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DART real-time bus information available on Google Maps; data open to developers

Des Moines, Iowa – Residents and visitors of the Greater Des Moines region can now view real-time DART bus information, service alerts and trip updates on Google Maps.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) has worked with Google to add its real-time data on Google Maps. The real-time information is an addition to DART schedule information initially available on the mapping service.

"Google Maps is an increasingly popular way to plan trips using public transportation," said DART Marketing Director Kirstin Baer-Harding. "Adding DART real-time bus information helps riders know exactly when to be at the bus stop and select the best route they should take to their destination."

To plan a DART trip on Google Maps, simply visit <u>maps.google.com</u> or use the Google Maps app on mobile devices to enter trip details and select the transit icon. Real-time arrival times, delays and alerts will be shown in the trip details.

DART real-time data open to developers

With the release on Google Maps, DART made its real-time bus information available to developers through Google's General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) – realtime format. Developers interested in accessing DART's real-time data can visit ridedart.com and click on "Developer Resources."

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 <u>www.ridedart.com</u> or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime Transit app are now available at <u>www.ridedart.com</u>.

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