



The Green Line Report

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take me to ride from North Carrollton/Frankford to Downtown Dallas?

The entire journey will take about 35 minutes.

Why isn't the Green Line serving the Love Field Airport Terminal directly?

At one time, that was closely considered. In fact, when DART applied for the federal grant that ultimately made the Green Line possible, we included two scenarios – one with a tunnel under Love Field, one without. The tunnel certainly sounded good on its face – but it added \$160 million to the project cost and did not meet the Federal Transit Administration's cost/benefit criteria. DART was advised that with the tunnel, we could expect a "not recommended" rating for the entire Green Line grant request. Therefore, we pursued the alignment along Denton Drive.

What will the fare be?

The fare for the Green Line will be the same as it is on the Red and Blue lines: the standard local fare, which is currently \$1.50 for a single ride (good for up to 90 minutes on the rail system only) and \$3 for a Day Pass. A monthly pass is available for \$50.

Is it true the Green Line will go all the way to Denton?

Not exactly. The northern terminus of the Green Line will be North Carrollton/Frankford Road Station. At Trinity Mills Station, however, riders will be able to board a planned commuter rail line providing service to Denton with stops in Lewisville and Highland Village. This commuter rail *will not be a DART service*, but will be operated by the Denton County Transit Authority (DCTA). The DCTA's stated goal is to have the line up and running by the time the Green Line is operating in its entirety – by December 2010. For more information, you can check out the DCTA's website at www.dcta.net.

A message from the President/Executive Director



As you read this, a crew of workers 2,000 strong is literally "making tracks" to connect communities from the far northwest to the far southeast of the DART Service Area. From Frankford Road in Carrollton, to Farmers Branch, to the corner of Buckner Boulevard and Elam Road in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood, the 28-mile Green Line is poised to take

our region in exciting new directions. Retaining walls are going up, utility lines are being relocated, and concrete is being poured. In fact, our distinctive canopies already are visible at future stations up and down the line.

In the meantime, keep in mind that, with a capital project of this magnitude, some inconveniences are inevitable. The good news is, the construction phase of the Green Line is now entering "countdown" mode, and the first shiny, new stations will be open in less than a year. Our Blue and Red lines were built with a solid commitment to community, and the result is a light rail system in which neighborhoods take a strong sense of ownership. That same commitment is at work as we build the Green Line, and we welcome your questions and suggestions. We're all on this ride together!

Gary C. Thomas
President/Executive Director
DART



Southwestern Medical District/Parkland Station



DART's new Green Line is coming soon to a station near you!

The longest light rail project under way in North America is on track for its initial grand opening in September 2009 – just in time to serve the State Fair of Texas. That first segment will include

- Victory Station
- Baylor Medical Center Station
- Deep Ellum Station
- Fair Park Station
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Station

A little more than a year later – in December 2010 – the rest of the Green Line will open in its entirety.

Green Line Facts at a Glance

- 28 miles
- \$1.8 billion
- Will reduce pollutant emissions by more than 320 tons per year



Street Delays

The following construction areas are ongoing and are likely to create traffic delays for some months to come. For more specific, up-to-date information, contact your DART Community Affairs Representative, attend one of our periodic community meetings in your area, or visit www.DART.org and click on "Construction Alerts."

Harry Hines Blvd. / Market Center area

The stretch of Harry Hines that runs through the Market Center area has been constricted to one lane each way and will remain that way for the foreseeable future. Businesses are still accessible throughout this area; through traffic is advised to use I-35.

Mockingbird Blvd. / Denton Drive area

When the Green Line passes beneath Mockingbird Lane just west of Love Field – between Inwood and Love Field stations – it will ensure timely connections without disrupting traffic on busy Mockingbird Lane. Until then, expect delays at this construction-intensive site at the intersection of Denton Drive. While crews dig the trench over the next several months, traffic flow on Mockingbird will be restricted each way. If you can avoid this intersection, it is recommended that you do so.

Denton Drive between Shorecrest and Webb Chapel Extension

Southbound lanes will be reduced beginning in October and continue until further notice. Southbound Harry Hines Boulevard is recommended as an alternate route.

Denton Drive between Webb Chapel Extension and Storey Lane

Denton Drive will be closed between Webb Chapel Extension and Storey Lane until further notice. Harry Hines Boulevard is recommended as an alternate route.

Denton Drive between Lombardy Lane and Walnut Hill Lane

Relocation of water lines will necessitate closing portions of Denton Drive from Lombardy Lane north to Walnut Hill Lane until further notice. Harry Hines Boulevard is recommended as an alternate route.

Meet your rep!

Your Community Affairs representatives are your "point people" for info on all things DART



Lawrence Meshack

(Senior Manager, Community Affairs)

After teaching in the Dallas Independent School District for more than five years, Lawrence joined DART in 1989. Since 1996, he has managed the agency's Community Affairs team, where he focuses on providing citizens in the DART Service Area with plenty of opportunities to get involved in the DART project. That public input guides Lawrence as he works directly with DART staff on capital projects and bus service changes. He is also closely involved with the DART Safety and Transit Education programs, as well as other community outreach-related projects.

A native Dallasite, Lawrence is an avid fan of his hometown sports teams and is involved with the Boy Scouts of America and other organizations. He can be reached at **214.749.2590**.



Rosa Rosteet

(Community Affairs Representative: Green Line Northwest Corridor, Downtown Dallas – Carrollton)

Rosa has worked at DART for 22 years and has in-depth knowledge of the agency's long-term plans and current projects. Her special expertise is in the Northwest Corridor – the section of the Green Line that extends from downtown Dallas to Northwest Dallas, Farmers Branch and Carrollton. Rosa has been involved in the Green Line since its earliest planning phases. During the course of design and construction, she has conducted scores of community meetings, briefed groups including neighborhood associations and businesses, and met with hundreds of property owners and residents along the construction path. Rosa can be reached at **214.749.2522**.



Willene Watson

(Community Affairs Representative: Green Line Southwest Corridor, Downtown Dallas – Pleasant Grove)

Willene joined DART in 1990 and has been working in Community Affairs since 1994. Her knowledge of the southern Dallas community provides her with unique insight as she works closely with it throughout the planning, design and construction of the Green Line. Willene is versed in all things pertaining to the line's Southeast Corridor, which will begin service to Deep Ellum, Baylor Medical Center, Fair Park and Martin Luther King, Jr. stations next year and extend deep into Pleasant Grove the following year. Willene can be reached at **214.749.2598**.



MLK Station

Get up to speed on rapid transit!

New customers can learn how to ride DART through one of our transit education programs. Geared for grade school students to senior citizens, our programs are fun, interactive and free of charge. They consist of dynamic presentations and on-site tours of commuter and rail trains where you can practice what you learn. You'll get pointers on riding buses and trains, learn a few safety tips and receive an introduction to the area's most popular destinations and attractions. We offer bus tours for seniors to local historical sites, museums and art centers, as well as local entertainment venues such as American Airlines Center, home of the Dallas Mavericks and Stars. To schedule a presentation for your class or senior group, call Jessica Lennon at **214.749.2582**.

Track the Green Line online

Remember, the very latest construction updates can always be found on DART's Web site. Log on to www.dart.org/expansion (English) or www.transportdart.org (Spanish) for the latest information about Green Line construction activities, including street closings and traffic detours.

