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## **Community leaders to celebrate DART Local Route 5 weekend service**

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is hosting a ribbon cutting in partnership with Johnston Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the addition of weekend service on Local Route 5 Franklin Ave./Johnston.

Principal® Foundation provided funding for DART to begin operating Saturday and Sunday service on Local Route 5 on November 13 as part of DART's service change. This expands access to transit on the weekends, especially in the underserved corridor along Merle Hay Road, including Merle Hay Mall and north to the Johnston Public Library.

The pilot is responsive to feedback DART frequently receives from riders to provide more weekend service, especially to the area served by Local Route 5, a significant retail and high-density thoroughfare.

Media is invited to attend the ribbon cutting, details for the event are as follows:

**When:** Thursday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Rd

**Speakers include:**

Johnston Chamber Representative  
Paula Dierenfeld, Johnston Mayor  
Elizabeth Presutti, DART CEO  
Jo Christine Miles, Principal® Foundation

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