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DART board to look at new mass transit options in Arlington and downtown Dallas



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Dallas Area Rapid Transit's full board will take its first look Tuesday at finalizing two separate projects to boost mass transportation in downtown Dallas and the city of Arlington.

The first contract before DART's committee-of-the-whole would address two tourist-oriented shuttles linking downtown Dallas to Oak Cliff and the Interstate 35E corridor. The second would outline a commuter bus line between downtown Arlington and the Trinity Railway Express.

Both proposals would be two-year demonstration efforts slated to start in August. And officials have talked about how both projects could spur more permanent mass transit offerings down the road.

"We are trying to prove to ourselves — and others in the city of Arlington — that this is something that will work," Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said of his city's project in February.

The contracts would need the final OK from DART's board at a subsequent board meeting, along with final approval from the projects' various partners. See the jump to learn more about the two projects and to view DART's briefing materials.

Downtown Dallas shuttle

The downtown Dallas shuttle — which would revise two existing bus routes, 21 and 49 — would strengthen connections between downtown landmarks, hotels along I-35E and businesses in Oak Cliff's Bishop Arts District.

The project, which would also eventually link the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority trolley system and the streetcar line being built between downtown and Oak Cliff, would buses that would run every 15 minutes during most service hours.

The shuttles would be funded by several sources: \$400,000 per year from the city of Dallas; \$250,000 per year from Downtown Dallas Inc.; nearly \$260,000 per year from a federal grant; and about \$365,000 from DART.

The service, whose routes can be seen here, has been slated to use DART's fare structure: \$5, for instance, for a day pass. But Kourtny Garrett, a Downtown Dallas Inc. spokeswoman, said her group is talking to DART about a plan to make the shuttles free.

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Arlington commuter bus line

The Arlington commuter bus line, scheduled to start August 19, would link the new College Park district in the city's downtown to the TRE's CentrePort station.

The service — priced at \$700,000 a year to operate, with the money coming from the city, the University of Texas at Arlington and the city's business community — would be an usual step for a city that's repeatedly turned down mass transportation.

Arlington officials have stressed that the bus service isn't a precursor to a citywide system and that they just want to give residents a taste of mass transit.

But city leaders have also expressed interest in someday having passenger rail. And DART recently [updated its policy to require contracting cities to make a preliminary commitment to joining the agency within two years](#).

So one way or another, a long-term decision would have to be made fairly quickly.

The commuter bus service — slated to be a partnership between Arlington, DART and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority — would run about every 30 minutes during peak hours and link to the TRE's schedule.

The route, which would also use DART's fare structure, would include stops only on the route's endpoints. But Arlington could request additional stops if they found a way to cover the extra costs.

Arlington's City Council is expected to vote on the contract in June.

Staff writer Robert Wilonsky contributed to this report.

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