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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DART Suspends Bus Service until 11:45 a.m.**

Bus service has been suspended through 11:45 a.m. this morning by the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority.

The unusually high amounts of snowfall and downed power lines are hampering efforts to clear major streets, presenting a very difficult environment in which operate service safely.

DART plans to resume service on local routes at 11:45 a.m. out of DART Central Station. Express routes will be suspended all day.

The suspension of service is rare, having occurred only two times prior in the past two decades -- once for the flood of 1993 and a second time during a 2009 blizzard.

DART will provide ongoing updates throughout the day. Please check [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com) for the latest information.

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](http://www.ridedart.com) or call 515-283-8100.