



# Board Chair Report

A performance update from your regional transit agency

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DART Chairman  
of the Board

## Orange Line on track for stimulus funds

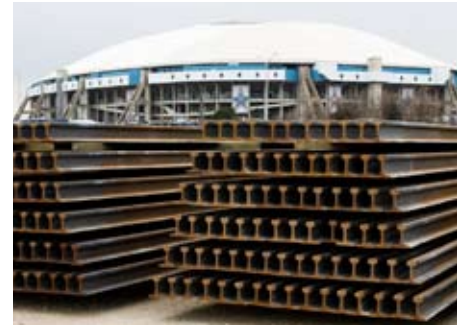
*A special message from Randall D. Chrisman*

**D**ART is among the first transit agencies in the nation being considered for federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). I am pleased to report we are programmed to receive more than \$61 million.

Following a final review, we anticipate receiving the funds this spring. The largest group of

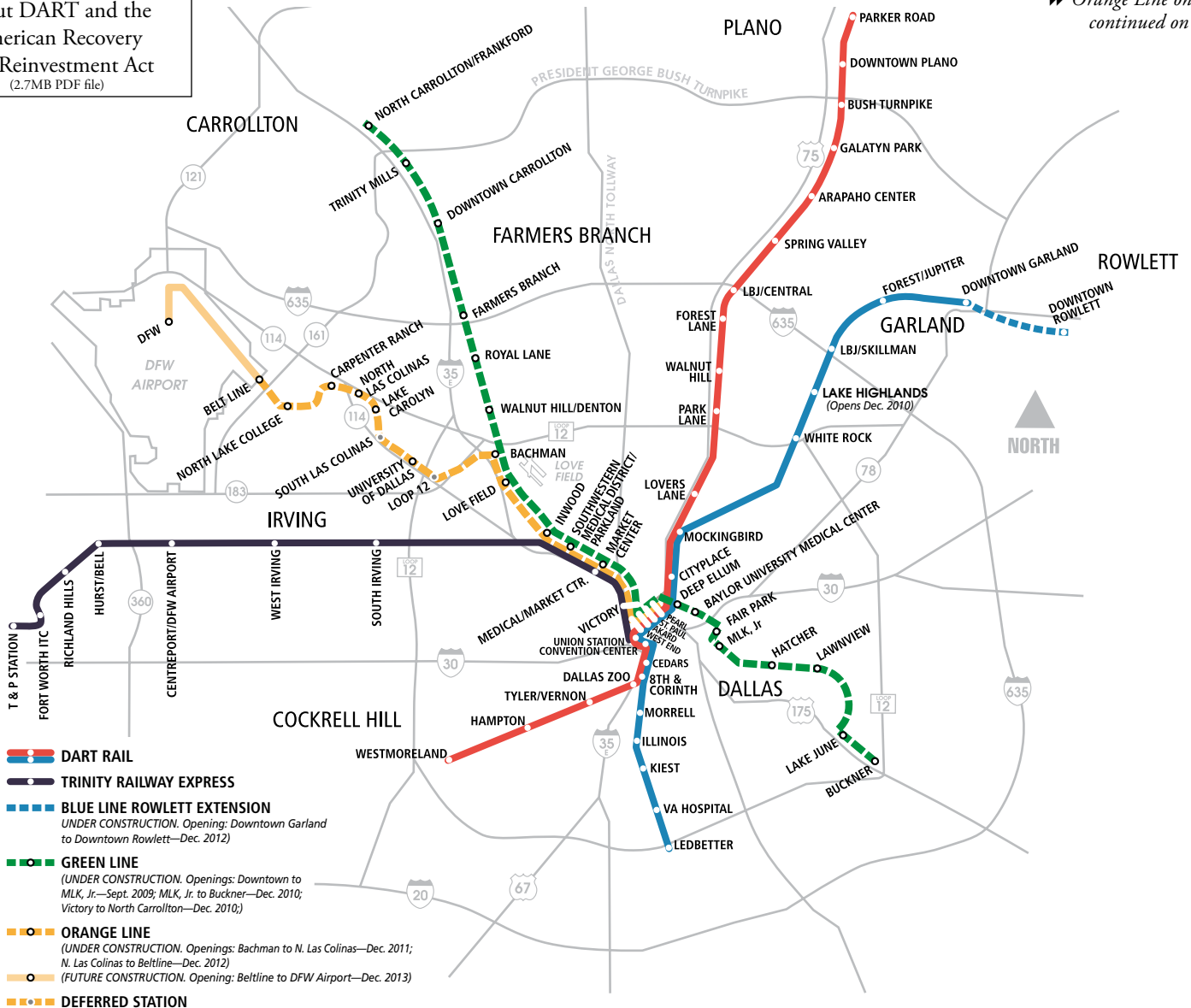
funds (\$61,241,167) will be used to fund a portion of the design and construction of the first two sections of the light rail Orange Line to Irving. This 9.3-mile line runs from Bachman Station on the Green Line to Belt Line Road and Valley View Lane on DFW Airport property in the City of Irving. DART awarded the design-build contract to the Kiewit, Stacy and Witbeck, Reyes, Parsons joint venture.

I'm pleased to report the team is already hard at work and we have secured the steel for the line.



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## Orange Line on track

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These sections of the Orange line will be double tracked and have six initial stations. It will travel from Bachman Station to stations at the University of Dallas, Lake Carolyn, North Las Colinas, Carpenter Ranch and North Lake College before reaching DFW Airport property. The first phase of the project, from Bachman Station to the Las Colinas Urban Center, is scheduled for completion in December 2011. The second phase, from Las Colinas to Belt Line, is scheduled to open one year later. A third section, from Belt Line to the DFW Airport terminals, is scheduled to open in December 2013. This project is still in the planning phase.

## Current bus, rail customers benefit too

The ARRA grant will also provide an additional \$600,000 in funding for transit enhancements (parking, signage, landscaping, pedestrian access, and walkways) at the Glenn Heights Park and Ride and at some of our existing light rail stations and stations on the northernmost section of the Green Line.

We also received more than \$300,000 to apply toward the purchase of new mobile radios for our light rail vehicles. This is part of a larger, integrated radio system project that will provide seamless interface among all DART modes as well as the operations and maintenance teams. This investment will also result in approved interagency cooperation and communication among DART and member city first responders.

## Next stop: Fair Park and South Dallas! Green Line opening set for September 14

More than 2,200 daily workers are keeping the Green Line on schedule. Phase One, from downtown Dallas to Deep Ellum, Baylor University Medical Center, Fair Park and the MLK Station in South Dallas is on target to open for business Monday, September 14. The rest of the 28-mile Green Line, the longest project of its kind under construction in North America, is scheduled to open in December 2010 with service from Pleasant Grove to Carrollton.



We are transforming the area, so if you haven't looked at the construction lately, you should. It's very impressive to see what's been done in just under three years since we started construction. You can see the changes along the corridor on an almost daily basis.

## Ridership rises in February

In spite of still-low gasoline prices and growing unemployment, we experienced gains in average weekday ridership in all modes. Here's how February 2009 compares with February 2008.

MODE	% INCREASE
<b>DART Bus</b>	<b>150,506 up 3.5%</b>
<b>DART Rail</b>	<b>65,022 up 5%</b>
<b>Trinity Railway Express</b>	<b>10,034 up 13.1%</b>
<b>HOV Lanes</b>	<b>149,270 up 1.5%</b>

DART remains a great value regardless of the price of gasoline. We're excited by the continued ridership gains and the progress we're making in delivering more service to more people.

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