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## **Public Invited to Ceremonies at DART Central Station**

A pair of celebrations has been scheduled at the new DART Central Station at 620 Cherry Street in downtown Des Moines.

**2 p.m. Tuesday, October 23** – A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held under the bus canopies. The ceremony will include speeches by local, state and federal officials; the cutting of the ribbon; and a reception. The public is welcome to attend.

**2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, October 28** – A public open house will give community members a chance to take self-guided tours of the facility before it is put into operation. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and point out station features.

The station will open in phases in November. The customer-service window and administrative offices will open Monday, November 12. The buses will begin operating out of the station Friday, November 23.

The new \$21 million station is the most visible component of a wider transformation of the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority. In addition to the new station, DART is launching a redesigned network of bus routes that expands service by 13 percent.

More details about the opening of the station and the changes to the bus network are available online at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com).