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## **DART offers \$1 rides as gas prices and inflation remain near record levels**

April 4 - May 31, drivers can save money using public transit

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is offering a \$1 cash fare on the bus and in the MyDART app beginning Monday, April 4 through May 31. The fare promotion is intended to help central Iowans feeling the squeeze of record-high inflation and gas prices, particularly as more people start heading back to work in the office. The \$1 fare is good for a one-way ride on DART Local, Express and On Call service.

"With gas prices reaching nearly \$4 a gallon and inflation at its highest rate in 40 years, many central Iowans are looking for ways to save," said DART Chief External Affairs Officer Erin Hockman. "Gas, groceries and rent are among the most significant contributors to the rising costs many consumers are grappling with. By making an already affordable means of transportation even more affordable, we hope more people will consider using DART and experiencing first-hand just how much money they can save."

DART offers a variety of services in the central Iowa area. [Local Routes](#) provide rides within and between communities. [Express Routes](#) travel during peak morning and evening commute times between the suburbs and downtown Des Moines. [Regional On Call](#) service is available in Ankeny, Bondurant, Altoona, Grimes, Johnston, Clive, Urbandale, Easter Lake and portions of West Des Moines.

Anyone interested in saving money on gas can plan trips using DART's [trip planner](#) or by selecting the transit icon in Google Maps. Pay your fare using exact change on the bus or by downloading and creating an account in the [MyDART app](#). Real-time arrival and departure information is available in the app or by texting DART and the bus stop ID # (DART0000) to 515515. Visit [ridedart.com/save](#) for more tips about riding DART. The TSA is still requiring masks on public transit and airplanes. Disposable masks will be available on the bus.

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**ABOUT DART**

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is Iowa's largest transit agency and operates a family of transportation services that enriches lives, connects communities and expands opportunities, providing more than 15,000 weekday rides and nearly 4.5 million annual rides to jobs, healthcare, education and a variety of essential destinations throughout 12 member communities in and around Polk County. 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.