and Richland County Sheriff protection on all of The COMET buses, bus stops and transit centers



## CUSTOMER CARE

- Implemented a new customer call center
- Held Community Listening Sessions at 26 locations throughout the service area
- Restructured fares for the first time since June 2014
- Formed partnerships to allow all students, employees and faculty rider services from Richland One and Richland Two, Lexington Richland Five, Columbia College, Allen University and Nephron Pharmaceuticals



## IMPROVEMENTS

- Expanded the network of schedules to be available at more public locations including West Columbia, Cayce, Amazon, Nephron and Northeast Richland
- Restructured policies and procedures for effective governance of The Authority
- Added shelters, benches and bus stop seating
- Redesigned Soda Cap Connector to better serve entertainment facilities, as well connect Cayce and West Columbia with a trolley service
- Renovated COMET Central and collaborated with City Center Partnership for additional yellow shirt ambassador service



## THE COMET FIXED ROUTE FARES

DESCRIPTION	BASIC	DISCOUNT	COMMUTER EXPRESS (44X, 52X, 92X, 93X)
ONE WAY	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00
ALL ACCESS DAYPASS	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$6.00
7-DAY ALL ACCESS DAYPASS	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$28.00
31-DAY ALL ACCESS DAYPASS	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$80.00
ROUTE DEVIATION FARE ON FLEX ROUTES	+\$2.00	+\$1.00	N/A
TRANSFER (60 minutes only) Requires COMETCard	FREE	FREE	FREE

- The COMET employees, Board Members & Transit Operations Contractor employees ride free.
- Children through 15 years old ride free. Children taller than 39 inches through 15 years old must have a The COMET Half Fare ID Card to ride free

*\*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.*

## DART FARES

Description	Within the ADA fixed route zone of 3/4 mile on either side of the COMET route
One Way	\$4.00
10-Ride Pass	\$40.00
Buddy Fare (5 or more fare paying eligible passengers traveling from/to same location)	\$2.00 per person

ID's are issued by appointment at the Lowell C. Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility (3613 Lucius Road, Route 6), or at the Transit Center, 1745 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

## CATCH THE COMET WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

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