

DART Update -- Plano



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Green Line Expansion

- 28-mile Green Line expansion is on schedule for service no later than December 2010.
- Public meeting process for proposed bus changes will begin in February and end with a formal public hearing on March 23, 2010.
- Proposed changes impact 75 % of DART routes.
- Ten bus routes serve Plano. There are two (2) routes with proposed schedule adjustments unrelated to the Green Line. (210, and 452)



Discussion On Senior Transportation

- In 2008 Plano and DART began discussing Senior Transportation concerns including:
 - Special transportation needs for Seniors.
 - What can DART do to help Plano?

Senior Services: The Challenges

- Aging population will grow in size.
- Automobile-dependent land-use of Plano makes traditional transit difficult to use.
- Tight budgetary conditions constrain Plano's program funding.
- More information about available transit options for Plano Senior Citizens is needed.



DART Commitment

- Reconfigure bus network to increase coverage to key origins and destinations likely to serve seniors
- Increase transit education for Seniors Citizens.
- Add more Flex and/or On Call services in Plano.
- Initiate Mobility Management Program to coordinate human service transportation services.
- Review other transportation options and associated funding (taxi voucher)



DART Progress

- Initial Plano bus route changes were implemented in February of 2009.
- A new Plano flex route was started Feb. 2009.
- Transportation education program was implemented and is ongoing.
- DART was awarded a grant to implement Mobility Management in 2009.



What remains to be completed?

- Expand transit service to parts of Plano with limited transit service:
 - NW Plano Park Ride construction planned for 2011.
 - Legacy area services may include express, fixed route, flex route and/or DART On Call.
 - DART On Call and/or Flex Route parts of North Plano.
- Evaluation new transit options like taxi vouchers and Mobility Management for Plano.





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