 HOW TO RIDE EXPRESS

Riding Express is easy! Just follow these steps:

1. To learn about the Express routes, call our information line at 724-7420, or visit our website at www.whydrive.net for parking lot and Express bus stop locations, maps and schedules.

2. Look for the signs indicating Express parking areas.

3. Please try to arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before a scheduled pick-up time.

4. Please be prepared to board CARTA Express quickly and find your seat.

5. Cost to ride is only $2.50 per ride. Please have exact change; bus drivers are unable to make change.

6. Each Express route features just a handful of convenient route stops—please be prepared to exit the bus as your stop approaches, stay seated until the bus comes to a stop.

 PARKING FOR CARTA EXPRESS

For commuters who would prefer to use CARTA to get to work, but don’t want to walk to the bus stop, parking lots adjacent to the Express stops provide an essential service—a place to leave the car.

All parking lot locations are served by CARTA Express routes with service every half hour in the morning and afternoon peak periods.

• Super K Mart parking lot on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston
• Citadel Mall parking lot near Orleans Road West of the Ashley
• K Mart parking lot on Highway 17 Bypass in Mt. Pleasant
• Wal Mart at Oakland Plantation in Mt. Pleasant
• Wal Mart on Folly Road
• Visitor Center Parking Garage at Mary Street in Downtown Charleston (Paid Parking)

CARTA assumes no liability for vehicles left at these locations. Parking is at your own risk.

All Express buses are also equipped with bike racks, should you wish to take your bike with you. Please know that a maximum of two bikes can fit onto the front of a CARTA bus at any time.

FARE INFORMATION

Exact change only, please. Drivers cannot make change.

REGULAR FIXED ROUTE FARE - $1.50
TRANSFER - $2.00
EXPRESSION FARE - $2.50

SENIOR CITIZENS (65+): Weekdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and all Day Weekends and Holidays on regular fixed routes. You must show a valid ID for the discount rate—a Medicare card or ID and with a date of birth - $7.50

CHILDREN: Six and under ride free provided they are accompanied by a paying customer.

DISABLED FARE: $.40 all day, everyday.

BUS PASS INFORMATION

All passes good on fixed routes, CARTA at Night and DASH service.

All day pass (available on all CARTA vehicles) - $20.00
3 day pass - $11.00
31 day pass - $27.50
10 trips - $12.00
60 trips - $42.00
Express Monthly Pass - $75.00 (also good on all fixed routes)
Students per semester - $40.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrive at your stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled. Make sure you have the correct fare or ticket/pass ready to show the driver before on board. When you see your bus, signal the driver to stop for you. Check the destination sign before you board.

BUS SAFETY

It is our desire to furnish you with a safe ride and a dependable schedule. You may help us accomplish this by:

• Please take your seat as soon as possible. Do not change seats unless absolutely necessary. Allow senior citizens and people with disabilities to use the seats designated as “Priority Seating.”
• Get your transfer when you first board your bus from your CARTA Bus or DASH Trolley Driver unless the driver specifies a certain place to obtain your transfer. Transfers are good only at approved transfer points.
• Exit from the center door when leaving a CARTA Bus. This minor effort allows boarding passengers to use the front door and helps to keep the Bus on schedule.
• Please do not carry open cans or bottles on CARTA Vehicles.
• Please do not use profanity on CARTA Vehicles.
• Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on CARTA Vehicles.
• CARTA Buses, DASH Trolleys, and Tel-A-Ride Vehicles are non-smoking areas.
• Please do not use profanity on CARTA Vehicles. Wheelchair Accessibility and CARTA Buses: All of CARTA’s vehicles are wheelchair accessible. CARTA is a member of the “Access Charleston” Program. Remember: Please allow senior citizens and people with disabilities to use the seats designated for them. “Priority Seating” signs are posted above these seats. The driver may direct non-disabled riders to move in order to allow senior/disabled riders the use of the designated seats and/or wheelchair secuement devices.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

CARTA is operated 365 days a year. DASH shuttles do not operate, and all other routes follow a Sunday schedule on the following days: New Year’s Day, Forth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Send Comments and Complaints to CARTA:
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For Scheduling Information call (843) 747-0922
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