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**New Rail Service Begins July 1**

**DART Treks to North Dallas, Richardson With Seven New Rail Stations**

DART's light rail expansion shifts into warp speed this summer with the opening of seven new light rail stations - four in North Dallas and three in Richardson.

The July 1 openings are part of one of the largest light rail expansions underway in North America. The seven new stations will extend DART's Red Line by more than nine miles. In Dallas, new rail stops include a new Park Lane Station, Walnut Hill Station, Forest Lane Station and LBJ/Central Station. In Richardson, trains will begin serving Spring Valley Station, Arapaho Center Station and Galatyn Park Station. Richardson will be the first North Texas suburb to welcome DART light rail into its city limits.



**Spring Valley Station**

The expansion is DART's largest since opening its 20-mile light rail starter system in 1996 and 1997. The system will more than double to 44 miles and 34 stations before the end of 2002. On November 18, the Blue Line extends to the new Forest/Jupiter and Downtown Garland stations, followed December 9 with another extension of the Red line to the new Bush Turnpike, Downtown Plano and Parker Road stations.



**Arapaho Center Station**

DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas says the new stations are major assets for the communities they serve. "From the first day on that hot June afternoon in 1996, we've exceeded everyone's expectations in ridership and economic impact. The rail system has permanently changed the region and we know it's going to bring great things to Richardson, Garland and Plano in the months ahead and to Fair Park, South Dallas, Pleasant Grove, Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Irving and Rowlett in the years to come."

Through 2010, the light rail system will be extended to serve Deep Ellum, Fair Park, South Dallas and Pleasant Grove to the southeast, and the new American Airlines Center, Medical/Market Center, Love Field Airport, Farmers Branch, Carrollton, North Irving, Las Colinas Urban Center and DFW International Airport to the northwest.

About 40,000 trips are made on DART Rail each weekday, and more than \$1 billion in private development has taken place along the rail lines. Development projects include new residential and commercial projects around the Cedars, Cityplace, Mockingbird and Kiest stations, as well as several projects in Downtown Dallas. The new Galatyn Park Station in Richardson anchors a 27-acre urban park with a new hotel and the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts.

**Super Saturday Celebration on June 29**

DART celebrates its latest expansion with live music, concessions, face-painting, vendor booths and DART safety presentations Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at two official sites - [Forest Lane Station](#) (Forest Lane at Schroeder Road, east of North Central Expressway) and [Arapaho Center Station](#) (Arapaho Road at Greenville Avenue). DART representatives will hand out passes good for a week of free rides on all trains and buses. Attendees also may register to win a free six-month pass.



**Galatyn Park Station**

The City of Richardson is adding to the festivities by hosting its annual Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival at [Galatyn Park Station](#) on June 29, from noon to midnight. Live bands, entertainment and art are scheduled, followed by the city's Independence Day fireworks show.

### **New stations are unique**

For the first time, DART introduces aerial stations where customers ride elevators or walk up steps to reach the platform. The aerial stations include the new Park Lane, Walnut Hill and Forest Lane stations in Dallas and Spring Valley Station in Richardson. The Arapaho Center Station in Richardson features a pedestrian walkway under Greenville Avenue connecting the Richardson Transit Center, where buses arrive, with the rail station. Each station also has its own unique design theme, developed with the help of residents from surrounding neighborhoods.



**Arapaho Center Station  
Pedestrian Walkway**

To make it easier than ever to ride, bus routes are being modified and new routes introduced on July 1, when DART begins the new rail service. Customers should review the service change brochure, call DART Customer Service (214-979-1111) or visit [DART.org](#) for details about their specific route or to learn new ways to use DART.

Here's a brief rundown of the features at the seven new rail stations:

### **New Park Lane Station**

Location: North of Park Lane, west of Greenville Avenue  
Parking: 1,200 spaces

### **Walnut Hill Station**

Location: Walnut Hill Lane northwest of Presbyterian Hospital  
Parking: No customer parking

### **Forest Lane Station** (replaces North Central Transit Center)

Location: Forest Lane at Schroeder Road, east of North Central Expressway  
Parking: 271 spaces

### **LBJ/Central Station**

Location: South of Interstate 635 at T.I. Boulevard  
Parking: 568 spaces

### **Spring Valley Station**

Location: Spring Valley Road at Lingco Drive, east of North Central Expressway  
Parking: 403 spaces

### **Arapaho Center Station** (Richardson Transit Center)

Location: Arapaho Road at Greenville Avenue  
Parking: 1,100 spaces

### **Galatyn Park Station**

Location: Northbound U.S. 75 (North Central Expressway) frontage road and Lookout Drive  
Parking: No customer parking

### **Bus and Rail Schedule Changes July 1**

DART is changing nearly 70 bus routes and schedules to add trips, add service on evenings and weekends, reduce travel time or make it easier to get to a DART Rail station.

DART also is changing the current downtown circulator Routes 706 and 711 and replacing them with expanded rush hour service on Route 8 and the new M-Line Trolley-Bus connecting the Arts District and West End. At St. Paul Street, the Trolley-Bus connects with the historic M-Line Streetcar (formerly the McKinney Avenue Trolley), which serves McKinney Avenue, Uptown, the new West Village and DART's Cityplace Station.

Schedules for the Red and Blue light rail lines also are being changed with the opening of the new stations. In addition, adjustments are being made to the Trinity Railway Express commuter rail service connecting Dallas and Fort Worth, improving midday service and special event service to Victory Station at the American Airlines Center.

New rail schedules are posted at all DART stations. Comprehensive service change brochures are available on board buses and trains and posted on [www.DART.org](http://www.DART.org). Customers also may request service change brochures by calling DART Customer Service at 214-979-1111.