

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Why:

Meetings:

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Public invited to review DART's proposed 2014 service enhancements

What The public is invited to attend one of five public meetings to learn about the service enhancements being proposed for 2014 by the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART).

The public meetings are designed to provide riders with the opportunity to view and provide feedback on DART's proposed service changes. The proposed service changes include additional frequency on Local Routes 3, 6, 8, 16 and 17; additional trips on Express Routes 92, 93 and 98; and a restructuring of Flex Route 73, which services Urbandale and Windsor Heights. The changes would take effect August 2014 as part of the DART Forward 2035 Plan, a plan for expanding and improving service throughout Greater Des Moines.

Each session will include a presentation on the service recommendations taking effect this year. The presentation will be followed by a group comment session, and time to talk with staff members individually.

Monday, April 14

• 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Ave., Urbandale

Tuesday, April 15

- Noon 1 p.m., DART Central Station, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines
- 5 6 p.m., Urbandale Public Library, 3520 86th St., Urbandale

Thursday, April 17

- 2 3 p.m., DART Central Station, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines
- 5 6 p.m., Ankeny City Hall, 410 W. First St., Ankeny

If you are unable to attend the meetings or would like to provide additional comments, please use the following contact information:

Mail: DART, Attn: DART Forward 2035, 620 Cherry St., Des Moines, IA 50309 Email: dart@ridedart.com, Phone: 515-283-8100, Fax: 515-283-8135

Survey: DART is conducting a survey regarding the proposed changes. The survey will be available at any of the public meetings or online at www.ridedart.com starting Monday, April 14. The survey can also be requested by phone at 515-283-8100.

Free language, visual, hearing services are available at meetings upon request. Transportation services are also available. For requests, please call DART 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 www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Trip Planner BETA is now available at www.ridedart.com.