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Denton County Transportation Authority Expands Uber Discount Program Zone in Highland Village

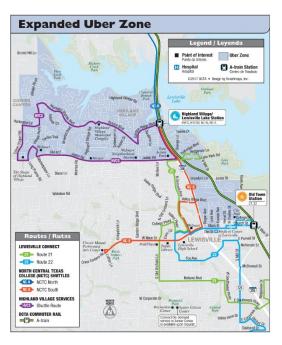
New expanded zone to include medical facilities and employment centers near Medical City Lewisville

LEWISVILLE, TX (May 16, 2017) – The Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) has expanded its Uber partnership in Highland Village by providing discounted trips to new areas in North Lewisville. The expanded zone includes additional medical facilities and employment centers around Medical City Lewisville. It also includes areas east of Interstate 35E that contain additional office and industrial areas not currently served by DCTA's Lewisville Connect Bus routes.

The new Expanded Uber Zone will provide additional mobility options for convenient transfer opportunities to Lewisville Connect Bus routes and the Highland Village/Lewisville Lake A-train station.

DCTA's Uber Discount Program specifics will remain the same, including the \$2 DCTA-sponsored discount for trips that begin and end within the newly defined Expanded Uber Zone. The expanded zone will be active during the same time period as the original Uber Discount Program: Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The Expanded Uber Zone is an added benefit to the community because it will provide more efficient transit options for riders that is greatly needed in the area around Medical City Lewisville," said Jim Cline, DCTA President.



There have been 387 total individual trips taken and 88 unique program riders for the Uber Discount Program from October 2016 through the first week of May 2017.

DCTA welcomes rider feedback via <u>GORequest</u> to optimize the pilot program over time. As the pilot program grows, the agency hopes to expand this service format to other areas within the community.

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.