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Dallas Area Rapid Transit customers, airport workers and travelers receive a holiday gift about four months early and under budget, when DART christens its 4.7 mile extension to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Aug. 18.

Fares will remain the same, as will service frequencies, although certain departure and arrival times will change. Customers are encouraged to obtain a new Rail Pocket Guide as both earlier and later trips are being added to accommodate employment shifts. These include five additional weekday morning trains entering service at Fair Park Station, plus a 5:18 a.m. trip originating at Buckner Station, all continuing to DFW Airport Station at Terminal A. Additional information on the new service and DFW Airport Station may be found in a special DFW edition of Rider Insider at [DART.org/dfwairportstation](http://DART.org/dfwairportstation).

DART rail passengers will notice service changes and modifications for testing purposes beginning Aug. 4 in conjunction with the scheduled opening of the Orange Line to DFW Airport. Changes will primarily involve early morning and afternoon adjustments on existing Orange Line service between Belt Line and Parker Road stations plus additional late evening downtown Red and Blue Line trips. Green Line schedules will remain unchanged.

DART will add more trains with more capacity on the red and orange lines as part of its plan to handle increased capacity for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday.

New bus service changes will not occur until Aug. 18, which could affect bus and rail connections during this two-week test period.



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Two bus routes currently feeding into the Orange Line at Belt Line Station will undergo changes on Aug. 18. One will bring service to an emerging commercial and residential area and the other meets a demand for expanded hours of operation.

With the addition of rail into DFW Airport, Route 500 will no longer operate west of Freeport Parkway, but will extend through Freeport to the Cypress Waters section of Dallas, north of Irving. Service will follow Freeport, Esters Road, Royal Lane, Royal Crossing, Regent, Belt Line, Saintsbury, Cypress Waters, Chapel Oaks and Water Mill. Route 500 bus service between Terminal A and CentrePort/DFW Station of the TRE will be discontinued, but TRE passengers will still be able to access airport terminals using the DFW shuttle from CentrePort. Buses on the new Route 500 will continue to operate seven days a week, but frequencies will be adjusted to 30 minutes during rush hours and 40 minutes at other times. Route 509 will be expanded to include Saturday service with a frequency of 60 minutes all day.

To serve a new Oak Cliff area Walmart, select weekday and all weekend trips of Route 466 buses coming from both Buckner Station and Charlton Hospital ends will operate from Ledbetter Drive over Interstate 35 service road, Vistawood and Short Boulevard back to Ledbetter on all trips. There will be a slight schedule adjustment as well.

Detours implemented earlier this year on Routes 12, 26, 405, 568 and 702 will become permanent effective Aug. 18 and there will be minor schedule changes to Routes 26, 36, 63, 110, 164, 183, 206, 234, 278, 346, 347, 409, 475, 510, 534, 702 and 722.

Customers should look for service change brochures and updated route maps and timetables available at most transit centers and on board buses and trains.

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## Local Track Club Qualifies 9 For TAAF Summer Games Of Texas

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Mercury Track Club based in Coppell competed in the TAAF Region 4 track meet last Friday & Saturday to qualify for the 2014 Summer Games of Texas. Nine athletes qualified in 16 events for the state finals next week in College Station. Holly Baggett, Sierra Beal and Alex Abalos all earned regional champion medals with Zach Dicken, Sierra Beal and Payton Kirk qualifying in 3 individual events. Mercury Coppell trains year round to develop young athletes to compete at the top level.

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