

Is there any additional cost to utilize *Summer ConneXion* mobile ticketing?

No, *Summer ConneXion* mobile ticketing is simply another fare option, and the mobile ticketing fare costs the same as the bus pass swipe card. **There is no added cost to the passenger or sponsoring agency when using the *Summer ConneXion* mobile ticketing option.**

What does a mobile ticketing screenshot look like?

There are several unique screenshots that may appear. **These images and background colors change each day.** This is a sample of a screenshot:



When and where are *Summer ConneXion* bus passes available for purchase?

***Summer ConneXion* bus passes are available for purchase starting on May 30th, 2018.** Purchase locations include the Downtown Bradenton and DeSoto Transit Stations, via the *Token Transit* mobile ticketing application, and by mail order.

Is personal identification required when using the *Summer ConneXion* bus pass or mobile ticket?

Yes, youth are required to show a valid form of identification when boarding MCAT buses using the *Summer ConneXion* bus pass or mobile ticket.

How does someone get more information regarding the *Summer ConneXion* bus pass program?

For more information on the new *Summer ConneXion* bus pass, **please contact Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) at 941-747-8621.**

Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) Summer Youth Bus Pass Program

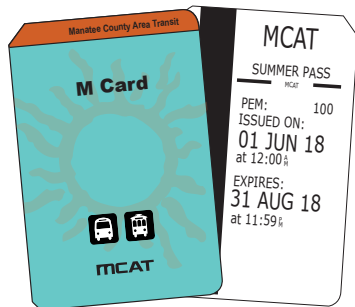
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What is the *Summer ConneXion* Bus Pass Program?

On May 22nd, 2018, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners approved a new summer bus pass pilot program providing unlimited travel on local bus routes for area youth that are 19 years old or younger. **Area youth can utilize the new *Summer ConneXion* bus pass on all Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) buses during the months of June, July, and August for a flat fee of \$25.**

What is the purpose of the *Summer ConneXion* Bus Pass Program?

The *Summer ConneXion* bus pass program is designed to improve access to training and employment opportunities for area youth during the summer break months. Providing unlimited travel on area bus routes during the summer months, the *Summer ConneXion* bus pass provides a very affordable travel option for area youth, especially for those that may require a means of travel to access work opportunities or vocational training.



What are some of the benefits of the *Summer ConneXion* Bus Pass Program?

1. The *Summer ConneXion* bus pass program benefits local organizations that assist youth in vocational training and job placement programs. In fact, using the *Token Transit* mobile ticketing software application, **local agencies can “send a pass” to youth clients, and serve as a transportation sponsor to facilitate work skills training and employment;** or agencies can simply purchase bus passes through a mail order process and provide the bus pass to their youth workforce.
2. The *Summer ConneXion* bus pass provides a cost-effective, reliable form of summer transportation for area youth to get to/from work or vocational training, especially when their parents are working and unavailable to transport them.
3. The *Summer ConneXion* is a very cost-effective fare option, that benefits area youth working over the summer months. **Unlimited travel for three full months for only \$8.33 per month, maximizes youth take-home pay.**
4. Employers/job skills organizations benefit with young, energetic, and skilled workers.
5. The local economy continues to grow.

How is the bus pass validated by the transit bus operator?

Insert the *Summer ConneXion* bus pass in the ticket reader machine that is part of the farebox and the bus pass is validated with first use. After the bus pass is validated, a simple bus pass “swipe” is all that is needed when boarding for each bus ride. **With first use of the bus pass, notice that the August 31st, 11:59 p.m. expiration date is provided. The bus pass continues to be valid for travel, through August 31st.**

How is the *Summer ConneXion* mobile ticket validated by the transit bus operator?

Using the mobile ticketing option on a Smartphone, the *Summer ConneXion* mobile ticket will provide a countdown to expiration, and the mobile device displays a unique picture and color that will change daily, and includes the current time. Operators are aware of these unique “pictures and colors of the day” for the screen shot, and this is how visual validation is accomplished for mobile tickets. **In effect, the passenger’s Smartphone is their ticket to ride.**