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Public Invited to Open Houses on Major Service Changes in June

What: The public is invited to a series of 10 open houses this month to get newly completed bus schedules and ask staff questions about the significant service changes that take effect Sunday, June 10. In addition, DART has launched new web pages about all of the 2012 service changes, which can be accessed at www.ridedart.com/june-2012-service-changes.cfm.

Why: The open houses and web pages are designed to help customers transition into some very significant changes to the bus network. DART is implementing in 2012 the Year 1 recommendations of the recently approved DART Forward 2035 Services Plan, which is a plan for expanding service throughout Greater Des Moines. Changes include a 13 percent overall increase in service, some routes being rerouted, others having significant schedule changes, and, in a few cases, routes being partially or wholly discontinued.

Meetings: Each meeting will include a presentation on the finalized service changes taking effect in June, as well as group and individual question-and-answer sessions with DART staff members.

MONDAY, MAY 21

- Noon – 1:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Urbandale Public Library, 3520 86th Street, Urbandale
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Clive Public Library, 1900 NW 114th St., Clive

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Des Moines South Side Library, 1111 Porter Avenue, Des Moines

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road, Johnston
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., West Des Moines Library, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy., West Des Moines

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- Noon – 1:30 p.m., Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines
- 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Ankeny City Hall, 410 W. First St., Ankeny
- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Altoona City Hall, 407 8th St. SE, Altoona

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