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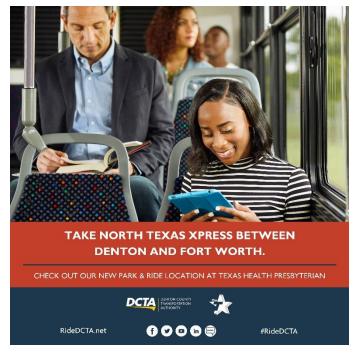
# Denton County Transportation Authority Inks Deal with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton for New North Texas Xpress Park and Ride Location

First Denton Park and Ride location to open Monday, March 6

**LEWISVILLE, TEXAS (March 6, 2017)** – The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has finalized an agreement with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton to open a new park and ride location at the hospital for the North Texas Xpress service. The new Denton Park and Ride location will open to the general public Monday, March 6.

This is the first and only park and ride location in Denton for the North Texas Xpress – a joint commuter bus service provided by DCTA and Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA), which connects Fort Worth, Alliance and Denton Monday through Friday. Updated schedule information for the North Texas Xpress service, including the new Denton Park and Ride location, will be available at RideDCTA.net and fwta.org/ntx.

"Opening a new park and ride location in Denton is a great opportunity for our riders to now seamlessly connect to the North Texas Xpress route," said Jim Cline, DCTA President. "We appreciate the partnership with both Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton and FWTA to help provide a better experience for passengers with this new park and ride option."



The North Texas Xpress has been a successful partnership between DCTA and FWTA since it launched last September 2016 – serving more than 4,000 passengers to date. In addition, both agencies launched

a new stop at Alliance this past January to enhance service options for passengers traveling to and from that community.

"As part of our Transit Master Plan, we are committed to serving more people in more places," said FWTA President/CEO Paul Ballard. "Adding another park and ride option for the North Texas Xpress route will create more opportunity for riders to commute to and from Denton. We look forward to continued growth among students and employees."

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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 <a href="https://www.RideDCTA.net">www.RideDCTA.net</a>.

#### **About Fort Worth Transportation Authority**

Created in 1983, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) provides quality public transportation to meet the mobility needs of the region. Nearly 10 million passenger trips occur annually on buses, vanpools and MITS (Mobility Impaired Transportation Service). The Trinity Railway Express, which is jointly owned and operated with Dallas Area Rapid Transit, provides an additional 2 million passenger trips each year. In late 2018, FWTA will begin TEXRail commuter rail service that will extend from downtown Fort Worth, across northwest Tarrant County, through North Richland Hills and Grapevine, and into Dallas Fort Worth International Airport's Terminal B. For more information about FWTA, visit www.FWTA.org.