Project Overview

The 14-mile, $1.3-billion Orange Line to North Irving/DFW is a critical light rail element of our region’s long-term public transit network. This line will run parallel with the Green Line through downtown Dallas to Bachman Station in Northwest Dallas. From there, it will stretch northwest through the Las Colinas Urban Center to Belt Line Station.

The first section of the Orange Line, (I-1) to Irving Convention Center Station, is scheduled to open in December 2011, followed by section (I-2) to Belt Line Station in December 2012. The third section (I-3) is not currently contracted, but is scheduled to reach Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport by December 2013.

The initial 9.3 miles of the Orange Line to Belt Line Station represents a public investment of $800 million. This project already has attracted some of the country’s largest transit-oriented developments with additional private and municipal investments of $4 billion.

The first 9.3 miles of the Orange Line includes:

- Six stations: University of Dallas, Las Colinas Urban Center, Irving Convention Center, Las Colinas Carpenter Ranch, North Lake College and Belt Line.
- Two deferred stations at Loop 12 and South Las Colinas.
- Parking at three stations: Las Colinas Carpenter Ranch, North Lake College and Belt Line. Plus, a parking connection available at North Irving Transit Center.
- Bus access at each station.

Upcoming Construction Activities

- Utility relocations
- Clearing and grubbing
- Earthwork
- Drainage
- Walls
- Bridge substructure – drill shafts, columns and caps
- Bridge superstructure – girders, deck and overhang formwork
- Station site work
- Lane closures
FAST-TRACKING WITH DESIGN-BUILD

The Orange Line is being developed through a design-build process in which a single entity -- Kiewit, Stacy and Witbeck, Reyes, Parsons (KSWRP) -- is responsible for both design and construction. Design-build projects are more streamlined and can be completed quicker. The construction management technique also provides greater flexibility, as well as enhanced opportunities for creativity and innovation through the ongoing collaboration of design and construction teams.

- March - June 2005 - Public Scoping
- January 2008 – Publish/Distribute DEIS
- February 2008 – Public Hearing for DEIS and Stations
- April 2008 – DART Board Approves Alignment and Stations for Irving I-1 and I-2
- July 2008 – Publish/Distribute Final EIS
- December 2008 – Award Orange Line Design-Build Contract to KSWRP
- January 2009 – Notice to Proceed
- June 2009 – Major Construction Begins on I-1 and I-2
- March 2010 – Design Completion I-1
- September 2010 – Design Completion I-2
- October 2011 – Integrated Testing I-1
- December 2011 – Revenue Service Begins for I-1
- July 2012 – Integrated Testing I-2
- December 2012 – Revenue Service Begins for I-2