The Importance of a Second Light Rail Alignment in Downtown Dallas for North Texas

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is planning for tomorrow, today.

DART is advancing a second light rail alignment through the Dallas Central Business District (CBD), referred to as the D2 Subway. The D2 Subway project will bring value to North Texas, over the short-term and long-term, by sustaining our transit system into the future and ensuring the continued growth and competitiveness of the region. DART is collaborating with stakeholders and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to advance a positive transit solution.

By adding a second light rail alignment through downtown Dallas, the D2 Subway opens up capacity for more trains and enhances access and economic opportunities at four new stations along the line.

Strong regional growth will add 2.5 million jobs and 4 million residents to the DFW region by 2045.
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The second light rail alignment will improve...

System Capacity
D2 Subway will enable DART to enhance service levels on light rail beyond every 15-minutes. The current system constrains DART from adding more trains through downtown.

Operational Flexibility
D2 Subway will provide flexibility to minimize incident disruptions, serve special events, or add new service in response to regional growth patterns.

System Reliability and Quality
D2 Subway will support a reliable, quality system that attracts customers and provides a competitive mobility option for North Texas residents and employees.

Access to New Markets
D2 Subway will provide direct rail service to new markets in downtown Dallas, improving access from around the region including DFW International Airport and Dallas Love Field.

Economic Development
D2 Subway will support continued revitalization efforts, while supporting economic expansion opportunities for the region.

The map to the left demonstrates D2 Subway’s interconnectedness with the region’s multi-modal transit system. The D2 Subway project will sustain the North Texas transit into the future with added capacity, flexibility, reliability and economic development opportunities.