## Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) News Release

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## **Wilmington Transit Center Opens**

Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) announces the opening of the Wilmington Transit Center, located at Front and Walnut Streets, operating as the new transfer location for most DART bus routes in downtown Wilmington. The new transit center has the capacity to have up to 10 buses stage at one time allowing bus layovers without blocking city streets, and offers riders a smoke-free covered, seated waiting area, real-time bus displays, ticket sales, WiFi, USB charging stations, vending machines, and bike racks with a bike repair station.

Strategically located adjacent to Wilmington's Joseph R. Biden Rail Station, the transit center provides convenient access to Amtrak, SEPTA, Greyhound/Trailways, and cabs. The center also provides parking for rental cars, and offers 90 public parking spaces, including two electric car charging stations.

"We have made significant investments in the City of Wilmington and our infrastructure that has helped create jobs, improve travel, and spur economic development," said Governor John Carney. "This transit center will serve 75 percent of the bus routes in Wilmington, and it will make it easier for passengers in and around the city to get to their destinations."

"The Wilmington Transit Center truly is a multi-modal facility that provides Wilmington with a much-needed hub for trips into Wilmington and surrounding New Castle County," offered Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan.

"Wilmington is grateful for the new, modern, convenient transit center that sits within the City's multi-modal transportation hub," said Mayor Mike Purzycki. "This facility is in line with what we are building in Wilmington—a city for the future but one that meets the needs of today. My thanks to Governor Carney, Transportation Secretary Cohan, Delaware Transit Corporation Executive Director Sisson and all of the partners on this project for adding another plus to living, working and visiting a great city like Wilmington."

The \$10 million-dollar project constructed as part of a public-private partnership between DelDOT, DTC and Transit Center, LLC (Colonial Parking, EDiS Company, and Emory Hill Real Estate Services, Inc.), used 100% State and private funds.



"We're so excited and proud to open this wonderful new facility to provide our riders with the convenience and amenities they deserve," said DTC CEO John Sisson.

Jed Hatfield, President of Colonial Parking, Inc. commented, "On behalf of my partners at EDIS Company, Emory Hill Companies and myself, it has been our great pleasure to partner with everyone at the Delaware Transit Corporation to develop the Wilmington Transit Center. It is a beautiful facility that will serve the mobility needs of Wilmington with access to all modes of transportation including train, bus, automobile, rental vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians."

The eye-catching art installation consisting of 26 banners was designed by Nathaniel Rambo, the first-place winner of an art contest among Delaware College of Art and Design (DCCAD) students. Along with having his artwork prominently displayed, he is the proud winner of the \$1,000 prize awarded by Transit Center, LLC.

The Delaware Transit Corporation, a subsidiary of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), operates DART First State. For more information, please visit <a href="www.DartFirstState.com">www.DartFirstState.com</a> or call 1-800-652-DART. Real-Time Bus Information and DART Pass, the mobile fare payment option, are both available on the free DART Transit App (iOS and Android).

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