

Design-Build team selected

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“We’re pleased that the DART Board is moving forward with the design and construction contract for the Orange Line project,” said Irving Mayor Herbert A. Gears. “We’re one step closer to making this project a reality for the entire North Texas region. Through the partnership between DART and the City of Irving, our vision of using the design-build process will serve as an example of how future rail projects can be built on time and in a cost-efficient manner.”



Herbert A. Gears
Irving Mayor



**KIEWIT, STACY AND WITBECK,
REYES, PARSONS**, a Joint Venture

The team impressed us with the scope and depth of their collective experiences in transit projects. In fact, two of the joint venture partners, Kiewit and Parsons, have worked on DART projects. It was equally important for the joint venture to share our commitment to disadvantaged, minority and women-owned (D/M/WBE) businesses. DART established a D/M/WBE goal of 39% and the team will ensure that goal is met. Reyes, a joint venture member, is a certified minority contractor and has worked with Kiewit on Chicago Transit Authority projects.

The Orange Line, along with the Blue Line extension to Rowlett, is part of one of the nation’s most aggressive rail expansion programs. Leading off with the September 2009 opening of the first phase of the Green Line connecting Victory Station with Fair Park, the completion of the Green Line from Pleasant Grove to Farmers Branch and Carrollton in December 2010, and the final Orange Line section to DFW Airport, we’ll more than double our 45-mile light rail system in 2013. And that doesn’t even include the second rail line through Downtown Dallas that is scheduled to get underway in 2014 or the Blue Line extension from Ledbetter Station to UNT Dallas in 2018.

This is a great time to be part of DART.



Rowlett Blue Line contract vote set for January

Review of proposals for the five-mile extension to Rowlett is continuing. The evaluation team, which includes members from DART and Rowlett, briefed the Board in November and again on December 9. Another update is scheduled for January 13 prior to the selection of the winning design-build team by the Board on January 27.

All of these steps keep us on schedule to open the first phase of the Orange Line in December 2011, and the second phase of the Orange Line and the Blue Line extension in December 2012.

Sharing the spirit of the season

Again this year DART employees are reaching out to members of our community who are in particular need during the holidays. Already they have joined with our customers to literally stuff a bus with warm clothes and blankets. Later this month, our DART Police will again put on their stocking caps and load

their sleighs with Christmas cheer as Santa Cops delivering food and toys to hundreds of families. Other employee-based programs include our annual support for the Union Gospel Mission. In recent years, the “Friendly Food Fight” has produced more than 45 tons of food to help families. Board members are

proud of how our employees go the extra mile for our customers and our community, but never more so than this time of year.

I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a great holiday season.

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