

# CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES, MAKING US STRONGER



## DART electric buses are clean, quiet and connected

The DART team is hard at work, ensuring our newest buses are road ready. This winter, our new electric buses will roll out on Local Route 60 – the University Avenue and Ingersoll Loop. DART is grateful to our partner, MidAmerican Energy, for helping us introduce the first fully electric buses to our fleet. These buses are a first of their kind for DART, Greater Des Moines and the entire state of Iowa.



Electric buses are estimated to provide an 18% reduction in total cost of ownership due to lower operating, maintenance and fuel costs. In addition, they are:

- **CLEAN** – each electric bus saves 230,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year...equivalent to planting 5,000 trees!
- **QUIET** – without a combustion engine on board, the buses are 50% quieter than their diesel counterparts.
- **CONNECTED** – with just one charge, each bus can travel up to 230 miles and each seat has a USB port to keep riders connected too.

[Learn more about DART's electric buses](#)

## Free rides for Election Day

DART will once again provide free rides to the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.

- Free rides all day-long on all DART Local and Express Routes, as well as on DART's On Call services.
- Free rides to and from the polls are provided on DART

Paratransit by request. To reserve a ride to the polls, riders should call DART Paratransit at least 24 hours in advance.



Learn more about DART's services and to plan your trip to the polls, visit [ridedart.com/Vote2020](http://ridedart.com/Vote2020).

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## Service update: Nov. 15, 2020

DART is updating its service on Nov. 15. Changes include:

- Extending select daily trips on Local Route 17 to Bondurant and the new Amazon Fulfillment Center.
- Schedule changes for early morning trips on Local Route 4 and Express Route 98.
- Restoring school service to several Local Routes as Des Moines Public School students continue to transition to in-person learning.

View schedules and learn more now: [ridedart.com/November](http://ridedart.com/November)

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## Holiday service alert

DART will not have service on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and will operate Saturday service schedules for all routes on Friday, Nov. 27.

[Click here to learn more about DART's holiday service.](#)



## Maximizing efficiency with the new 30' buses



DART's electric buses aren't the only new buses added to our fleet. This summer, DART introduced several new 30-foot buses into our fleet.

These new buses are slightly smaller than our traditional Fixed Route buses and will be used to serve our shuttle routes more efficiently.

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