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## **Modern streetcar creating new link to Downtown Dallas**

Streetcar travel between Oak Cliff and Downtown Dallas is back after a nearly 50 year absence, connecting a historic community via a state-of-the-art electric vehicle and a free ride.

The modern era of Dallas streetcar service resumed April 13 with a 1.6 mile route from downtown's Union Station to Oak Cliff's Methodist Dallas Medical Center. This marks the first phase of Dallas' modern streetcar system. DART is overseeing the city of Dallas project.

"Our track record with DART Light Rail and the Trinity Railway Express gave the city of Dallas confidence that we also could successfully design, build, operate and maintain the Dallas Streetcar," DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas said.



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**Regional collaboration, federal funding critical**

In addition to the city of Dallas and DART, other project partners include the North Central Texas Council of Governments, Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Project development was kick-started by \$26 million in federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grants toward the project.

"Dallas is taking another notable step forward in its efforts to build an efficient, reliable and connected transportation network that helps grow the region's economy and connects hard-working families to jobs and opportunity," said FTA Acting Administrator Therese McMillan. "We're calling on Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill that will make more projects like the Dallas Streetcar a reality."

**Great destinations today, more stops soon**

The starter line traverses the Trinity River corridor, which separates southern Dallas from the city's largest employment centers. Specifically, the project targets commuters in mixed-use districts adjacent to downtown and helps connect them to transportation choices available in the city center.

The second phase, which extends the route to the shopping and dining of Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District, is expected to be completed by early 2016. The third segment, currently in planning, will expand the streetcar line to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center and Omni Dallas Hotel.

Route and schedule information, along with vehicle photos are at [DART.org/DallasStreetcar](http://DART.org/DallasStreetcar)