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DART announces public meeting schedule; solicits community input on future plans for transit

(Des Moines, Iowa – Feb. 17, 2016) – Community members are invited to a series of eight public meetings and three drop-by meetings Feb. 29–March 2, 2016, to give input about future plans for transit in the region.

DART is updating the region’s master plan for public transit, DART Forward 2035. Adopted in 2011, the long-range plan is being updated at this five-year mark to ensure the plan meets the needs of the community’s growing and changing population.

Public meetings will include a short presentation and a comment period. During drop-by meetings, DART staff will be available for an extended time period to gather input on public transit in a timeframe that suits a variety of schedules.

Monday, Feb. 29

Noon–1 p.m., DART Central Station, Multimodal Room, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines
5–6 p.m., Hy-Vee, Community Room, 108 8th St. SW, Altoona
6–7 p.m., DMACC Southridge, Room 20C, 1111 E. Army Post Road, Des Moines

Tuesday, March 1

10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m., Jordan Creek Town Center, 101 Jordan Creek Parkway
(Drop-By Meeting)
5–6 p.m., Pleasant Hill Public Library, Meeting Room, 5151 Maple Drive, Pleasant Hill
6–7 p.m., Ankeny City Hall, 410 W. 1st St., Ankeny

Wednesday, March 2

10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., DART Central Station, Lobby, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines
(Drop-By Meeting)
3–6 p.m., South Suburban YMCA, 401 E. Army Post Road, Des Moines
(Drop By Meeting)
4:30–5:30 p.m., Urbandale Public Library, Meeting Room A/B, 3520 86th St., Urbandale
5–6 p.m., North Side Public Library, Meeting Room, 3516 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines
6–7 p.m., Johnston Library, Meeting Room, 6700 Merle Hay Road, Johnston

Individuals who are unable to attend a meeting and would like to provide feedback are encouraged to take a survey at ridedart.com/dartforward, call 515-283-8100, email dartforward2035@ridedart.com or mail DART Forward 2035 Update, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Free language, visual, hearing services are available at meetings upon request. Transportation services are also available. For requests, please call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100 with as much advanced notice as possible.

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 the website at ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime App are now available at ridedart.com.

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