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**28 miles, 20 stations**

## **DART sets date for **Green Line** completion**

December 6, 2010 is the date for completion of the final sections of the **Green Line** light rail project. Two sections, from MLK, Jr. Station near Fair Park south to Buckner Station in Pleasant Grove and from Victory Station northwest to North Carrollton, will open completing the 20 station, 28 mile, \$1.8 billion project.

The first part of the Green Line, from Pearl Station to MLK, Jr., along with daily service to Victory Station, opened September 14, 2009. Work began on the Green Line in fall 2006, following the receipt of a \$700 million Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration. At its peak, construction of the Green Line, the longest light rail project under construction in North America, produced more than 2,200 construction jobs.



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**Gary Thomas, DART President/Executive Director, and William Velasco, DART Board Chair, were joined by Mayor Tim O'Hare of Farmers Branch, Carrollton City Manager Leonard Martin and Mayor Tom Leppert of Dallas at a media briefing for the new Green Line at the new Bachman Station on April 29, 2010.**



**Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director of DART, announces the December 6, 2010 opening date for entire Green Line during a briefing at the new Bachman Station on Thursday, April 29, as William Velasco, DART Board Chair, Tim O'Hare, Mayor of Farmers Branch, Leonard Martin, Carrollton City Manager, and Tom Leppert, Mayor of Dallas, look on.**

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### **New destinations on track**

The section from Fair Park to Pleasant Grove includes four stations: Hatcher, Lawnview, Lake June and Buckner. A featured stop will be the 6,000 acre Great Trinity Forest near Lawnview Station. The largest urban hardwood forest in the United States is also home to the Trinity River Audubon Center, which has nature trails and hands-on exhibits.

Popular destinations along the 11 stations north of Victory Station include the Market Center and Medical Districts, a Love Field Airport connection from Inwood Station, and Farmers Branch and Carrollton. Bachman Station is also the junction for the [Orange Line](#) which will connect Irving and Las Colinas by 2012. The Denton County Transit Authority's A-Train is scheduled to connect to the Green Line at Trinity Mills Station in Carrollton in December.

### **DART Rail keeps growing**

In addition to the Green Line, DART will open [Lake Highlands Station](#) on the Blue Line between White Rock and LBJ/Skillman stations in December. Work also continues on a [Blue Line](#) extension from Downtown Garland to Downtown Rowlett. That section will open by December 2012.

According to American Public Transportation Association data DART is responsible for more than 25 percent of all light rail construction in North America. DART's current expansion programs will grow the DART Rail System to more than 85 miles by 2012. Altogether, the rail extensions are expected to add 60,000 weekday passenger trips, essentially doubling ridership on the DART Rail System by 2030.