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DCTA to Celebrate Exceeding One Million A-train Passengers

Lewisville, Texas – On Wednesday, September 25, the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) will celebrate exceeding one million A-train passengers since the Agency launched A-train commuter rail service on June 18, 2011.

Since the launch of the A-train, ridership has continued to grow and has just recently exceeded one million passengers. In fiscal year 2012, the first full year of operation, the A-train carried 387,478 passengers. With the implementation of midday service and other schedule improvements since the launch of service, ridership is projected to exceed 500,000 this fiscal year. In total, the A-train has carried 1,006,397 passengers (*as of 9/22/2013*) in less than 28 months of operation.

“Over the past year, we’ve fully implemented the new Stadler GTW vehicles and implemented several improvements to the A-train schedule. These recent operational improvements combined with the increase in demand for an I-35E commute alternative, A-train ridership has steadily increased,” expressed Dee Leggett, chief operations officer. “We expect to easily exceed 500,000 passengers in fiscal year 2014.”

DCTA staff will celebrate exceeding one million passengers onboard the late afternoon A-train trips and will greet passengers with goody bags. In addition to the onboard celebration, DCTA will also host a media event at the Euline Brock Downtown Denton Transit Center where members of the DCTA executive team will greet and thank passengers as they disembark train #5946 arriving in downtown Denton at 6:06 p.m.

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ABOUT DCTA

Formed in 2002 and funded in 2003, the Denton County Transportation Authority has been focused on an aggressive service implementation strategy to address the mobility needs of Denton County residents. The central element of their Service Plan is the A-train, which connects with DART’s Green Line at Trinity Mills in Carrollton and provides service to five stations within Denton County. In addition to the A-train, the DCTA provides bus service in the cities of Lewisville, Denton and Highland Village. The Agency carries nearly 3 million passengers annually system-wide. For more information about the A-train and DCTA, visit DCTA.net.