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The City of McKinney and Denton County Transportation Authority to Launch Low Income Transit Subsidy Pilot Program

New program to supplement existing Collin County Transit service

McKINNEY, TEXAS (March 12, 2018) – The City of McKinney, the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD), and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) announce the launch of the [Low Income Transit Subsidy Pilot Program \(LITSP\)](#). The LITSP is a supplement to the existing [Collin County Transit services](#). This pilot program helps provide low-income families and individuals with mobility solutions within Collin County. LITSP will launch Monday, April 2, 2018, and end Sunday, March 31, 2019 (based on the availability of funds) and will allow for 100 participants.

The service consists of a subsidized [taxi voucher program](#) that will provide efficient transit options for residents of participating MUTD cities. Irving Holdings, DCTA’s contractor, will operate and manage the LITSP. The taxi service will run Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Trips can be booked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. A variety of taxis will operate the LITSP including wheelchair accessible vehicles.



People must meet the following qualifications to use LITSP:

- Current resident of McKinney, Lowry Crossing, Princeton, Melissa, or Celina
- Have an annual household income (before taxes) that is at or below the amounts listed in the table

Household Number	Annual Income
1	\$12,140
2	\$16,460
3	\$20,780
4	\$25,100
5	\$29,420
6	\$33,740
7	\$38,060
8	\$42,380

Customers will pay the fare for the taxi voucher program using a pre-issued taxi debit card that they can load a maximum of \$100 (in \$5 increments). The customer contribution will be matched three to one for a maximum total value of up to \$400 per month. Taxi drivers will accept cash and credit card for any additional payments required.

A person can [apply for the taxi voucher program](#) via email, fax, phone, mail, and online. Residents must provide a completed application, signed terms and conditions, and copies of all required documentation. Applications, terms and conditions and a list of required documents are available online at collincountytransit.net.

Onsite application workshops for the LITSP will begin Thursday, March 19, 2018. To expedite the process, applicants are encouraged to bring their completed application and copies of the appropriate documentation to the onsite events. The schedule for the onsite application workshops is below:

Monday, March 19, 2018, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Princeton City Hall
123 W. Princeton Drive
Princeton, TX 75407

Friday, March 23, 2018, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Melissa City Hall – Second Floor Community Room
3411 Barker Ave.
Melissa, TX 75454

Monday, March 19, 2018, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lowry Crossing City Hall
1405 S. Bridgefarmer Road
Lowry Crossing, TX

Friday, March 23, 2018, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Celina Council Chambers
112 N. Colorado
Celina, TX 75009

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

McKinney Council Chambers
222. North Tennessee St.
McKinney, TX 75069

For more information, please visit CollinCountyTransit.net or mckinneytexas.org.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of 180,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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 the agency's service plan is the A-train, which connects with the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) 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, Collin County Transit service, North Texas Xpress commuter bus service in partnership with Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA), 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 RideDCTA.net.