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***Next stop, Fair Park!***

## **DART Southeast Corridor construction under way**

A rail expansion that will lead to the doubling of DART's rail network to more than 90 miles is underway southeast of downtown Dallas.

One of the first major construction projects on the new Green Line - which extends 27.7 miles from the Pleasant Grove section of southeast Dallas to Carrollton -- is the demolition of the Deep Ellum tunnel near downtown Dallas. The tunnel, on Good-Latimer Expressway between Swiss and Gaston avenues, has long been viewed as the gateway to the popular art and entertainment district. It is being taken down in stages and filled in over a two-year period, allowing the rail line and Deep Ellum Station to be constructed at grade level in the median of the Good-Latimer. A section of the tunnel commemorating its 1930 construction will be donated to Preservation Dallas. DART also will build a special art project at the station as a reminder of the tunnel's traditional role in the community.

### **Deep Ellum Construction**



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Deep Ellum Station, along with three other Green Line stations, Baylor, Fair Park and MLK, are scheduled to be in service by September 2009, and construction is already underway in the areas around those stations.

When complete in 2010, the Green Line will serve several regional destinations including Deep Ellum, Baylor University Medical Center, Fair Park, Victory Park, the Dallas Market Center, the UT Southwestern Medical District, Love Field Airport, and the cities of Farmers Branch and Carrollton.

A branch known as the Orange Line will extend from the Green Line in northwest Dallas to the Las Colinas Urban Center in North Irving in 2011, and to DFW International Airport by 2013. In addition, DART's Blue Line will be extended from Garland, east to Rowlett in 2012, and south to I-20 in 2018. And a second rail line will open in the Dallas Central Business District in 2013 to accommodate the completed 93-mile system. Altogether, the rail extensions are expected to add 60,000 weekday passenger trips, essentially doubling ridership.

View more information about the Green Line expansion in the [Fall 2006 Inmotion Issue](#).



### **Construction updates available**

DART will post regular updates on rail corridor construction, road closures and community meeting notices to a special web page, [www.DART.org/expansion](http://www.DART.org/expansion). In addition, people interested in tracking the project can have the same information delivered to them by using a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed.

Visit [www.DART.org/RSS](http://www.DART.org/RSS) for details on subscribing to this free service.

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## **DART Rail Expansion Facts**

The seeds of change are being sown as the 45-mile DART Rail System doubles to more than twice its size -- starting with construction of the \$1.7 billion Green Line to the northwest and southeast corridors of the service area.

When complete in 2010, the new 27.7-mile Green Line will serve several important regional destinations, including:

- Deep Ellum arts & entertainment district
- Baylor University Medical Center
- Fair Park
- Victory Park
- Dallas Market Center
- UT Southwestern Medical District
- Love Field Airport
- The city of Farmers Branch
- The city of Carrollton

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## **CURRENT DART RAIL FACTS**

» **Currently operating:** 45 miles, 35 stations (service opened June 14, 1996)

- **Starter System construction budget:** \$860 million

- **North Central, Northeast construction budget:** \$1.011 billion
- **Weekday Average Ridership (light rail):** 63,753 (July 2006)
- » **Northwest/Southeast (Green Line) expansion:** 27.7 miles, 20 stations
- **Construction budget:** \$1.67 billion
- » **Northwest Corridor (Orange Line) expansion:** 14 miles, 7 stations
- » **Northeast Corridor (Blue Line) expansion:** 4.5 miles, 1 station

### **SOUTHEAST CORRIDOR (GREEN LINE) EXPANSION**

10.1 miles, Pearl Station to Buckner Station; 8 stations

#### **Pearl Station to MLK Station (2.7 miles)**

**Opens:** September 2009

**Stations:** Deep Ellum Station  
 Baylor Station  
 Fair Park Station  
 MLK Station

#### **MLK Station to Buckner Station (7.4 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2010

**Stations:** Hatcher Station  
 Lawnview Station  
 Lake June Station  
 Buckner Station

### **NORTHWEST CORRIDOR (GREEN LINE) EXPANSION**

17.6 miles, West End Station (Dallas) to Frankford Station (Carrollton); 12 stations

#### **West End Station to Victory Station (1.2 miles)**

**Opened:** November 12, 2004 (special event service only)  
 September 2009 (daily service)

**Stations:** Victory Station

#### **Victory Station to Inwood Station (2.8 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2010

**Stations:** Market Center Station  
Southwestern Medical/Parkland Station  
Inwood Station

**Inwood Station to Bachman Station (Northwest Highway) (3.2 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2010  
**Stations:** Love Field Station  
Bachman Station

**Bachman Station to Farmers Branch Station (4.9 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2010  
**Stations:** Walnut Hill/Denton Station  
Royal Lane Station  
Farmers Branch Station

**Farmers Branch Station to North Carrollton/Frankford Station (5.5 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2010  
**Stations:** Downtown Carrollton Station  
Trinity Mills Station  
North Carrollton/Frankford Station

**NORTHWEST CORRIDOR (ORANGE LINE) EXPANSION**

14 miles, Bachman Station (Dallas) to DFW Airport; 7 stations

**Bachman Station to Las Colinas Urban Center (5.1 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2011

**Las Colinas Urban Center to Belt Line Rd. (4.1 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2012

**Belt Line Rd. to DFW Airport (4.8 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2013

**NORTHEAST CORRIDOR (BLUE LINE) EXPANSION**

4.5 miles, Downtown Garland to Downtown Rowlett; 1 station

**Downtown Garland Station to Downtown Rowlett Station (4.5 miles)**

**Opens:** December 2012  
**Stations:** Downtown Rowlett Station

*Updated rail expansion maps can be downloaded in a high-resolution format*

at [www.DART.org/newsphotos](http://www.DART.org/newsphotos). A schedule of projected opening dates is available  
at [www.DART.org/expansion](http://www.DART.org/expansion).