



## Schlitz Park Guide to Suburban Commuter Transportation Options

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### Commuter Routes that Serve Schlitz Park and Downtown Milwaukee

Schlitz Park is served by the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS,) Ozaukee County Express and Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE.) In addition, Waukesha County and the cities of Racine and Kenosha provide express commuter bus service with stops in downtown Milwaukee near Schlitz Park, on Wisconsin Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Kilbourn Avenue and Wells Street. Pages 2-7 provide detailed information on each of these services. See routes and stops by clicking here to visit the [Schlitz Park Commuter Transit Map](#).

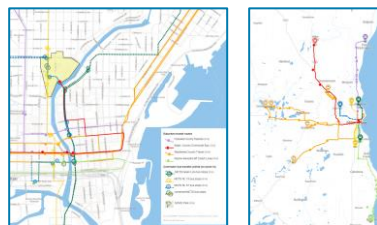
### Making the Connection from Commuter Bus Stops in Milwaukee to Schlitz Park

The distance from the Waukesha and the Milwaukee-Racine-Kenosha commuter bus stops in downtown Milwaukee runs about a half to a full mile to Schlitz Park depending on where you work in the property. There are multiple options for making the connection between the commuter bus stops in Milwaukee and Schlitz Park, including walking, biking, Bublr Bike Share, transferring to a Milwaukee County Transit System Bus (MCTS) and more.

**Schlitz Park Commuter Transit Map:** Visit [SchlitzPark.com](http://SchlitzPark.com) or click on maps on the right to go to the online zoomable map.

This unique regional interactive map for Schlitz Park tenants shows:

- Commuter bus routes and stop locations in the suburbs
- Commuter bus stops in downtown Milwaukee that provide access to Schlitz Park
- MCTS routes and bus stops that link commuter bus riders to Schlitz Park
- Bublr Bikes bike share stations that link commuter bus riders to Schlitz Park



**How to use the Schlitz Park Commuter map:** The bus route markers are located at the outermost points of the route and on the legend. Some routes overlap so one or more of the routes may appear hidden for a portion of the trip. By zooming in, the routes become more visible. The bus route number or name can be found by hovering over the bus route markers to activate a pop up box. The commuter bus stops in downtown Milwaukee that provide access to Schlitz Park are designated with a smaller solid circle. The MCTS bus stops that are transfer points are designated with larger open circles in colors that match the route.

\* The only bus stops shown, or schedule times listed below, are those relevant to serving Schlitz Park.

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## Ozaukee County Express (MCTS Route #143)

Serving Port Washington, Saukeville, Grafton, Mequon, Cedarburg; operated by MCTS. Weekday service only.

**NEW! Service to Schlitz Park effective August 31, 2015** The bus stops at Schlitz Park are centrally located on Cherry Street and Rivercenter Drive, and on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive at Galena and at Walnut.

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com))

Morning departures from Ozaukee County: 5:49am–8:34am

**Morning arrivals at Schlitz Park: 6:52am–9:18am**

**Afternoon departures from Schlitz Park: 1:39pm–5:33pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Ozaukee County: 2:13pm–6:49pm

**Trip frequency:** 9 morning inbound trips to Schlitz Park; 9 afternoon outbound trips returning to Ozaukee County. Not all trips serve every Ozaukee County bus stop.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip is 34 minutes; the longest is 1 hour 10 minutes. There are several express trips.

### Fares for Ozaukee County Express

All MCTS fare media are accepted. Visit MCTS for more information [www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes](http://www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes))

Cash (exact fare) \$3.50

MCTS M•CARD Premium Fare \$2.35 (Stored value card, store from \$2 - \$100 for use any time)

MCTS M•CARD Weekly Pass \$24 per week, plus an additional \$.60 per trip deducted from card

MCTS Monthly Pass \$85 per month, plus an additional \$.60 per trip deducted from card

MCTS's Commuter Value Pass is accepted as full fare.

MCTS's Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at retail locations to purchase fare cards.

Not all retail locations sell premium fare cards.

Eligible Senior Citizens (age 65 and over), valid Medicare card holders or persons with disabilities may receive reduced fares. Please see details at [www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes](http://www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes).

**Amenities:** There are bike racks on all buses. Bicycle storage lockers are available at the Port Washington, Grafton and Cedarburg Park-Ride Lots, as well as the Saukville Wal-Mart.

### Contact Ozaukee County Express:

[www.OzaukeeTransit.com](http://www.OzaukeeTransit.com)

### Contact Milwaukee County Transit System:

414-344-6711

Business Hotline: 414-343-1777

[www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com)

## Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE)

*Serving West Bend, Richfield and Germantown; operated by GoRiteway. Weekday service only.*

The bus stops at Schlitz Park are centrally located on Cherry Street and Rivercenter Drive.

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.ridewcce.com](http://www.ridewcce.com))

Morning departures from Washington County: 6:10am–8:45am

**Morning arrivals at Schlitz Park: 7:31am–9:43am**

(2 additional morning trips arrive at Wisconsin Avenue & Plankinton at 6:11am and 6:46am.)

**Afternoon departures from Schlitz Park: 11:55am–6:23pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Washington County: 1:33pm–7:39pm

**Trip frequency:** 8 inbound trips and 10 outbound trips each weekday.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip time is 58 minutes; the longest regular trip is 1 hour, 28 minutes.

### Fares for WCCE:

Cash Fare: \$3.75 - Exact change

Ticket Fare: \$3.25 - Ticket strips

\$32.50 per 10-ticket stripx

MCTS Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at WCCE ticket outlets.

MCTS Commuter Value Passes are not accepted by WCCE.

There are no WCCE monthly passes available at this time.

### Amenities:

- All WCCE buses provide free Wi-Fi.
- Bikes can be carried in the luggage compartments. Two Park & Ride lots provide bike racks.
- The WCCE Emergency Ride Home program – a free taxi ride home – is available free to all WCCE commuters in case of an employee or family member’s illness or medical emergency.
- WCCE provides wheelchair accessibility. Individuals can request a ride on the wheelchair accessible WCCE by requesting the ride 1 day in advance.
- The Washington County Shared-Ride Taxi provides an option traveling between a residence and the WCCE Park & Ride lots at the reduced fare rate of \$1.00 one way. Sufficient travel time should be allowed to and from the Park & Ride lots to provide for short delays, as there may be multiple people sharing the ride.

### Contact Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE):

262-677-3445, 888-675-WCCE (9223)

<http://www.ridewcce.com>

### Contact Shared-Ride Taxi:

888-285-TAXI (8294)

<http://www.ridewcce.com/taxi.iml?mdl=taxi-general-info.mdl>

## Waukesha County Transit: Five commuter transit routes connect to downtown Milwaukee.

The 900 series routes are operated by Wisconsin Coach Lines. Route #79 is operated by MCTS.

The closest bus stops to Schlitz Park are located on Michigan Avenue, Wisconsin Avenue, and Wells Street. See the [Schlitz Park Commuter Transit Map](#).

### Route #901: Serving Waukesha, Goerkes Corners and Brookfield Square

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.waukeshametro.org](http://www.waukeshametro.org))

Morning departures from Waukesha County: 5:15am–9:15am

**Morning arrivals in downtown Milwaukee: 6:04am–9:46am**

**Afternoon departures from downtown Milwaukee: 12:26pm–6:51pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Waukesha County: 12:53pm–6:59pm

**Trip frequency:** 9 inbound morning trips; 10 outbound afternoon weekday trips to Waukesha. In addition, there are multiple reverse commute trips through out the day.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip is 29 minutes; the longest is 56 minutes.

**Fares:** See page 6

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark Route #901 on Wisconsin Avenue at Water Street. Take MCTS Route #57 to MLK Jr. Drive or Cherry Street at Schlitz Park. Or, take the GreenLine and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street and walk one block across the river to Schlitz Park. Or, disembark at Wisconsin Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Then walk one block to Plankinton Avenue to catch MCTS Route #19 to MLK Jr. Drive at Schlitz Park.

### Route #904: Serving Oconomowoc, Okauchee, Nashota, Hartland, Pewaukee and Goerkes Corners

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.waukeshametro.org](http://www.waukeshametro.org))

Morning departures from Waukesha County: 6:05am–6:45am

**Morning arrival in downtown Milwaukee: 7:11am**

**Afternoon departure from downtown Milwaukee: 4:46pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Waukesha County: 5:15pm–5:56pm

**Trip frequency:** 1 morning inbound trip to Milwaukee; 1 outbound afternoon weekday trip returning to Waukesha County. Routes #901, #904 and #905 all serve Goerkes Corners.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip is 26 minutes; the longest is 1 hour and 6 minutes.

**Fares:** See page 6

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark Route #904 on Wisconsin Avenue at Water Street. Take MCTS Route #57 to Cherry Street or MLK Jr. Drive at Schlitz Park. Or, take the GreenLine and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street and walk one block across the river to Schlitz Park. Or, take a Bublr Bike using the station at Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street, traveling north on Water Street and turning left on Cherry Street to the Bublr station at Schlitz Park.

**Route #905:** Serving Oconomowoc, Delafield, Goerkes Corner, and Brookfield Square

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.waukeshametro.org](http://www.waukeshametro.org))

Morning departures from Waukesha County: 6:00am–8:40am

**Morning arrivals in downtown Milwaukee: 6:46am–9:11am**

**Afternoon departures from downtown Milwaukee: 3:56pm–6:51pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Waukesha County: 4:25pm–7:38pm

**Trip frequency:** 5 morning inbound trips to Milwaukee; 6 outbound afternoon weekday trips.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip is 26 minutes; the longest is 1 hour and 9 minutes.

**Fares:** See page 6

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark Route #905 on Wisconsin Avenue at Water Street. Take MCTS Route #57 to Cherry Street or MLK Jr. Drive at Schlitz Park. Or, take the GreenLine and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street and walk one block across the river to Schlitz Park.

**Route #906:** Serving Mukwanago, Big Bend/Muskego and New Berlin

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.waukeshametro.org](http://www.waukeshametro.org))

Morning departures from Waukesha County: 6:00am–7:10am

**Morning arrivals in downtown Milwaukee: 6:42am–7:42am**

**Afternoon departures from downtown Milwaukee: 4:05pm–5:23pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Waukesha County: 4:40pm–6:05pm

**Trip frequency:** 3 morning inbound trips to Milwaukee; 3 outbound afternoon weekday trips.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip is 22 minutes; the longest is 55 minutes.

**Fares:** See page 6

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark Route #906 on Wells Street at Plankinton Avenue or Water Street. Take MCTS Route #19 or #57 to MLK Jr. Drive or Cherry Street. Or, take the GreenLine from Water Street and Wells Street, and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street and walk across the river to Schlitz Park. Or, disembark on Wells Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and walk the half mile to Schlitz Park. Or, take a BublR Bike using the stations at Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street and the station at Schlitz Park.

## Route #79: Serving Menomonee Falls

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.RideMCTS.com](http://www.RideMCTS.com))

Morning departures from Menomonee Falls: 5:46am–8:02am

**Morning arrivals in Milwaukee: 6:37am–8:45am**

**Afternoon departures from Milwaukee: 3:47pm–5:16pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Menomonee Falls: 4:46pm–6:22pm

**Trip frequency:** 5 inbound morning trips to Milwaukee; 4 outbound weekday trips.

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip time is 35 minutes; the longest is 1 hour.

**Fares:** See page 7

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark Route #79 on Wisconsin Avenue at Plankinton Avenue or Water Street. Take MCTS Route #19 or #57 to MLK Jr. Drive or Cherry Street. Or, take the GreenLine and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street and walk one block across the river to Schlitz Park. Or, take a BublR Bike using the stations at Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street and the station at Schlitz Park.

## Fares for Waukesha County Routes 901, 904, 905, and 906

### Eastern Fare Zone:

- All of Route #901; Route #904 east of and including Goerkes Corners
- Route #905 east of and including Meadowbrook Transit Station
- Route #906 east of and including Big Bend Park-Ride

Adult cash	\$3.25
Student cash	\$2.25
Elderly/disabled cash	\$1.60
Commuter Book Fare	10% discount
Transfers from Waukesha Metro	\$2 discount
Transfers from MCTS	\$0.50 discount

### Western Fare Zone:

- Route #904 any on or off west of Goerkes Corners
- Route #905 any on or off west of Meadowbrook Transit Station
- Route #906 any on or off west of Big Bend Park-Ride

Adult cash	\$4.00
Student cash	\$3.00
Elderly/disabled cash	\$2.00
Commuter Book Fare	10% discount
Transfers from MCTS	\$0.50 discount

**Commuter Book Discount:** A commuter book consists of 10 one-way tickets at a 10% discount from the normal adult fare for the 900 series routes. Commuter Books are sold only at Wisconsin Coach Lines Ticket Agent locations.

MCTS Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at WCL and MCTS ticket outlets.

**Route #79 Fares (Menomonee Falls):**

All MCTS fare media are accepted. Visit MCTS for more information [www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes](http://www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes))

Cash (exact fare)	\$3.50
MCTS M•CARD Premium Fare	\$2.35 (Stored value card, store from \$2 - \$100 for use any time)
MCTS M•CARD Weekly Pass	\$24 per week, plus an additional \$.60 per trip
MCTS Monthly Pass	\$85 per month, plus an additional \$.60 per trip

MCTS's Commuter Value Pass is accepted as full fare.

MCTS's Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at retail locations to purchase fare cards.

Not all retail locations sell premium fare cards.

Eligible Senior Citizens (age 65 and over), valid Medicare card holders or persons with disabilities may receive reduced fares. Please see details at link above.

**Amenities:** There are bike racks on all buses.

**Contact Waukesha County Transit:**

262-524-3845

[http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/web/guest/waukeshametro/transit\\_home](http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us/web/guest/waukeshametro/transit_home)

**Contact Milwaukee County Transit:**

414-344-6711

Business Hotline: 414-343-1777

<http://www.ridemcts.com>

### Wisconsin Coach Lines Racine/Kenosha

Serving Kenosha, UW Parkside, Racine, Caledonia, Oak Creek, General Mitchell Airport and the Milwaukee Amtrak/Greyhound station. Service is operated by Wisconsin Coach Lines (WCL).

Stops are located on Michigan Street. See the [Schlitz Park Commuter Transit Map](#).

**Hours of service:** (See schedule at [www.coachusa.com](http://www.coachusa.com))

Morning departures from Racine/Kenosha counties: 5:15am–9:45am

**Morning arrivals in Milwaukee: 6:45am–10:17am**

**Afternoon departures from Milwaukee: 12:08pm–6:23pm**

Afternoon arrivals in Racine/Kenosha counties: 2:00pm–6:50 pm

**Trip frequency:** 7 inbound trips to Milwaukee; 7 outbound return trips each weekday (limited weekend service is also provided on Saturday and Sunday).

**Trip time range:** The shortest trip time is 48 minutes; the longest is 1 hour and 7 minutes.

#### Fares for WCL-Racine/Kenosha:

Cash Fare: \$2.25–\$4.50 The amount depends on distance zone, exact change

Ticket Fare: \$31.50–\$40.50 Ticket strips

A Commuter Book Discount consists of 10 one-way tickets at a 10% discount from the normal adult fare. Discounted senior/disabled and student fares are available.

MCTS Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at WCL ticket outlets for 10-ticket strips.

Commuter Value Passes are not accepted by Wisconsin Coach Lines.

Wisconsin Coach Lines has wheelchair accessible motor coaches. Call WCL 24 hours in advance to ensure accessible service.

**Transfer to MCTS:** Disembark from WCL on Michigan Avenue at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Plankinton Avenue or Water Street. Take MCTS Route #19 or #57 to MLK Jr. Drive or Cherry Street. Or, take the GreenLine from Michigan Avenue and Water Street and disembark at Cherry Street and Water Street, then walk one block across the river to Schlitz Park. Or, walk one block to take a BublR Bike using the stations at Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street and the station at Schlitz Park.

#### Contact Wisconsin Coach Lines:

262-542-8861

[www.wisconsincoach.com](http://www.wisconsincoach.com)



## Additional Alternatives

### RideShare Program

RideShare is a program provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) that matches commuters together in the metro Milwaukee area for carpooling and bicycle commuting.

Rideshare Online allows commuters to quickly find transportation options for carpooling, bike commuting, vanpooling, mass transit and Park & Ride lots based on their specific circumstances. RideShare users need to register and provide pertinent information and then matching information will be provided to them. Program users can select transportation options, change searches, and track financial and environmental savings. Rideshare is mobile friendly.

### WisDOT program for employer-provided ride sharing

WisDOT offers an employer based commuter transportation program that provides the employee with employer-supported commuting alternatives that offer tax savings for both the employer and the employee. Benefits of the program include:

- Qualify for LEED credits and help reach sustainability goals.
- Access to free resources such as the Employer Toolbox, communications tools, environmental and financial savings information and other resources.
- Money contributed toward commuting costs of your employees, within federal guidelines, is a tax-free benefit to your employees and tax-deductible business expense to the company.
- SE Wisconsin employers can receive partial reimbursement for expenses incurred in the Guaranteed Ride Home Program.

### Contact RideShare:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Southeast Region  
262-521-5454  
[www.rideshare.wi.gov](http://www.rideshare.wi.gov)

### Milwaukee Intermodal Station (AMTRAK and Greyhound)

Schlitz park is linked to the AMTRAK/Greyhound station by MCTS Rt.#57. The AMTRAK Hiawatha line runs between Milwaukee and Chicago with stops at the General Mitchell Airport train station; Sturtevant (Hwy. 20 east of I-94, near Racine); Glenview, IL; and downtown Chicago. The Hiawatha trains offer mobile app booking and free WiFi.

### Contact AMTRAK:

[www.amtrakhiawatha.com](http://www.amtrakhiawatha.com)

## Making the Connection from Commuter Bus Stops in Milwaukee to Schlitz Park

Schlitz Park currently has several options for making the connection with the downtown commuter bus stops, including walking, biking, transferring to a Milwaukee County Transit System bus and more.

### Connecting to Schlitz Park on Foot

Walking from commuter bus stops offers several scenic routes along Milwaukee's Riverwalk, Pere Marquette Park and Old World Third Street (which changes to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.) The walk would take from 10–20 minutes, depending on the destination, and which commuter bus stop is the starting point.

### Connecting to Schlitz Park by Bicycle

Biking is often the most time efficient option for reaching Schlitz Park from a commuter bus stop that does not serve Schlitz Park directly because there is no need to wait, as there often is for a bus.

Schlitz Park provides an extensive bike-to-work program including 80 bicycle racks in nearly a dozen locations, weather protected bike parking, facilities for showers/changing, route maps and free tenant bike tune-ups.

All MCTS buses and suburban commuter buses have the capacity to carry bikes, either on a rack (Oz. Co. Express, Route #79 and MCTS buses) or in the luggage compartment (WCL and WCCE). Many suburban Park & Ride lots have bike racks. Ozaukee County Express provides bicycle storage lockers at the Port Washington, Grafton and Cedarburg Park-Ride Lots, as well as the Saukville Wal-Mart.

### NEW! Bublr Bikes – Milwaukee's Bike Sharing System

Schlitz Park now has a Bublr Bike station, located near the bus stop on RiverCenter Drive and Cherry Street. With Bublr Bikes, you're able to take a bike from one Bublr Station, enjoy a quick ride, and return the bike to any Bublr Station that's nearby. A mobile app is available to identify the locations of the Bublr stations and the availability of bikes [bublrbikes.com](http://bublrbikes.com).

**Where:** Commuters can disembark from their commuter bus at the Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street stop and get a Bublr Bike within a few steps. To reach Schlitz Park, bike north on Water Street, and turn left on Cherry Street. See the [Schlitz Park Commuter Transit Map](#).

**Trip Time:** About 6 minutes from Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street.

**Fares:**

- 30 Day Bublr Pass for unlimited 60-minute rides: \$15 (+\$3 for an additional 30 minutes)
- Single ride: \$3 up to 30 minutes (Purchase at the Bublr station. Credit card required.)

**Where to buy:** Online only at [bublrbikes.com](http://bublrbikes.com).

### Connecting to Schlitz Park by Local MCTS Bus:

Three MCTS bus routes connect Schlitz Park to commuters disembarking at bus stops on Wisconsin Avenue, Wells Street, Michigan Avenue and Kilbourn Avenue: **MCTS routes #19, #57 and the GreenLine express bus.**

MCTS buses on these routes run from every 13 minutes to every 30 minutes, depending on the route and the time of day. The bus trip takes 8–13 minutes to Schlitz Park, including the necessary walking time.

Routes #19 and #57 offer bus stops on MLK Jr. Drive and Cherry Street. The GreenLine express bus stop is on Water Street and Cherry Street, a one-block walk to Schlitz Park.

These MCTS routes provide service at transfer points between 4:23am–2:37am

## Fares for Transferring to/from Commuter Buses, MCTS Buses and Local Suburban Transit Systems

MCTS transfers are issued upon request with payment of a cash or ticket fare and are valid for further transportation on any MCTS-operated bus at any stop within the time limit of 1 hour. When using the M•Card, a 90 minute transfer is automatically added to your card when you board the bus. Wisconsin Coach Lines (Waukesha County and Racine/Kenosha counties) transfers are issued upon request at the time of payment of a cash or ticket fare.

### MCTS Fares (See details [www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes/new-fare-system](http://www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes/new-fare-system))

Cash (exact fare)	\$2.25
MCTS M•CARD Premium Fare	\$1.75 (Stored value card, store from \$2 - \$100 for use any time)
MCTS M•CARD Weekly Pass	\$17.50 per week
MCTS Monthly Pass	\$64 per month

Stored Value and Passes can be paid for and loaded onto an M•CARD online, visit RideMCTS.com for more information.

MCTS's Commuter Value Pass is accepted as full fare.

MCTS's Commuter Value Certificates are accepted at retail locations to purchase fare cards.

Not all retail locations sell premium fare cards.

Eligible senior Citizens (age 65 and over), valid Medicare card holders or persons with disabilities may receive reduced fares. Please see details at link above.

### Waukesha County Transit Route #79 Transfers

Transfers from MCTS are honored by Waukesha on the Route #79. Transfers from the Route #79 are honored by MCTS.

MCTS Commuter Value Pass entitles the holder to unlimited rides on MCTS buses, including Ozaukee County Express and the Route #79 serving Menomonee Falls.

### WCCE and Wisconsin Coach Lines Transfers (Waukesha County Transit, and Racine-Kenosha)

A valid WCL transfer will provide a 50¢ discount on a MCTS ticket. Likewise, a valid MCTS transfer will provide a 50¢ fare discount on a Wisconsin Coach Lines bus.

Wisconsin Coach Lines will accept Waukesha Metro Transit transfers, allowing riders to transfer to a Wisconsin Coach Lines bus for \$1.25 plus the transfer. Interline transfers will allow WCL passengers to transfer to a Waukesha Metro Transit bus for no additional fare. Waukesha Metro Transit transfers will not be issued to passengers boarding with a Wisconsin Coach Lines transfer except on Metro routes #1 and #2 at the Goerkes Corners Park & Ride stop.

Racine City Transit (The B.U.S.) will honor Wisconsin Coach Lines transfers with no additional charge for regular fare. Wisconsin Coach Lines will honor Racine City Transit transfer slips as a \$1.00 discount off WCL regular fare. Upon boarding first bus, the passenger should request an interline transfer slip from the driver.

### Contact Milwaukee County Transit:

414-344-6711

Business Hotline: 414-343-1777

<http://www.ridemcts.com>

## Commuter Value Pass and Commuter Value Certificates: An Employer-employee win-win

### Commuter Value Pass

MCTS offers a commuter benefit program for employees at companies who meet the minimum participation requirements of 20 or more employees who are bus riders. The Commuter Value Pass program provides employer and employee tax benefits and reliable transportation at the lowest possible cost.

- Currently the only suburban commuter bus operator that honors the Commuter Value Pass is MCTS, which operates Ozaukee County Express and Waukesha County's Route #79 (Menomonee Falls).
- Participating employees simply show their passes when boarding and receive an unlimited pass good for use on all MCTS services, including Freeway Flyers, festival services and special event shuttles.
- Employees will save at least 25% over the cash prices for commuting by bus five days a week.
- MCTS includes a 14% discount off the pass price for maximum savings with this program. The employee and the employer may share in the cost.
- The employer contribution is a tax-deductible business expense and is tax-free for the employee. The employee cost can be deducted as a pre-tax reduction in wages, resulting in further savings for both employees and employers.
- Employers are billed once per quarter, but employees may join or leave on a monthly basis. MCTS representatives manage the enrollment and produce the passes.

### Commuter Value Certificates (CVC)

MCTS offers the CVC, a voucher that employers can purchase and distribute to employees as a tax-free transit benefit. Each certificate can be exchanged for a weekly pass or strip of regular fare tickets, or can be used toward the purchase of premium/Freeway Flyer tickets or a monthly pass for any MCTS services.

- CVCs can be exchanged for tickets for use on WCCE, Ozaukee County Express, and Wisconsin Coach Lines buses (Waukesha County Transit routes #901, 904, 905, 906, and Wisconsin Coach Lines (Racine/Kenosha).
- Certificates do not expire and can be exchanged at any MCTS retail outlet.
- For federally taxed organizations, certificates are tax deductible as an employee benefit expense.

### Internal Revenue Code "Transit Benefit Program"

The transit tax benefits are provided through the Transit Benefit Program provision of the Internal Revenue Code [26 USC 132(f)], which permits an employer to pay, in full in or part, for an employee's cost of commuting to work using a mode other than a single occupancy vehicle.

This program allows an employer to deduct up to \$130 per month of the contribution made to employees' costs of using transit or vanpool. The program provides a tax benefit to the employer by allowing the costs to be deducted as a business expense, and a tax benefit to the employee by exempting the subsidy as income for tax purposes. The subsidy is considered a "qualified transportation fringe" benefit.

## MCTS Amenities

All MCTS buses have bike racks and are wheel chair accessible.

**MCTS has launched two new major upgrades: Real Time Bus Notification and the M•CARD smart fare cards** in place of cash and paper tickets.

### Real-Time Bus Notification

Individuals are able to know exactly where their bus is—at all times. Passengers can track a bus online, by text, or by smart phone and know when it is predicted to arrive at a bus stop. For more information [RideMCTS.com](http://RideMCTS.com).

### Electronic Fare System and Smart Cards

The MCTS M•CARD is a high tech, affordable and reusable way to pay for bus service.

Once you get an M•CARD you can reload it with 1-, 7- or a 31-day pass or Stored Cash Value of any amount between \$2 and \$100. With the M•CARD you'll never need to worry about having the exact change. Everything you need is on one powerful card!

With [M•CARD Online](#) - riders can check their balance, add money to their M•CARD or even order a new card, all from a computer or smartphone. You can also pick an M•CARD up at more than 90 locations across Milwaukee County.

### Fares under the new electronic fare system:

- MCTS will exchange any remaining paper tickets and passes.
- Cash is still accepted with the new system but you'll save money by using the M•CARD.
- The Commuter Value Pass Program is continuing on the new system.
- 1-Day, 7-day or 31-day passes provide unlimited rides on all MCTS buses. The pass activates the first time it is used and will be good until the end of service on the first, seventh or thirty-first day respectively.
- "Stored Cash Value" on the MCTS M•CARD replaces tickets. A discounted fare is deducted each time a holder boards an MCTS bus, providing a Pay-Per-Use option.
- A transfer is encoded on the card, so no paper transfer or additional fare is needed when transferring to other MCTS buses for the next one and a half hours.
- Riders are able to reload their MCTS M•CARDS, and purchase new MCTS M•CARDS, online at [RideMCTS.com](http://RideMCTS.com), or at select retail outlets.
- Commuter Value Program participants received a new electronic smart card that looks similar to the previous CVP card.

## Additional Options and Resources for Employees to Connect to Schlitz Park

Traditional taxis, as well as new ride sharing models such as app-driven Lyft ([www.lyft.com](http://www.lyft.com)) and Uber ([www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com)) are available options in Milwaukee for use on a regular basis, or as a back up option as the need arises.

RideScout ([www.ridescoutapp.com](http://www.ridescoutapp.com)) is a mobile app that is available in Milwaukee. RideScout aggregates easy-to-use real time information about available transportation options, costs, routes, and travel times for a specific trip at a specific time. The user can then compare the options and determine which one to choose.

## In Conclusion

Schlitz Park is located in a vibrant, highly accessible location that provides suburban commuters with a network of high quality transportation options including bus, biking and walking, as well as WisDOT programs for car pooling and commute-sharing. In addition, new bike sharing and ride sharing mobile app-driven services are now available in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee County Transit's new upgrades to electronic Smart Card Fare System and Real-Time Notification are making transit even easier and more cost effective.

The scenic walk along the RiverWalk, Pere Marquette Park and Old World Third Street makes walking to Schlitz Park from the commuter bus stops a pleasure.

This breadth of transportation programs and services provides Schlitz Park tenants with important workforce attraction and retention benefits, including:

- Low-stress, reliable transportation options to get to work, while using time productively
- Money saving options for commuting
- Tax benefits to the employee and the employer
- High quality walking, biking, and transit opportunities that help to meet daily exercise goals for good physical, cognitive and mental health
- Support for meeting sustainability goals and building visibility as a "good neighbor"

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