

DART Update

Plano City Council
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DART Project Status

- Status of Non Resident Paid Parking
- Northwest Plano Park & Ride
- Small Bus Transition
- 2012 Service Changes
- Orange-Blue Line Implementation Timeline
- Overall Ridership Status including Red Line
- State Fair relative to Plano
- Cotton Belt



Non Resident Paid Parking Demonstration

- Approved Stations for Non Resident Paid Parking:
 - Parker Road Station in City of Plano
 - N. Carrollton-Frankford Station in City of Carrollton
- Approved Pricing
 - Non Residents --- \$2.00 for Daily Parking
 - Residents --- Free for Daily Parking
 - Non Resident Monthly Reserved ---- \$60
 - Resident Monthly Reserved ---- \$30
- Resident Vehicle Tag Required for Free Parking
- September 27 -- Committee will consider revenue contract with competitively selected Parking Facility Manager
- October 11 --- Board Considers Final Approval of Contract
- Nov-Dec 2011 -- Paid Parking Begins



Northwest Plano Park & Ride

- Location: Communications Parkway just south of Tennyson
- Completion : June 2012
- Service Start Up : July 30, 2012
- Planned Bus Services:
 - Express Service to Dallas
 - Reverse Flow Express from Dallas to Legacy
 - Local Service to Red Line
 - Shuttle Service to Legacy area
 - Bus Connection to Addison
- Planned Facilities
 - 540 Parking Spaces
 - Bus Bays, Bicycle Parking
 - Shelters, Benches



"Right Sizing DART Bus Fleet"

- Converting from 40 foot bus fleet to :
 - 40 foot low floor, CNG --- 37 seats
 - 30 foot low floor, CNG --- 26 seats
 - Sub 30 foot, low floor, CNG -- 17 seats
- 20 % of Bus Fleet will be converted to sub 30 foot buses
 - Advantages:
 - Lower cost operation -- saves \$6 million annually
 - Lighter weight vehicle with less impact to local streets
 - Ability to operate “flex routes”
 - Final Route Assignments determined by November 2011
 - Operational in Dec. 2012

2012 Service Changes

- July 30, 2012
 - NW Plano Park & Ride with Plano Bus Changes
 - Orange Line Revenue Service to Irving Convention Center
 - Related Bus Changes
- Dec 2012
 - Small Bus Conversion
 - Orange Line Revenue Service to Belt Line
 - Blue Line Revenue Service to Rowlett
 - Related Bus Changes
- Community Meetings and Public Hearings Jan-Mar. 2012



DART Ridership- Through July

	Jul-11			Fiscal Year to Date		
	2010	2011	Change	FY 2010	FY 2011	Change
Bus	3,066,530	2,916,050	-4.9%	31,264,059	30,391,140	-2.8%
LRT	1,420,588	1,861,899	31.1%	14,947,954	18,339,052	22.7%
TRE	188,514	184,065	-2.4%	2,093,325	2,044,378	-2.3%
Subtotal	4,675,632	4,962,014	6.1%	48,305,338	50,774,570	5.1%
HOV	4,433,950	3,051,328	-31.2%	41,695,250	42,363,892	1.6%
Paratransit	63,630	62,943	-1.1%	638,913	650,222	1.8%
Vanpool	74,802	81,080	8.4%	770,194	806,658	4.7%
Special Events	3,206	2,472	-22.9%	31,621	49,087	55.2%
Total	9,251,220	8,159,837	-11.8%	91,441,316	94,644,429	3.5%



Texas State Fair Services

- State Fair Operates from September 30 through October 23
- Saturday, October 8th ----- Texas-OU Game
 - Game Starts at 11:00 am
 - Direct Red Line trips to MLK Station at Fair Park
 - 10 minute frequency starting at 6:30 am from Parker Road
 - Regular Red Line service to Westmoreland will also be provided.
 - 10 Minute frequency bus service from George Bush Station
 - Special Ticket Sellers at Parker and Bush Stations
 - Special State Fair alerts on social media and email
 - Special Shuttle Bus to Fair from St. Paul Station
- New Incident Command Center & Tunnel Response Team
- Advice: Go early and consider stations with bus service
- Check DART.ORG for details on all State Fair Services

Cotton Belt Status

- Red Line Interface Options Being Evaluated
 - Cotton Belt To 12th Street
 - Divert Cotton Belt to Bush Turnpike Station
 - Serve Both 12th Street and Bush Station
 - Extend any option to Shiloh Road
- Public Meetings
 - August 11, 2011 (Completed)
 - Winter 2011
- Area Focus Group Meetings
 - July 19, 2011
 - Fall 2011

Questions

