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## **DFW AIRPORT DEBUTS FIRST AUTOMATED PEOPLE MOVER (APM) CAR**

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### **LARGEST AIRPORT TRAIN SYSTEM IN THE WORLD SPEEDS TO COMPLETION**

DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Texas (May 6, 2002) — The largest airport train system in the world debuts its first car, a 39-foot, 69-passenger electric-powered vehicle that will zip travelers between DFW's existing four terminals and future terminals D and F with an average passenger ride time of five minutes. Dallas Mayor Laura Miller, Fort Worth Mayor Kenneth Barr and DFW CEO Jeff Fegan cut the ribbon that unleashed a crane-driven drape and unveiled the Winnebago-sized vehicle to 500 dignitaries at the Airport.

"Our people-mover system will completely revolutionize travel around DFW Airport and give our passengers faster service and quicker connecting options as they navigate the world's third busiest airport," says Fegan. "The system will be secure and simple to use, covering nearly five miles of track. We believe its one more reason our 55 million passengers per year will make DFW their airport of choice."

The system was built with the passenger in the mind, and with 65-percent of DFW's passengers connecting through the Airport, the APM will certainly make their travel easier and more convenient. Twelve stations, two in each terminal, will make the wait for a train just two minutes. The 64-car system, supplied by Bombardier Transportation, based in Montreal, Canada, will travel in pairs at speeds reaching 35 miles per hour with the capability of transporting 5,000 passengers per hour in each direction on the first day it moves.

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Ultimately, the system will go to trains of four cars each and be capable of transporting 8,500 passengers per hour in each direction. "Today marks the debut of Innovia, Bombardier's new state-of-the-art airport people mover, innovation in passenger comfort reliability. We at Bombardier are proud to be part of the expansion at the largest airport in the southwest, DFW," said John Mandelli, Project Director Bombardier Transportation.

The elevated, bi-directional dual guideway system will open the first quarter of 2005 and will operate on the secured side of the terminals. The 26,000 linear feet of guideway will have an average elevation of 50 feet above ground, and will dramatically change the skyline of DFW Airport.

Work began on the APM guideway September 12, 2001. Building the nearly five-mile guideway while keeping the Airport operational has been a challenge, but more than 60 companies with more than 1,000 employees are working shifts nearly around-the-clock to make it happen.

"The construction of Terminal D and the APM represents the largest on-going building project in the history of North Texas," says Clay Paslay, executive vice president at DFW, who oversees the \$2.6 billion Capital Development Program that includes the APM and Terminal D." These are Airport improvements that our region can be proud of and will certainly make our Airport more accessible to everyone from Texas and around the world."

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Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW International Airport is the world's third busiest, serving 55 million passengers a year. Offering nearly 2,000 flights daily, DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 129 domestic and 26 international destinations worldwide. For the latest news, real-time flight information, parking availability or further details regarding the many services provided at DFW International Airport log on to [www.dfwairport.com](http://www.dfwairport.com). To view a virtual reality of the train, log on to: [www.dfwairport.com/cdp/](http://www.dfwairport.com/cdp/)

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