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Expanded DART service begins Sunday

Residents of Greater Des Moines will have more options for public transit beginning Sunday, August 18.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is adding service to the redesigned and expanded network of bus routes that went into effect in November 2012 as part of the DART Forward 2035 Transit Services Plan. The following expansions and changes will be made effective Sunday:

- **NEW ROUTE –** A new Merle Hay Crosstown Route 51 will begin operating Mondays through Fridays between downtown Des Moines and Merle Hay Mall.

- **MORE FREQUENT SERVICE –** Additional trips will be added to Route 11, Route 60 and Altoona Express Route 99.

- **NEW NIGHT SERVICES –** Two routes serving Des Moines' east side and Altoona will be added to the lineup of night services. The Des Moines On Call, which was designed to serve that area at night, will be retired as a result.

- **LATER WEEKDAY HOURS –** Weekday night service will be extended by one hour Mondays through Fridays to approximately 11:30 p.m.

- **EARLIER AND LATER WEEKEND HOURS –** Saturday service will be extended one hour earlier and five hours later, while Sunday service will be extended one hour later.

Additional information is available at www.ridedart.com/servicechanges-aug2013, or by calling 515-283-8100 or emailing dart@ridedart.com.

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 www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100.