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**LBJ/Skillman Station Opens May 6**

**DART Test Trains Traveling White Rock to LBJ/Skillman Corridor**

With just under three months before it opens, DART is conducting train tests along the 3-mile light rail corridor between the new LBJ/Skillman Station and White Rock Station.

The tests will be conducted on an almost daily basis until LBJ/Skillman Station opens Monday, May 6. The tests are evaluating the operation of the new light rail track along the corridor. The first tests will determine if the right amount of electricity is getting to the vehicle as it travels the corridor. Electricity is transmitted to the vehicle through an overhead catenary wire from two electrical substations along the corridor.

Vehicle clearance testing ensures the trains pass safely past poles, over bridges and other obstacles. Engineers also want to make sure each train receives information from signaling systems along the track that help the operator and the train control center communicate. Closer to the opening of LBJ/Skillman Station, train operators will begin driving along the corridor to become familiar with the route, timetable and operating characteristics of the train along the new track.

**Be Safe: Start Looking for Trains**

While fences restrict access to most of the rail corridor, it's important to be aware that the rail line is active, with trains traveling up to 65 miles per hour depending on their location. The two train crossings on the corridor are clearly marked with signs, red flashing lights and crossing arms that come down prior to the train's arrival at the intersection.

Pedestrians, cyclists and motorists also are urged to follow these critical safety precautions:

- Always obey traffic signs and signals
- Never assume you have the right-of-way
- Expect a train on the track at any time
- Never stop or stand on train tracks
- Cross tracks only at marked crosswalks

In preparation for the introduction of trains to the area, DART has conducted a number of safety education programs in schools along the corridor. Additional programs are planned through the remainder of the school year.