



**CHARLESTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
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## **CARTA BREAKS GROUND ON FIRST PERMANENT, SYSTEM-OWNED PARK-AND-RIDE LOT**

*FOUR-ACRE FACILITY ON RIVERS AVENUE TO FEATURE BATHROOMS, BIKE RACKS,  
LIGHTING, FENCING AND MORE*

**NORTH CHARLESTON, SC (March 6, 2019)** – Today, the [Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority](#) (CARTA) broke ground on a new four-acre Rivers Avenue park-and-ride lot in North Charleston.

The lot, technically located on Melnick Drive next to Texas Roadhouse, will feature 289 parking spaces, bathrooms and bike racks. It will be fenced, lighted and monitored by cameras. It's the first dedicated lot owned by the transit authority and the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, which has managed CARTA since 2015.

"This is the region's first true, permanent park-and-ride facility, and it's another step forward for transit and alternative modes of transportation," said CARTA board chairman Mike Seekings. "It's going to be safe, clean and offer amenities that will please our longtime riders and hopefully attract many new ones."

The current park-and-ride area, in a nearby shared lot, hosts hundreds of commuter vehicles daily. The bulk of passengers are MUSC and College of Charleston employees and students, in addition to other riders who work on the peninsula.

The lot is served by CARTA routes Express 1, Route 10 – the system's busiest route – and Route 12 Upper Dorchester/Ashley Phosphate Road. TriCounty Link routes Commuter Solutions 1, Commuter Solutions 2 and B102 also service the lot.

Seekings also noted that the lot is available to carpool and vanpool riders. There is no cost to park.

The Rivers Avenue park-and-ride launched in 2007 and is the busiest of the system's seven park-and-ride locations, which include two shared lots in Mount Pleasant, Summerville, West Ashley, James Island and another in North Charleston at Festival Centre.

"North Charleston is often on the forefront of transit and transportation in the region, and we're happy to be home to the region's first dedicated park-and-ride facility," said North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey at today's groundbreaking.

BCDCOG recently concluded a regional park-and-ride study that identified and conceptualized 22 new or "enhanced" permanent park-and-ride sites as part of the 10-year-plan

### **ABOUT CARTA**

*The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) is a public transportation system dedicated to providing affordable transit in the Charleston community through local fixed routes, on-demand paratransit service, and express commuter routes. For the latest on CARTA, visit [www.ridecarta.com](http://www.ridecarta.com), like us on [Facebook](#) or follow on Twitter at [@RideCARTA](#). All customers are encouraged to plan rides and track buses with the CARTA-endorsed [Transit app](#).*

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