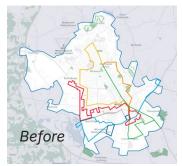


# City of Arlington - Innovative Transportation

Mayor Jim Ross - City of Arlington, TX Bill Symon - Director - Via Transportation

Conference of Mayors June 21, 2025











Riders are low-income, diverse, and rely on us.

- 80% make less than \$50k per year.
- 70% don't own cars.
- 60% use our services to get to work or school.





# The City of Arlington launched a small microtransit program in 2017 that has since expanded 6x to cover the entire city.













# **Arlington On Demand is used by people that need it most**



75% Of riders have a household income below <\$50k



74% Of riders don't have a car



66% Of riders use us to commute





### **ENTERTAINMENT**

# **Taylor Swift becomes 1st** artist to play 3 days at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, sets attendance record

by: Abigail Iones

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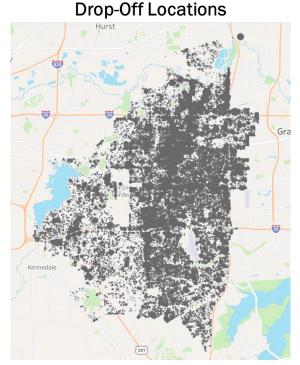




# **Enhanced access to destinations across the entire City** and regional connections

Rides given: 3.1 Million+

Total unique riders: 90,000+









## **Looking ahead: Innovation**

- Arlington Express (Dynamic Direct Route)
- Handitran
- **Exploring EV Grants**







# **Previous materials**



# Via Arlington: Arlington, TX

#### **Problem**

Limited fixed-route transit (one bus line) serving the entire city of 400,000

### Solution

- Replaced limited fixed-route service with a dynamically-routed on-demand service in December 2017
- Expanded every year since launch, now serving the entire city of Arlington
- Included the CentrePort Transit Station through which riders can connect to the Dallas-Fort Worth area and the airport
- Integrated AVs into fleet, allowing riders to book manned or autonomous transit in certain locations

### Solution

- 10x increase in public transit ridership since launch
- Provides connections to 140,000 jobs that were previously only accessible by private vehicle
- 15 min average wait time across a ~100 square mile service zone





Use case Urban mobility



Fleet 74 vans (14 WAVs)





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The convenience of not having to worry about either, how do you get to the bus station, or when you get off the bus, how do you get to where you want to go - it's iust been off the charts."

- Jeff Williams, Former Arlington Mayor

### Case study

# **Arlington On-demand.**

**Service** zone

~100 square miles

50% vithin 30🔙

**Fleet** size

68 vehicles

**Hours of** service

6am - 9pm Weekdays 9am - 9pm Saturdays

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**Riders** 

Commuters, residents, visitors, seniors, students

orhoods.

90%

of riders are repeat riders 550k

rides Served 61%

of riders identify as people of color 4.8

out of 5 average rider rating



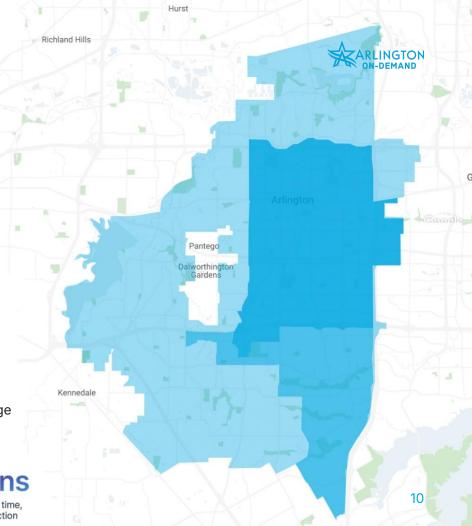
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88% of riders make

< \$50K / year

61% of riders identify as people of color 11 mins

average wait time, a 63% reduction



### Case study

# **Arlington On-demand.**

### Background

Prior to working with Via, the City of Arlington offered the Metro ArlingtonXpress (MAX) fixed route line operated by DART.

### Challenge

While the service operated for four years, with ~300 rides/day, the coverage was limited and offered virtually no connections within the city.

Arlington felt there was a better way to provide transportation to its residents, increase coverage, and felt it was time to try something new and innovative.

