

DART awards contract for Orange Line extension

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[The Dallas Area Rapid Transit](#) Board of Directors has selected the design-build contractor for the \$149.7 million extension of the Orange Line to Terminal A of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

The board on Tuesday selected a joint venture of Kiewit, [Stacy and Witbeck](#) , Reyes, Parsons, which conducted two sections of the Orange Line.

The joint venture includes [Kiewit Corp.](#) , based in Omaha, Neb., Stacy and Witbeck Inc., based in Alameda, Calif., Reyes Group Ltd., based in Markham, Ill., and [Parsons Corp.](#) , based in Pasadena Calif.

Construction of the 5.2-mile section should begin in early 2012 and is scheduled to open in December 2014.

DART said the first two sections of the Orange Line – Bachman Station to Las Colinas Convention Center and then on to Belt Line Station at SH 161 and Belt Line on DFW Airport property – will open in July and December 2012, respectively. The 14-mile section of the Orange Line is costing a total of \$1.3 billion.

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