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Good afternoon,

It has been nearly six weeks since we welcomed our first electric bus on site, and I am happy to report we now have five buses on site with last two finishing up at the factory. We were able to capture a short video showing the arrival of one of the buses coming off the semi-trailer. Not something you see every day!



Our operations and maintenance teams are hard at work getting the buses road ready. Train the trainer started last week, and our trainers will be working to train operators throughout the month of October.

Our goal is to have the buses in service by the end of 2020 operating primarily on Local Route 60 - University/Ingersoll as part of a pilot program to test the battery life of the buses.

Later this week on Thursday, October 1, DART will publicly unveil the electric buses. I invite you to tune in and watch the ceremony on [Facebook live](#) if you are available. If you aren't able to join us live, the video will be available on DART's Facebook page following the event.

After the unveiling DART will continue to promote our electric buses through an advertising campaign. Here is a sneak peak of what some of the advertisements will look like:



We are proud to be unveiling the very first electric buses in the State of Iowa. A big milestone for DART and Greater Des Moines! Look for a celebratory gift coming soon.

Best,
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