Discount M Card/R Card Eligibility

* To purchase discounted cash fare, M Card or R Card passes, one of the following criteria must apply:
  • Must be 60-79 years old
  • Mobility Card
  • Medicare Card Holder
  • Active Duty and Military Veterans
  • Enrolled Student at Educational Facility

Regular and Discount M and R Cards are available at MCAT DeSoto and Downtown Transit Stations, by mail order or at ticket outlets. Photo ID and proof of age, disability, veteran status, or student status required for Discount Cards at point of purchase. Regular and Discount 1-Day M Cards may be purchased at DeSoto and Downtown Transit Stations, on a bus or at ticket outlets. When boarding with a Discounted M or R Card, you must show proof of eligibility. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Free Fare Eligible:** 80 years and up; Children under 5; Anna Maria Island Trolley; Beach Express.

Discount M Card/R Card Eligibility

For detailed information on MCAT fares and discount fare eligibility, please see the table on the How To Ride brochure or visit www.mymanatee.org/mcat
**Fare Card Outlets**

**MCAT Sales and Information Offices/Transfer Stations, and Park and Rides**

- **Downtown Bradenton**, 601 13th Street West, Bradenton, The Downtown Station is located on 13th St. W. between 8th Ave. and 6th Ave.
  - M-F, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **DeSoto Station**, 820 301 Boulevard West, Bradenton, The DeSoto Station is located on the corner of 9th St. W. and 301 Blvd. next to the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office and across from DeSoto Square Mall. The station has a park and ride lot with 27 dedicated parking spaces for park and ride customers.
  - M-F, 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Palmetto Station**, 1802 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, The Palmetto Station is located on the corner of Business 41 and 19th Street. The station has a secured park and ride lot for park and ride customers.
  - Sales and information offices hours subject to change. Please, no bills over $20.

**Goodwill Store**, 3465 Cortez Road West, Bradenton

**Discount Fare Cards not available.**

**Goodwill Store**, 2715 51st Avenue East, Bradenton

**Discount Fare Cards not available.**

**Goodwill Store**, 8750 State Road 70, Bradenton

**Discount Fare Cards not available.**

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**How to Ride**

- **Arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled time.**
- **Ensure the driver can see you at the stop.**
- **Have your fare ready.**
- **Let the bus operator know if you require additional assistance with riding the bus.**
- **See the MCAT website for our award-winning “How to Ride” videos or pick up our “How to Ride” brochure for detailed instructions.**

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**MCAT Rider Responsibilities**

To provide a quiet, comfortable transportation service, all passengers are expected to comply with certain rules. Failure to follow these rules may result in the police being called, the passenger being asked to leave the bus or bus stop area, and/or the passenger receiving a trespass order from the bus or bus stop area. Refusing to leave the bus or bus stop area when asked makes the person subject to arrest for trespass pursuant to Florida Statute § 810.08. Shirts and shoes are required on all vehicles.

**Prohibited on all MCAT buses for safety and courtesy:**

- No open food or drink containers.
- No smoking, including electronic cigarettes.
- No weapons.
- No profanity or loud talking.
- No flammable or explosive material.
- No playing personal electronics without personal headphones.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- No electric bikes or scooters.
- No personal items (including strollers) allowed that will block bus aisles.

All Manatee County Area Transit vehicles and facilities are monitored by MCAT, 24 hours 7 days a week using electronic surveillance system and security personnel.