DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT

# OPERATION ACCESS SECURITY INITIATIVE

## 90-DAY DART POLICE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

FALL 2026 LAUNCH






## OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

Operation Access is a new initiative designed to:

- Reestablish a culture of compliance on the DART Rail System.
- Reduce fare evasion.
- Enforce compliance with the DART Code of Conduct.
- Enhance rider safety and security.
- Improve the perception of safety on DART's system.
- Test the impact and challenges associated with fare-gated stations.

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

November 2, 2026 – Advanced security staff deployment
November 16, 2026 – Fencing installation; 90-day demonstration starts




## DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY

- A combination of enforcement teams and physical barriers will manage passenger flow and train access for a 90-day period at two CBD stations: Pearl/Arts District and West End.
- Control points were selected based on incident data and geographic accessibility to ensure coverage of every rail line entering and exiting the Downtown Dallas Central Business District (CBD).
- Boarding teams will conduct fare inspections and Code of Conduct enforcement at high-incident stations that will serve as control points.
- Each team will consist of a DART Police Officer, a Fare Enforcement Officer (FEO), and a Transit Security Officer (TSO).
- At least one DART Police patrol unit will be assigned to each control point station for additional support.
- Additional security personnel will ride trains between the CBD and control point stations.
- The operation will be conducted during peak weekday hours.





## MESSAGING AND STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

- Signage (kiosks, corner markers, windscreens, etc.) and messaging (social media, DART.org, My DART Updates texts and emails, etc.) will help educate and inform riders, stakeholders, and the general public.
- DART has coordinated in advance with key agencies and stakeholders and will continue to do so during the effort.
- Operational and security data – such as end-of-line activity outside of Dallas and migration to other CBD stations – will be captured throughout the initiative, and DART Police will adjust its operations as needed.
- Lessons learned will inform future security initiatives and longer-term investments.




*Riders will be informed of the new initiative via messaging such as this.*

# DEPLOYMENT MAP*




- Silver Line
- Green Line
- Blue Line
- Red Line
- Orange Line
  - Weekdays Peak Only
- ROUTE 5 Love Link
- Regional Zone Fare Zone Boundary (Regional Fares Apply)
- Trinity Railway Express
- TEXRail
- A-train
- Parking Available
- Security Personnel
- Fencing

* **Control Point Stations** with extra fare enforcement staffing may vary during the Operation Access initiative.

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