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Attention Assignment Editors

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News media representatives are invited to join DART officials and representatives of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority as they sign an agreement to explore rail connections between North and East Texas. The signing will take place on the DART Rail platform at Union Station, at 10 a.m., Friday, May 27.

The agreement recognizes the importance of coordinated transportation planning and advocacy as the two agencies work to expand rail in the area. Multi-jurisdictional cooperation is often cited by federal officials as a key to securing project funds. The agreement encourages the two agencies to identify “potential issues of mutual interest in the development of plans” for future rail service between the North Central, North East and East regions of Texas.

- What:** Signing of agreement on rail planning
- When:** Friday, May 27, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- Where:** Union Station (400 S. Houston, between Wood and Young streets, Mapsco 45-N)

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About the NET RMA

The NET RMA is an independent government agency created to accelerate the development of transportation projects in North East Texas. Our mission is to implement transportation solutions that will enhance the quality of life and the economic environment in our area. The NET RMA is governed by a 19-member board of directors that represent each of the member counties: Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood and Van Zandt. Texas RMAs were made possible through an initiative passed by State Legislature in 2001. The NET RMA was established in October 2004.

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