



## Draft Financial Plan review

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We believe this method will expedite the overall project schedule through concurrent efforts on design and construction. This fast-tracking approach could also enable DART's contractor to identify, quantify and secure construction materials earlier in the process, potentially locking in the lowest available prices.

We began the solicitation process February 8 when we distributed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The Statement of Qualifications is due from bidders March 24, and we plan to issue a Request for Proposals April 7.

Nearly 300 people attended the latest meeting we held at DART to create opportunities for contractors to learn about the project and meet potential team members. The Board is scheduled to award a design-build contract before the end of 2008.

## Green Line, level boarding and Super Light Rail Vehicles (SLRVs)

Green Line construction is proceeding on schedule and budget for the initial opening to Fair Park in September 2009, just in time for the State Fair of Texas. Over the next four months, more than 2,000 people will be working on the \$1.8 billion, 28-mile project that in 2010 will link Pleasant Grove in far southeast Dallas to northwest corridor employment centers and the cities of Farmers Branch and Carrollton.



In downtown Dallas, we recently completed modifications to raise boarding platforms at St. Paul Station, and we'll begin similar work at Pearl Station on March 7. This is a two-year improvement project to support the introduction of Super Light Rail Vehicles (SLRVs) designed for level boarding. The SLRVs will allow passengers with disabilities – plus people with strollers, bicycles and the like – to step or roll directly onto the trains without using mechanical lifts. The improvements also will enable DART to operate longer, three-car trains through the Dallas CBD.

Between March 7 and April 13, Pearl passengers may use St. Paul Station, two blocks to the west. Shuttle buses will operate every 10 minutes between Pearl and St. Paul stations. Pearl Station is scheduled to reopen April 13.

Follow DART construction and see the latest photos and video of the project at [www.DART.org/constructionupdates](http://www.DART.org/constructionupdates).



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