



## **Dallas Area Rapid Transit Rail Expansion and Bus Modernization Would Not Have Happened Without Federal Investment**

*Thanks to Federal Investment, \$7+ Billion in Private Investment Occurred Along  
Light Rail Corridors and North Texas Region, Revitalizing Neighborhoods and Communities*

DART Rail has created internationally recognized transit-oriented communities and revitalized neighborhoods once given up for dead. This couldn't have happened without federal funding, which has been instrumental in the development of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) rail system and the modernization of its bus fleet. Since opening the first light rail in the southwestern United States, DART now operates the longest electric light rail system in the country, 90 miles. This project alone has resulted in the injection of more than \$7 billion in private investment throughout DART's service area.

In April 2015, DART will debut the first modern streetcar in the region. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is one of the funding partners in this project that will connect downtown Dallas with a transformed neighborhood south of the city center. Federal funding will be a key component of planned streetcar expansion as well as the construction of a second light rail alignment through downtown Dallas. These projects will add capacity to the growing transit system and create new reasons for customers to choose transit.

DART has continued its leadership in clean fuels technology for buses thanks to federal financial support. In the late 1990s DART advanced the development of liquefied natural gas as a transit fuel, created the market for ultra-low sulfur diesel and is now converting its entire fleet to compressed natural gas. This latest bus purchase is responsible for 600 jobs in Anniston, Alabama. In the coming years, DART will add American-made electric buses to its fleet, thanks to a federal Low or No Emission Vehicle grant from the Federal Transit Administration.

North Texas continues to grow rapidly and sustainably thanks to DART and the federal investment in transit.