



Electric Buses in Service Today

DART Colleagues,

Two months have passed since we unveiled Iowa's first electric buses in a ceremony at the State Capitol complex. We now have all seven buses on site and DART's operations, IT and maintenance teams have been hard at work getting the buses road ready.

I am pleased to share that the electric buses were added into revenue service today on the Local Route 60 University/Ingersoll Loop. This is an important milestone for DART and Greater Des Moines to celebrate! Given the current state of COVID-19 in Polk County, we have opted to host a virtual celebration with the [below video](#) on social media.



Additionally, last night the Des Moines City Council read a City proclamation making December 8 officially the first day of electric bus service in Des Moines and in Iowa.

As we transition into service, our electric bus advertising campaign will also transition slightly to promote [riding the buses](#) on the route 60.



Over the next 12 months of the electric bus pilot, our teams will work to test

the new vehicle technology while reducing our carbon footprint and vehicle operating costs. I look forward to sharing more as we collect and analyze the data.

As these buses go into service, I am reminded of the generous community in which we live and work. These buses would not be possible without the support of our commission, member communities and the financial support of our community partner, MidAmerican Energy.

This project has been years in the making. Thank you to everyone who has helped get DART's electric buses in service. Today is a day to celebrate.

Best,
Elizabeth

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