



**R2024-116**

# **DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT**

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING | July 16, 2024 | CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH

# BACKGROUND

- ❑ DART is comprised of 13 member cities: Addison, Carrollton, Cockrell Hill, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Highland Park, Irving, Richardson, Rowlett, Plano, and University Park.
- ❑ DART receives half of our sales tax revenue or 1 cent. Farmers Branch contribution is approximately **\$22-23M annually**.
- ❑ FY 2024 - DART estimated 870.8 million dollars in total sales tax revenue.

# CONCERNS

- ❑ Shared concerns among the member cities:
  - ❑ Reliability, quality, and fiscal responsibility
  - ❑ Cleanliness
  - ❑ Safety
- ❑ Farmers Branch contributes **\$22-23 million** annually to the DART system:
  - ❑ Are our taxpayers receiving a value corresponding to their investment? **OR,**
  - ❑ Are we subsidizing the system for other cities?

# ACTION ITEMS



## **RESOLUTION 2024-116**

To support reducing sales and use tax contributions to DART from the existing one-cent to three-quarters of a cent.



## **2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Lobby at the 2025 Legislative Session.

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- ❑ After a reduction is voted on by the DART Board, an election is called in each of the member cities to allow the taxpayers to decide how to reallocate the one-quarter of a cent ( $\frac{1}{4}$  cent) of sales and use tax.
- ❑ If a reduction were to be phased in,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cents could equal roughly \$5-6 million annually for our taxpayers to reinvest in another purpose.

# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

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