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Commission Names Elizabeth Presutti as New General Manager

Elizabeth Presutti was today named the new General Manager of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority by the DART Commissioners. Her official start date is Friday, July 1.

Presutti, who has more than 12 years of transit industry experience, has been the Chief Development Officer at DART since 2008. In that role, she has been deeply involved in launching many initiatives critical to the future growth of the public transit in Greater Des Moines. Those include the construction of DART Central Station, a new transit center in downtown Des Moines; the implementation of new technologies such as an online trip planner and an automatic-vehicle locator system using GPS; and the development of a long-range transit plan called DART Forward 2035.

“Not only is Elizabeth well qualified for the position, she is the right person for the job at this critical junction for DART,” said Angela Connolly, Polk County Supervisor and Chair of the DART Commission. “She is well known and respected throughout the region, and has an intimate knowledge of all of the major projects at DART. Under Elizabeth’s leadership, we won’t skip a beat in our plans to improve public transit for Greater Des Moines.”

Presutti replaces General Manager Brad Miller, who after five years at DART is taking over as the Chief Executive Officer of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in St. Petersburg, Fla. His last day at DART is Tuesday, June 28.

Presutti said she is humbled by the Commission’s selection. “It is a great honor to be selected for this responsibility,” Presutti said. “There were several great candidates for the job, especially my colleague, Chief Operating Officer Tom Reynolds. I am very pleased that Tom will be staying on with us to help us move forward on the many projects at DART.”

Presutti, 35, lives in downtown Des Moines with her husband, Christ Naumann, a Sales, Inventory and Operations Planning Manager with Ingersoll Rand.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit our website at www.ridedart.com or call 515.283.8100.