

### **Steel for Orange Line has Arrived in Irving**

A truckload of steel for the Orange Line has been delivered to Irving, following the approval of the design and construction contract by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board. The first two phases of rail, which will connect Dallas to Las Colinas, will be completed by December 2011.

“As Irving continues to work diligently with DART officials, this effective partnership will no doubt pay great benefits as the Orange Line project proceeds into final design and construction,” said Mayor Herbert Gears. “The innovative design-build process—in which one contractor will design and build the rail line—will serve as an example of how future rail projects can be built on time and in a cost-efficient manner.”

The Orange Line ultimately will run from Dallas to DFW International Airport. Millions of private sector dollars have been designated for new development projects along the Orange Line. More than \$4 billion of new commercial, office and housing developments will be positioned along the rail line.

“Benefits of this project span beyond the boundaries of Irving to the entire North Texas region,” Gears said. “The rail project will greatly improve the quality of life for many North Texans by decreasing growing traffic congestion and air pollution.”

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