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DART Oct. 1 service change includes route extensions in Johnston and Altoona
Additional changes detailed below and available at ridedart.com

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is making several service changes on Sunday, Oct. 1, that will impact DART Local Routes 5, 7 and 17, DART Express Routes 91 and 98, the downtown Link Shuttle and the MyDART Text service.

Local Route 17 – Hubbell Ave/Altoona:
 Altoona trips will be extended to serve The Outlets of Des Moines on Bass Pro Drive in Altoona, ensuring employees and shoppers can access the new shopping destination opening later in October.

Local Route 17 will provide weekday bus service every 30 minutes between 6 a.m. and 6:45 p.m., and run hourly service from 6:45 p.m. to 11 p.m. On weekends, the bus will run every 45 minutes. Route 17 will continue to serve the Altoona Walmart but will no longer pull into the store's parking lot. Express Route 99 will continue to pull into the Walmart Parking lot.



17 Hubbell Ave/Altoona
 Monday – Sunday Service
 Effective October 1, 2017

Platform C

- Legend**
- Transfer Point
 - ⊙ DART Central Station
650 Cherry Street
 - ⊙ Park & Ride Lot
 - Direction of Travel
 - Transfer Point



Local Route 5 – Franklin Ave/Johnston:

Local Route 5 will begin traveling further north to serve Johnston City Hall and the Johnston Public Library. This will provide all-day, local service on weekdays from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Earlier this year, DART and the City of Johnston partnered to conduct a survey of DART riders and Johnston residents to get input on possible changes to Express Route 91 and Local Route 5. The survey results supported ending Express Route 91 and adding all-day local service along Route 5.

Beginning Oct. 1, Route 5 will travel north on Merle Hay Road to Morningside Drive, Northglenn Drive and Merle Hay Road. Weekday rush hour service will run every 30 minutes, midday and night service will run every 45 minutes.

Express Route 91 – Merle Hay:

Express Route 91 will be discontinued and replaced by the extension of Local Route 5. DART buses will no longer travel on Pioneer Parkway and bus stops on Pioneer Parkway and Merle Hay Road south of Cummins Parkway will be removed. Local



Route 3 will continue to service bus stops located on University Avenue between Merle Hay Road and 56th Street.

Additional service changes going into effect on Oct. 1, include:

- The Link Shuttle will no longer detour on 9th Street and will return to 7th Street, and will continue to operate on weekdays between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It is free to ride, and runs every 15 minutes.
- The D-Line Downtown Shuttle will return to regular Saturday service hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, after the Downtown Farmers' Market concludes for the season. Through Oct. 28, 2017, the D-Line will continue to operate on Saturdays from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. This shuttle runs every 10 minutes and is free to ride.
- The Express Route 98 will return to traveling on Oralabor Road in Ankeny following a detour for road construction. The temporary stops located on Delaware Avenue near SE Lorenz Drive will be removed. The stops on Oralabor Road near Delaware Avenue (located by Casey's General Store and Walgreens) will be added back into the system. In addition, Route 98 will begin using DMACC Boulevard for all trips through the Ankeny DMACC Campus.
- The number riders text to get real-time information for DART bus stops is changing to 515515. To get the next bus arrival top for a bus stop, riders should text DART and their stop ID # (example: DART0000) to 515515.

The new schedules for these routes are now available on ridedart.com. New schedules will be available on DART buses and at DART Central Station on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime App are now available at ridedart.com.