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Collin County Transit Service to Launch in Town of Prosper

Town joins McKinney Urban Transit District with service to begin Monday, June 3

LEWISVILLE, TEXAS (May 20, 2019) – [Collin County Transit](#) – a partnership between the City of McKinney, the [McKinney Urban Transit District \(MUTD\)](#) and the [Denton County Transportation Authority \(DCTA\)](#) – is expanding its service footprint and will begin operating in the Town of Prosper effective Monday, June 3. The service consists of a subsidized taxi voucher program that provides efficient transit options for participating MUTD cities including McKinney, Lowry Crossing, Melissa, Princeton, Celina and now the Town of Prosper.

On April 10, the Town of Prosper joined the MUTD which makes transit decisions and manages federal and state transit funding on behalf of the participating cities. Prosper residents will now be able to use MUTD services such as Collin County Transit, which provides on-demand transportation for older adults, individuals with disabilities and low-income residents in its service area.

“We are excited about the partnership with the McKinney Urban Transit District and the Denton County Transportation Authority,” said Prosper Mayor Ray Smith. “The ability to easily get to and from doctors’ offices, pharmacies, grocery stores, and other service-related facilities around town is critically important but is often extremely difficult for some of our residents. This partnership addresses this need in an affordable and convenient manner.”

Collin County Transit operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The service consists of three main programs:

- [Older Adult Program](#) – Must be a resident of one of the member cities and 65 years or older.
- [Individuals with Disabilities Program](#) - Must be a resident of one of the member cities and meet one of the seven criteria.
- [Low Income Transit Subsidy Program](#) – Must be a resident of one of the member cities and have an annual household income (before taxes) at the required program amounts based on the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Trips can be booked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. A variety of taxis operate Collin County Transit, including wheelchair accessible vehicles. A resident of one of the participating cities can [apply for Collin County Transit](#) via email, fax, online, phone or mail and must provide a completed application, signed terms and conditions, and copies of all required documentation. Irving Holdings, DCTA's contractor, operates and manages the taxi voucher program.

Customers pay the fare for the taxi voucher program using a pre-issued taxi debit card that they can load a maximum of \$150 each month (in \$5 increments). The customer contribution will be matched three to one for a total value of up to \$600 maximum per month. Taxi drivers will accept cash and credit card for any additional payments required.

One-way taxi fare is based on the origin and destination requested by the customer. Basic meter rates apply:

- \$2.25 is the boarding fare plus \$1.80 per mile
- There is a traffic delay/waiting time charge of \$.45 per every 1.5 minutes
- Riders may be responsible for any toll charges the trip may require (tolls may be paid using the debit card)

A total of 8,876 trips have been completed with Collin County Transit from inception in June 2017 through February 2019. The program has steadily increased from the first month of service with less than 100 trips to more than 800 trips in February 2019.

"Expanding Collin County Transit service to the Town of Prosper is a great opportunity for DCTA to provide alternative transit options for a fast-growing community," said Raymond Suarez, DCTA CEO.

With Collin County Transit, residents can enjoy the convenience of regular taxi service at a fraction of the cost to get to popular destinations such as grocery stores, senior centers, libraries, Baylor Medical Center, Medical Center of McKinney and more.

For more information, please visit CollinCountyTransit.net.

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About Town of Prosper

The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 25,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time, professionally-managed fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."

About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of nearly 190,000 and serves as the county seat for Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown and cultural district, diverse housing options, a trendy culinary scene, and a uniquely beautiful natural setting with rolling hills and lush trees. The city is home to the top-rated McKinney National Airport and serves as the headquarters to many Fortune 500 companies and a burgeoning set of cutting-edge technology companies. McKinney offers the perfect mix for successful business development: a highly educated workforce, availability of land for expansion, convenient location to the DFW area and a nationally-acclaimed quality of life. To learn more about the City of McKinney, visit www.mckinneytexas.org.

About Denton County Transportation Authority

Formed in 2002 and funded in 2003, the Denton County Transportation Authority has been focused on an aggressive service implementation strategy to address the mobility needs of North Texas residents. The central element of the agency's service plan is the A-train, which connects with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Green Line at Trinity Mills in Carrollton and provides service to five stations within Denton County. In addition to the A-train, DCTA provides Connect Bus service in Denton and Lewisville, Highland Village Connect Shuttle, Denton Enterprise Airport and Lewisville Lakeway On-Demand service, Access service, Frisco Demand-Response service, Collin County Transit service, North Texas Xpress commuter bus service in partnership with Trinity Metro, University of North Texas (UNT) and North Central Texas College (NCTC) Campus Shuttle and vanpool services. The agency carries nearly three million passengers annually system-wide. For more information about DCTA, visit www.RideDCTA.net.