



DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT Strengthening Our Region, Together



Since 1983, DART and Highland Park have partnered to provide critical mobility services that resulted in economic and education benefits for residents of the Town. DART connects North Texas residents to education through SMU and Highland Park residents with medical support via paratransit service. DART has continued to operate transparently, participating in nearly 20 meetings with Highland Park representatives since July 2022. DART provides secure transit with zero offenses on our system in Highland Park in the last year.

RIDERSHIP & SERVICE



2,085 GoLink riders in Highland Park in Q1-Q3 of FY 2025* (Q4 is unaudited)

- o 99.3% of trips start or end outside of HP
- o Added Love Field Airport connection per town request on September 15, 2025

172 paratransit riders in Q1 – Q3 of FY 2025 (Q4 is unaudited)

- o 99.4% of trips start or end outside of HP

Adjacent SMU/Mockingbird Station supports students, faculty, and special events

Nearly 100% of Highland Park transit trips start or end outside of the town, demonstrating the importance of regional and system connectivity

DART REVENUE SHARING



Since 1989, DART has provided financial contributions to all service area cities via multiple programs.

For Highland Park:

- o 1989-2004 LAP and LAP/CMS: \$34,323
- o 2017-2025 TRIP: \$18,595,744
- o 2023-2024 PTI: \$1,786,000
- o **Total: \$20,416,067**

On October 16, 2025, DART transmitted a Board-approved Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to Highland Park that would disburse \$1.33 million to the City on September 30, 2026, for use on mobility projects consistent with Chapter 452

- o **If accepted, this will bring Highland Park's total financial receipts from DART to \$21,746,067**

Per the Board resolution, disbursement of funds for FY 2027 will follow the same methodology.



Economic Development

Development at Mockingbird Station, scheduled to begin in fall 2025, will transform 16 acres of surface parking into multifamily housing, office and hotel space, and a DART-owned garage.

This summer, the Board unanimously approved a framework for DART to contribute a percentage of its sales tax to tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs) created by our cities to stimulate economic development. A TIRZ is an economic development tool used by cities to reinvest tax revenue in infrastructure and revitalization projects in designated areas. This partnership will help our cities be more competitive in attracting development and new business, while building transit-friendly communities.



SECURITY & CRIME



DART has a comprehensive security strategy, including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments of all facilities, crime prevention messaging, and visible uniformed presence.

DART provides the following staff resources to support safety and security:

- o 225 police officers
- o 76 fare enforcement officers on the rail system
- o 100 contracted, armed transit security officers on the rail system
- o 4 police/Parkland social worker teams on the system to address vulnerable populations and connect them to service
- o Clean teams on trains and at end of line stations

Overall violent crime (Assault, Homicide, Robbery, and Sex Crimes) is down 18% as of October 15, 2025, which is the last full reporting period.

A new Video Management System (VMS) and upcoming capital project will replace 7,700 cameras across fleet and facilities to be monitored through the new consolidated dispatch and command center (CDCC)

Through October 15 this year, the DART Police Department has executed over 800 enforcement initiatives, working in conjunction with member cities and their law enforcement, these actions have resulted in:

- o 18% reduction in violent crime (Assault, Homicide, Robbery, and Sex Crimes),
- o 61% increase in arrests and citations for criminal trespass (loitering),
- o 20% increase in fare evasion citations and arrests,
- o 26% reduction in property crime.

HPs crime report from 1/1/25-10/15/25:

- o No NIBRS Group A offenses or arrests reported (stations, bus stops, vehicles) by DART PD
- o During the same reporting period, Highland Park PD reported 294 NIBRS Group A offenses
- o DART Group A offenses occurring in the Highland Park service area are 0% compared to Highland Park's Group A offenses.



CITY/DART MEETINGS

Value of Transit

- o July 28, 2022 – Kickoff meeting
- o August 2022 – City Manager interview
- o October 21, 2022 – Review of methodology
- o February 2023 – Discussion of draft findings

Strategic Plan

- o September 20, 2023 – Interview with Park Cities city managers (Maples/Corder)
- o November 13, 2023 – Follow-up meeting with Mayor and City Manager to discuss strategic vision
- o May 20, 2024 – Second follow-up with Mayor and City Manager

Area Plan

- o September 21, 2023 – Phase 1 meeting/tour
- o October 23, 2025 – Phase 2 Workshop

City Manager group meetings

(discussed economic development, governance, etc.)

- o September 16, 2024
- o December 9, 2024
- o April 7, 2025
- o May 5, 2025
- o July 11, 2025

Meetings with Mayor, City Manager, and DART Board Chair

- o November 21, 2024
- o January 15, 2025

City Council briefing – February 18, 2025

DART has met with every member city leadership team repeatedly since 2022 to understand their priorities, challenges, and opportunities. Between July 2022 and June 2025, DART met formally with city managers, mayors, and councils more than 130 times.