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Public Invited to Review DART's 2013 Service Proposal

What: The public is invited to attend one of six public meetings April 15-18 to learn about the 2013 service proposal of the

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART).

Why: The public meetings are designed to provide riders with the opportunity to view and provide feedback on DART's

2013 service proposal. The proposal includes adding night service on two east-side Des Moines routes, expanding night service for all routes later into the evenings, and expanding hours of operation on weekends. These changes are part of the "Year 2" recommendations from the **DART Forward 2035 Service Plan**, a plan for expanding and

improving service throughout Greater Des Moines.

Meetings: 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 15

- Noon 1:30 p.m., DART Central Station, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines
- 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m., Four Mile Community Center, 3711 Easton Boulevard, Des Moines

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- Noon 1:30 p.m., DART Central Station, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines
- 4 p.m. 5:30 p.m., DART Central Station, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

• 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Des Moines South Side Library, 1111 Porter Ave, Des Moines

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

• 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Merle Hay Mall, Mall Tower Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 3850 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines

Unable to attend the meetings or would like to provide additional comments, please use the following contact information:

Mail: DART • DART Forward 2035, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

Email: <u>dart@ridedart.com</u> Phone: 515-283-8100 Fax: 515-283-8135

Online survey will be available for comments April 15 – 28, 2013 at www.ridedart.com

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

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.