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DART to offer free rides on Election Day

Central Iowans can use bus services at no charge to get to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) will offer free rides on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but DART will allow anyone to use Local, Express, On Demand and On Call services at no charge throughout its entire service day.

DART's Paratransit Bus Plus riders can reserve a free ride to and from their polling location. These rides must be reserved at least 24 hours in advance by calling DART Customer Service at 515-283-8136.

"We hope offering free rides helps reduce potential barriers for central Iowans to cast their vote on Election Day," said Erin Hockman, Chief External Affairs Officer at DART. "In addition to providing essential bus services that help thousands of central Iowans get to work, stores and appointments every day, DART supports opportunities that promote a quality life for all residents across our region."

How to ride on Election Day

Central Iowans can find their polling location through the [Iowa Secretary of State's Office](#). They can then use the MyDART Trip Planner at www.ridedart.com or the free MyDART app to search which transit options are available to get to their polling location. Google Maps also shows bus routes when selecting the "transit" option while searching for directions.

Learn more about DART's services, find routes that run throughout Greater Des Moines, and plan trips by visiting [DART's website](#).

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is Iowa's largest, and only, regional transit agency, providing service in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services, providing 3.2 million annual rides that connect thousands of people every day to jobs, school, healthcare and other essential destinations. Twelve communities make up DART's service area, where the agency carries out its mission to enrich lives, connect communities and expand opportunities for central Iowans. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at ridedart.com, download the free MyDART app or call 515-283-8100.

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