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DART riders advised to plan ahead for Monday's parade in downtown Des Moines

DART riders are advised to plan ahead for bus trips through downtown Des Moines during the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Monday. While most bus service will operate normally all day Monday, five routes will be on detoured routes due to road closures along the parade route, possibly causing minor delays.

The majority of DART services will be operating normally, offering event-goers an easy way to get to and from the parade. Those wanting to ride DART to the parade and avoid parking in downtown Des Moines can visit the MyDART Trip Planner at www.ridedart.com; transit directions are also available in Google Maps and Bing Maps.

The five routes being detoured around the parade route include the Downtown D-Line Shuttle, the LINK shuttle, Local Route 16, Local Route 60 and Ankeny Express Route 98. The detours will begin at 9 a.m. and remain in effect as late as 3 p.m. Detailed detour information is available online at www.ridedart.com/detours.cfm. Riders with questions about service on Monday are encouraged to call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100.

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 www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Trip Planner BETA is now available at www.ridedart.com.