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DART to fun, food and football at the fair

A Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) pass is the ticket to the State Fair of Texas® and "Super Sized Fun" from September 24 to October 17. Details are available at www.DART.org/StateFair.

The fairgrounds are connected to two DART Rail Green Line stations - Fair Park, located on Parry Avenue at the entrance to the fairgrounds, and MLK, Jr., located south of R.B. Cullum Blvd. and convenient to the MLK fairground entrance (Gate 6) and the Cotton Bowl Stadium.

Passengers riding DART Rail and the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to downtown Dallas can transfer easily to the Green Line: Southbound Red and Blue Line passengers transfer at Pearl Station; Northbound Red and Blue Line passengers transfer at Akard Station; and TRE passengers transfer to the Green Line at Victory Station.

Special connections are planned for Saturday, October 2 and Saturday, October 9, and some passengers may use buses to complete their trip. Go to www.DART.org/RedRiverRivalry or www.DART.org/BaylorTexasTech for details.

A Day Pass is the best transit value

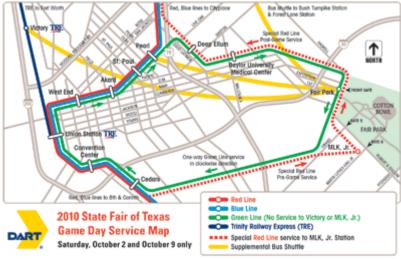
Local Day passes for riders headed to the fair (DART Rail, local bus) will be \$4. Folks riding the TRE from Irving will pay \$5 (\$7 starting October 1) for a System Day Pass. Customers coming from Tarrant County need to purchase a Regional Day Pass for \$7.50 (\$10 starting October 1). The fares are good for trains or buses or both. Passes are available at Ticket Vending Machines located at all DART and TRE stations.

Special Service for College Football Games

Fair highlights this year include three Saturdays of college football in the Cotton Bowl. DART has created special web pages for each game with detailed information about the additional service to help fans plan their trips:

- State Fair Classic, September 25: www.DART.org/StateFairClassic
- Texas Oklahoma, October 2: www.DART.org/RedRiverRivalry
- Baylor Texas Tech, October 9: www.DART.org/BaylorTexasTech





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As game day nears, sign up for service alerts and get the latest information about rail and bus service at www.DART.org/StateFair, or call 214-979-1111. To help accommodate the expected large crowds before and after the games, DART is adding light rail and buses and TRE trains (service varies by event).

No matter which travel option you choose, be sure to allow plenty of travel time so you do not miss a minute of the action. The trip doesn't end with the final whistle, so DART is working with State Fair staff to make the post-game departure and wait smoother. Staff will be on hand to get customers to the fastest areas to board for a return trip. Special service will continue for at least two hours after the game, so there's plenty of time to relax and get that extra corny dog.

Subscribe or follow DART to get the latest information about DART services to the 2010 State Fair of Texas.









President/Executive Director Gary Thomas onboard a DART Rail Green Line train to Fair Park Station.

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Through October 17, **Shrek the Musical** tells the story of a swamp-dwelling ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim the deed to his land. Joined by a wise-cracking donkey, this unlikely hero fights a fearsome dragon, rescues a feisty princess and learns that real friendship and true love aren't only found in fairy tales. Dallas Summer Musicals brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite



ogre to life at the Music Hall at Fair Park during this year's State Fair of Texas.

Information: 214-421-5678 or dallassummermusicals.org.

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Big Tex Express

On Saturdays and Sundays, motorists can ride the free "Big Tex Express" train between auxiliary parking at the fairgrounds to a gate near the Cotton Bowl. The State Fair of Texas offers acres of lighted and secured parking off Haskell west of Dolphin Road -- easily accessible from I-30. Parking is \$15. The service operates continuously from 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. **Note:** The Big Tex Express does not run to Tarrant County.

Discount State Fair of Texas Tickets with a DART Pass

Advance discount State Fair of Texas tickets with a DART Pass are available for \$16 at a participating Kroger. The price includes one-time State Fair® admission and transportation on DART Rail and local buses on date of use.