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MEDIA ADVISORY

Hillary Clinton to tour LEED Platinum Certified DART Central Station on Monday, July 27

DES MOINES, IOWA— On Monday, July 27, 2015, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will tour LEED Platinum Certified DART Central Station, followed by comments to the press.

“We are proud of DART Central Station’s environmentally sustainable site development and construction and look forward to sharing highlights of the building with Hillary Clinton,” stated Elizabeth Presutti, DART General Manager. “We are always open to sharing our experiences in public transit, including our efforts in the area of energy efficiency, with community, business and political leaders.”

Instructions for Media

This event is not open to the public and there will be limited access to the news media. If you would like to inquire about coverage or any opportunities, please contact the Hillary for Iowa communications office at iapress@hillaryclinton.com.

After the event is over, DART would be happy to provide media tours of the facility between 11 a.m. and noon. Please contact Amanda Wanke, Chief Engagement and Communications Director at DART, at 515-360-2125 or awanke@ridedart.com if interested in a tour.

Background on DART Central Station

DART Central Station has been certified LEED Platinum, the highest certification of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council. DART Central Station achieved this certification through sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Highlights include:

- 24 percent of construction materials were recycled;
- 28 percent of the materials were manufactured regionally;
- 70 geothermal wells help with heating and cooling;
- 86,498 kilowatt hours of energy have been generated since opening by rooftop photovoltaic panels, a savings of 515,840 pounds of carbon dioxide;
- 2.8 million gallons of rainwater have been captured, cleaned and reused in place of potable water since opening for tasks such as washing bus platforms—nearly 50 percent of total water used.

The station opened in November 2012 at 620 Cherry Street in downtown Des Moines. The station features many amenities including climate-controlled waiting areas, covered loading platforms, a bicycle storage room and Java Joe’s CoffeeHouse.

DART Central Station is the work of many people and firms. Substance Architecture led the design team and The Weitz Company led the construction team, with contributions from numerous local companies.

DART: By the numbers

- There were 4.7 million rides on DART vehicles in Fiscal Year 2014.
- DART has 14 local routes, 8 express routes, 94 rideshare vanpools, 5 on-call service vehicles, 2 crosstown routes, 2 flex routes, 2 shuttles, county contracted Paratransit service and ADA-complementary Paratransit Service.
- DART has just over 270 employees, including nearly 190 operators, 50 maintenance staff and 40 administrative staff.

- DART consists of 19 member governments: Alleman, Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines, Elkhart, Granger, Grimes, Johnston, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Polk County, Runnells, Urbandale, West Des Moines, Windsor Heights.

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