CARTA Seeks Community Input on Proposed Changes to Transit Service on the Charleston Peninsula

The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) and Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) are working to improve transit service on the Charleston Peninsula to increase ridership and service quality. Last year, the team heard from community members about changes needed to support downtown travel and evaluated existing transit services and supporting infrastructure. Now, draft concepts to improve transit service on the Peninsula are ready for public comment, including proposed changes to local bus and DASH routes.

Everyone who lives, works, or visits Downtown Charleston is invited to review the draft recommendations and provide feedback to help shape the final plan. Opportunities to provide input include:

Online Survey

You can review the proposed changes to transit service on the Peninsula and share feedback on each recommendation through an online survey, which will be open February 14 to March 13. It is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCTSConcepts.

Bus Stop Pop-up Booths

The project team will be at several bus stops on the Peninsula to get rider input on the draft recommendations. Look out for the team at these locations:

Wednesday, February 21

- 7:30 10:00 am Visitors Center Meeting and Mary Street (Stop 52)
- 7:30 10:00 am Visitors Center John Street (Stop 790)
- 10:30 am − 1:00 pm − College of Charleston Calhoun Street/St. Philip Street (Stop 547)
- 10:30 am 1:00 pm King Street/Grove Street (Stop 459)
- 2:30 6:00 pm MUSC Calhoun Street/Jonathan Lucas Street (Westbound and Eastbound) (Stops 502 and 575)

• Thursday, February 22

- 7:30 11:30 am Eastside Meeting Street at Johnson Street (Stop 114)
- o 7:30 11:30 am Eastside Meeting Street at Line Street Stop (Stop 115)

These activities are part of the Downtown Charleston Transit Study, which is focused on transit service and transit supportive infrastructure in Downtown Charleston, including CARTA's regular, express, and DASH routes. The study will identify and program investments to develop a refined Downtown bus network and transit priority infrastructure. Study recommendations will align with the planned Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT) modern bus rapid transit system and BCDCOG's Long Range Transportation Plan.

To learn more about the project, visit <u>bcdcog.com/downtown-transit-study</u> or contact Daniel Brock, Regional Strategist, at <u>danielb@bcdcog.com</u> or (843) 529-2576.

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Si usted necesita la ayuda de un traductor del idioma espanol, por favor comuniquese con la Daniela Bonnet al telefono (843) 529-2574 o publiccomment@bcdcog.com cuando menos 48 horas antes de la junta.