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Partnership Pays Off

DART opens green space with Pearl Street Connector



Officials with DART, the city of Dallas, the federal government and the downtown Dallas business community today celebrated a partnership that turned a 300-foot parking lot into a new green space in downtown Dallas.

"In the Pearl Street Connector, we have an excellent example of how everybody benefits when we all pull together," said DART Chairman of the Board Jesse Oliver at a ribbon-cutting to open the project. "Now downtown Dallas is a little greener and more inviting."

"Projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Livable Communities program are designed to improve personal mobility, transportation system performance and the quality of life," added Oliver. "Certainly, this handsome, user-friendly Pearl Street Connector qualifies."



A \$457,000 Federal Transit Authority Livable Communities grant enabled DART to transform a parking lot between its Pearl Rail Station and its East Bus Transfer Center into a downtown oasis, with a curving walkway, 50 native Texas trees, grass berms and seating.

The ceremony included Dallas City Councilwoman Veletta Forsythe Lill, FTA Regional Administrator Lee Waddleton and Martin Cox, Chairman of the Central Dallas Association. "This project demonstrates how DART stays on the cutting edge of public transportation, making the experience more convenient, safe and enjoyable," Waddleton said.