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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Denton County Transportation Authority to Launch  
Promotional A-train Free Fare Zones**

*New free fare zones along the rail line to go into effect Monday, August 28*

**LEWISVILLE, TX (August 16, 2017)** – On Monday, August 28, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) will launch new promotional “free fare” zones along the A-train commuter rail line. The rail line between the Downtown Denton Transit Center and the MedPark Station, as well as between the Hebron Station and the Trinity Mills Station, will no longer require a paid fare. The area between the MedPark Station and the Hebron Station will be the new DCTA fare enforcement zone where passengers will need to have a local or regional pass to ride.

The new A-train free fare zones is a promotion only and not an official fare change. DCTA fare prices will remain the same where the appropriate fare media is required. The new promotion is a part of DCTA’s ongoing strategic efforts to provide passengers with both local and regional mobility solutions.

“Our goal for the new A-train free fare zone promotion is to encourage people to incorporate the A-train into their everyday commute,” said Jim Cline, DCTA President. “We want to get people where they need to go and recognize that providing more affordable options is a great incentive for residents of the many communities we serve to ride the A-train.”

Listed below are specific rider benefits for the new promotional A-train free fare zones:

- University of North Texas (UNT) students will now have the option to park at MedPark Station and take the Colorado Express shuttle directly to the campus, or ride the A-train to the Downtown Denton Transit Center and board Denton Connect Routes 7 or 8 directly to the campus.
- Riders who want to travel to the Dallas Area Rapid Green (DART) Green Line from DCTA’s Hebron Station now can do so at no cost. Passengers transferring to the DART Green Line will still need to purchase DART local fare.
- People who travel to downtown Denton can utilize this promotion to park at MedPark Station and ride the A-train to get into the downtown area to avoid parking hassles.

For more information about DCTA’s new promotional A-train free fare zones, visit [RideDCTA.net](http://RideDCTA.net).

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**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 Denton County residents. The central element of their Service Plan is the A-train, which connects with DART's 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, Connect Shuttle and Community On-Demand services in Highland Village, Access service, Frisco Demand-Response service, 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](http://www.RideDCTA.net).