

Trinity Railway Express



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The Best Connection between Dallas and Fort Worth

The Trinity Railway Express (TRE) is a commuter railroad (also called a regional passenger rail) that operates on a 35-mile east-west track with 10 stations between downtown Dallas and downtown Fort Worth. It was the first commuter railroad in the Southwest.

Owners: Jointly owned and operated by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

Ridership: 2.3 million annual passengers
8,300 average daily ridership

Operation: 47 trains, 19 on Saturdays; and additional trains for special events

Schedule Range: Weekday 5 a.m.-11:35 p.m.
Saturday 8:50 a.m.-11:35 p.m.

Type Of Railroad: The TRE is a commuter railroad (or regional railroad). This type of railroad uses electric or diesel locomotive-hauled or self-propelled railroad passenger cars. Its railway is for urban passenger train service consisting of local short distance travel operating between a central city and adjacent suburbs. Commuter rail, unlike light rail, may operate on tracks shared with freight rail. Light rail, generally has lightweight passenger rail cars, operating with only a few cars, on fixed rails in right-of-way that is not separated from traffic for much of the way. They are typically driven electrically with power from an overhead electric line via a trolley or a pantograph.

Train Speed: The TRE railroad corridor is rated for a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour.

TRE Tracks: The 35-mile track is jointly owned by FWTA and DART and controlled by their TRE operation, which allows use of the tracks by short line freight trains as well as Class I railroads, such as Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific. These freight railroads use the tracks to ship freight loads under the dispatch of TRE, primarily at off-peak times.

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TRE RAIL CARS

- 9 Locomotives
- 25 passenger cars, seating an average of 140 passengers each

TRE STATIONS

- T&P Station (Texas & Pacific) - 221 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth 76102
- Fort Worth ITC Station (Intermodal Transportation Center) - 1001 Jones Street (9th and Jones streets), Fort Worth 76102
- Richland Hills Station - 7225 Burns Street, Richland Hills 76118
- Bell Station - 3232 Bell Spur Drive, Hurst 76053
- CentrePort/DFW Airport Station - 14470 Statler Rd. (east of Trinity Boulevard; exit off Highway 360), Fort Worth 76155
- West Irving Station - 4200 Jackson St., Irving 75061
- Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing Station – 201 Rock Island Rd. (east of O'Connor Road), Irving 75061
- Medical/Market Center Station - 1419 Motor St. (Motor Street & Medical Market Drive), Dallas 75207
- Victory Station - American Airlines Center, 2525 Victory Ave., Dallas 75219
- Union Station - 400 S. Houston St., Dallas 75202

TRE HISTORY

1983 - Cities of Fort Worth and Dallas purchase the corridor and track from the trustees of the bankrupt Rock Island Railroad for future use as a passenger rail between the two cities. The track is now jointly owned by FUTA and DART.

December 30, 1996 - TRE begins operation as the first commuter rail in the Southwest. DART begins the first segment of the TRE operation along a 10-mile commuter rail line linking Dallas Union Station, the Medical/Market Center Station, and the South Irving Transit Center. More than 4,000 people rode the first day of operation.

September 16, 2000 - FUTA extends Trinity Railway Express service west to four new stations at West Irving, CentrePort, Bell and Richland Hills. Revenue service begins Sept. 18. More than 5,700 people ride the first day.

December 3, 2001 - Service extends to the Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) and T&P Stations in downtown Fort Worth, completing the TRE system between Dallas and Fort Worth.