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More than 108,000 DART rides during Try Transit Week

Thousands of Greater Des Moines residents tried riding DART last week during the seven-day, free-to-ride Try Transit Week. More than 108,000 rides were given by DART Sunday through Saturday, October 6 to 12. That's a 20 percent increase over the previous week's total of more than 90,000.

"We're thrilled that people responded to the promotion as strongly as they did," DART General Manager Elizabeth Presutti said. "The take-away is that people are interested in checking out the service improvements that have been made in the past year."

DART service has expanded since 2012 to include more routes, to more locations, at more times of the day. DART Central Station opened in November 2012. The MyDART Trip Planner BETA launched earlier this month at www.ridedart.com.

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 the website at www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100.