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Public Invited to Informational Sessions on Transformation of DART

What: The public is invited to a series of 11 informational sessions in November to learn about the transformation of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART).

Why: A redesigned and expanded network of bus routes will go into effect Friday, November 23. This includes a 13 percent overall increase in service, the launch of two new routes, some routes being rerouted, others having significant schedule changes, and, in a few cases, routes being partially or wholly discontinued. New schedules are now available online at www.ridedart.com.

Also on Friday, November 23, the new DART Central Station at 620 Cherry Street will open to bus traffic. The new station replaces the decades-old Walnut Street Transit Mall as the primary transfer location in downtown Des Moines, as well as the customer service office at 1100 DART Way.

Meetings: Each session will include a presentation on the service changes taking effect in November and on the use of DART Central Station. A group question-and-answer session will be held, followed by a time for people to talk with staff members individually.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., Forest Avenue Library, 1326 Forest Avenue, Des Moines
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., South Side Community Center, 100 Payton Avenue, Des Moines

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Franklin Avenue Library, 5000 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines
- 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., East Side Library, 2559 Hubbell Avenue, Des Moines

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., North Side Library, 3516 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., North Side Community Center, 100 East Euclid Avenue, Des Moines

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., West Des Moines Community Center, 217 5th Street, West Des Moines

Services: Language and transportation services are available at meetings upon request. For requests, please call DART Schedule Information at 515.283.8100.