

DART Board December 2010 report by Loretta Ellerbe

Paid parking at Parker Road: Staff has completed initial solicitation of paid parking vendors to see who is interested in managing the paid parking pilot program. Several firms expressed interest. DART will refine the statement of work and shortly initiate a formal request for proposals. Objective is to start program in summer 2011.

Northwest Park and Ride. 65% of design is complete with plans to complete the design in 2011. DART expects to have the park/ride lot completed by spring 2012. There will be shuttle service to the Legacy area, but the number of buses and routes has yet to be determined.

Budget: With some cost savings at DART and some reworking of the budget, they now feel that we will be able to complete the last section of the Orange line but maybe not until 2014. DART does not expect to have enough funds after completing the Orange to construct the second alignment. To mediate congestion in the downtown area headway times between trains has been extended from 10 minutes to 15 minutes.

The Green Line: The 28 mile long line was completed ahead of schedule and below cost. It opened to the public Monday.

Denton County Transit Authority: DCTA expects to complete the connection to the Green line next spring. They will pay DART \$17 million in 2 annual payments to lease the line and they paid to modify the platform at the connection point. DART Board approved a \$10.00 regional fare between the 2 systems. I voted against it because there had not been any discussion or agreement about a cost recovery or access fee to be paid to DART for them to use our system.

Paratransit: When our current contract expires next year, we are discussing making some changes to this service using a mix of different types of vehicles.