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DART Brings On-Line Google Transit Trip Planning to its Riders

The Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) – DART First State today became a partner with Google, a global leader in on-line content, to provide on-line trip planning via "Google Transit" on its DartFirstState.com website.

Google Transit will display bus routes, and provide scheduled trip times and transfers for travel between any of DART's destinations, transit hubs, bus stops, and rail stations, integrating the data into Google Maps interface for access to desired travel information.

The partnership brings new features to DTC's website ([www.DartFirst State](http://www.DartFirstState.com)) by integrating Google Maps with the information pages for each bus schedule and rail station, enabling riders to also find local businesses without ever leaving the DART website.

Google Transit features that benefit DART First State transit riders include:

- Suggested trips with next available departure and arrival times
- Ability to select desired departure or arrival time and date
- Estimated trip duration
- Reverse trips
- Transfer times and locations
- Visual depiction of routes and bus stops on a geographical map
- Integration with Google Maps for driving directions and Google Local for searches of nearby businesses and local landmarks
- Links to www.DartFirstState.com for transit information and social networks

The Trip Planning feature is easy to use, just go to DartFirstState.com and look for the DART GOOGLE TRIP PLANNER box on the right side of the page and 'click' on the words 'Let's Get Started.' A drop-down menu will appear asking you where you want to Start from, what's your Destination, the Date and Time. Then 'click' on the 'BUS' icon for the transit option and you'll see a map of your routing.

DART First State is Delaware's bus, train, and intermodal transportation provider. The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. DART First State services include contracted SEPTA commuter trains, intercounty bus, fixed route bus, Paratransit, seasonal resort bus, commuter assistance, Operation Lifesaver rail crossing safety and trespasser awareness programs, and the RideShare Delaware ridematching program. For public information please call 1-800-652-DART or visit the web at www.DartFirstState.com. For media inquiries, please call DelDOT Public Relations at 302-760-2080 or visit www.deldot.gov

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