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General Manager Brad Miller to Leave DART for Florida Transit Agency

Brad Miller, the first General Manager of the nearly five-year-old Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority, who has led it through great improvements in safety performance and multiple initiatives to update the regional transit system, will leave DART in July. Miller has accepted an offer from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority in Pinellas County (St. Petersburg), Florida, to become its next Chief Executive Officer. Miller's last day at DART is expected to be at the end of June.

DART will begin conducting a national search for a new general manager soon after the regular DART Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 26. Elizabeth Presutti, DART's Chief Development Officer, is expected to be named Interim General Manager to lead the transit authority following Miller's departure.

"DART's accomplished so much in its first five years and Brad was a perfect first leader to get us on track," said Angela Connolly, Polk County Supervisor and Chair of the DART Commission. "He's laid a solid foundation that we can build on for an even better transit system for Greater Des Moines in the future. We are sorry to see him go."

"But I'm happy he's put a great management team in place at DART," Connolly added. "As we keep moving forward with our many great projects like a new transit hub, a new long-range planning document, and technology improvements, I know Elizabeth and the staff will do a great job keeping us going in the right direction."

Miller said leaving Des Moines was a difficult decision for him and his family. "I am incredibly proud of everything the team at DART has accomplished over the past five years," Miller said. "I feel confident that I will be leaving DART in capable hands."

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority operates a transit system with 205 buses on 37 routes in Pinellas County on the Gulf coast of Florida. Ridership exceeded 13.1 million passenger trips in 2010, about three times DART's annual bus ridership.

Miller came to Des Moines in July 2006 just as DART, the state's first regional transit authority, was created out of the former Metropolitan Transit Agency, or MTA. As General Manager, Miller has overseen a staff of more than 250 employees and has been responsible for the 150-plus bus system and approximately 100 vanpools serving nearly 5 million people annually.

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.