

# Give Your Input on Possible Bus Service Cuts in Des Moines

Without an increase in local funding, DART will have to make major cuts to bus services over five years.

The City of Des Moines is deciding whether to pay more than it can collect in property taxes to keep DART's existing bus services or make cuts to services. The city can increase its franchise fee — a tax on gas and electric utility bills — by up to 2.5 percent to help fund public transit.

Without an increase in funding from the city, DART will have to cut bus services by up to 40 percent. Service cuts would begin November 2024 and would affect nearly all bus routes in Des Moines.

DART wants to hear how possible cuts to bus services would affect you:

## How to give input

- ▶ **Attend a public meeting.** See dates and locations at [ridedart.com/service-cuts](https://ridedart.com/service-cuts)
- ▶ **Complete an online survey** at [ridedart.com/service-cuts](https://ridedart.com/service-cuts)
- ▶ **Pick up or drop off a paper survey** at the Customer Service window at DART Central Station.

Completed surveys can also be mailed to:

Attn: Customer Service

DART Central Station

620 Cherry St.

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

DART will make every effort to offer support with language, hearing, visual and transportation needs. For help, call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100, option 7, at least 72 hours before a public input meeting.

Anyone who attends a public meeting and completes the survey will receive a free bus pass to use for the entire month of January 2024.

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