

AN ORDINANCE

2011-10-20-0846

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEVELOP AND ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AND BEXAR COUNTY IN WHICH THE CITY WOULD COMMIT TO FUNDING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000.00 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VIA'S FIVE-YEAR STREETCAR AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONTINGENT UPON: 1) APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S EAST-NORTH ALTERNATE STREETCAR ROUTE PROPOSAL OR A COMPARABLE ROUTE PROVIDING EAST-NORTH STREETCAR MOBILITY; 2) THE CREATION, ESTABLISHMENT, AND APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND/OR PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOULD TOTAL AT LEAST \$15,000,000.00; 3) THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO VIA'S TRANSIT PLAN FROM BEXAR COUNTY OF AT LEAST \$55,000,000.00; 4) APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DOWNTOWN BUS CIRCULATOR ROUTE BETWEEN THE FUTURE WESTSIDE MULTIMODAL CENTER AND THE ROBERT THOMPSON TRANSIT CENTER; AND 5) DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, VIA AND ANY OTHER PARTNER FUNDING ENTITIES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MULTIMODAL PLAN DEFINED WITHIN ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 LISTED ABOVE.

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WHEREAS, VIA Metropolitan Transit has worked to develop the 2035 Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the purpose of providing a strategic, long-range vision to address future transportation challenges and guide regional investments; and

WHEREAS, major elements of the Plan include growth trends and mobility issues, specific corridor improvements, transit technologies, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, timelines, cost impacts, and funding options for transportation improvements through 2035; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Plan and VIA's Inner-City Rail Streetcar Feasibility Study, which was developed to address streetcar technology and operations for the purpose of promoting economic development in the inner-city while providing mobility to downtown workers, residents, and visitors, VIA proposed a five-year, \$180 million Capital Improvements Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist VIA with the funding of the development and implementation of the Capital Improvements Plan provided that certain conditions are implemented; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. City staff is authorized to negotiate the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit whereby the City would commit to fund an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000.00 for streetcar and transit improvements associated with the Plan and Study. Funding for the Interlocal Agreement is contingent upon the following conditions:

- 1) approval and implementation of the City's East-North alternate streetcar route proposal or a comparable route providing East-North Streetcar mobility (Attached to this Ordinance as Attachment I);
- 2) the creation, establishment, and approval of a Special Assessment District and/or private sector contributions totaling at least an additional \$15,000,000.00;
- 3) a financial contribution to VIA's Transit Plan from Bexar County in an amount of at least \$55,000,000.00;
- 4) approval and implementation of a downtown bus circulator route between the future Westside Multimodal Center and the Robert Thompson Transit Center; and
- 5) the development and approval of an interlocal agreement among the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, VIA Metropolitan Transit and any other funding entities that are a party to the Plan, regarding its implementation and management.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, is authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement to provide funding in the amount of \$40 million to VIA in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in this Ordinance. A copy of the Agreement shall be attached to this Ordinance upon execution by all parties as "Attachment II."

SECTION 3. This is a one-time capital improvement expenditure to be funded in installments beginning in FY 2012 and ending in FY 2016. Funding for the City's contribution will be from debt proceeds financed through General Fund future revenue growth in the amount of \$32,000,000.00 and \$8,000,000.00 from available and programmed 2007 Bond Program savings allocated to the Alamo Street and Chavez Boulevard Project.

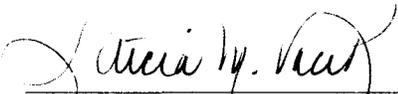
SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), City of San Antonio. The CFO may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of October, 2011.

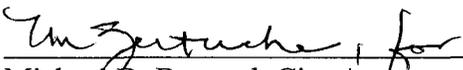

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:

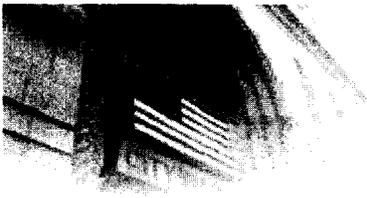


Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

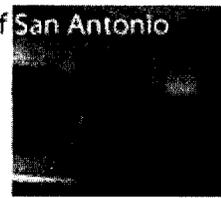


Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney



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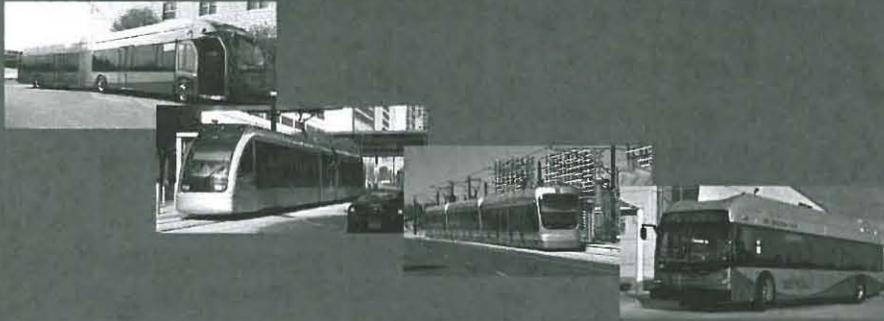
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Agenda Voting Results - 5

Name:	5						
Date:	10/20/2011						
Time:	12:12:28 PM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to develop and enter into an interlocal agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit and Bexar County in which the City would commit to funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000.00 for the development of VIA's 5-Year Streetcar and Transit Improvement Plan contingent upon: 1) approval and implementation of the City's East-North alternate streetcar route proposal or a comparable route providing East-North Streetcar mobility; 2) the creation, establishment, and approval of a Special Assessment District and/or private sector contributions that would total at least \$15,000,000.00; 3) the financial contribution to VIA's Transit Plan from the County of at least \$55,000,000.00; 4) approval and implementation of a downtown bus circulator route between the future Westside Multimodal Center and the Robert Thompson Transit Center; and, 5) development and approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, VIA and any other partner funding entities regarding implementation and management of the multimodal plan defined within items 1 through 4 listed above. [Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager; Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				x
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
David Medina Jr.	District 5	x					
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
W. Reed Williams	District 8		x			x	
Elisa Chan	District 9		x				
Carlton Soules	District 10			x			

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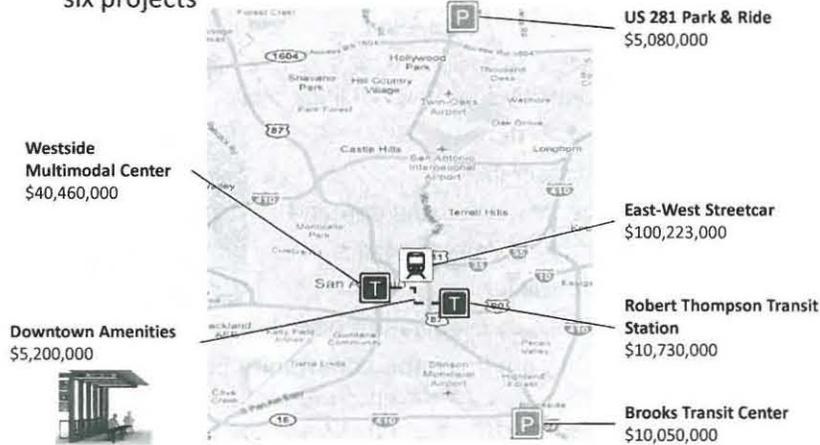
**PROPOSED CITY COMMITMENT FOR VIA's
5-YEAR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Presentation to City Council
October 20, 2011
Presented by Pat DiGiovanni, Deputy City Manager**



Summary

- VIA proposed a 5-year, \$180 M transit expansion package of six projects



- Cost estimates above total \$171,743,000. VIA has added a contingency reserve to bring the total package cost to \$180 M

Summary

■ Background

- City Council “B” Session on September 28
 - VIA provided overview of Long Range Plan and 5-Year Transit Improvement Plan
 - City staff provided analysis and recommendations
 - Mayor Castro presented an East-North alternate route with East-West bus circulator between Westside Multimodal Center and Robert Thompson Transit Station
- VIA Board of Trustees Special Meeting
 - City staff presented proposed City commitment for 5-Year Transit Improvement Plan with contingencies
 - VIA Board of Trustees unanimously approved City’s recommendation
 - City, VIA, and the County should begin development of an interlocal agreement and that VIA move to fully implement its 5-Year Improvement Plan

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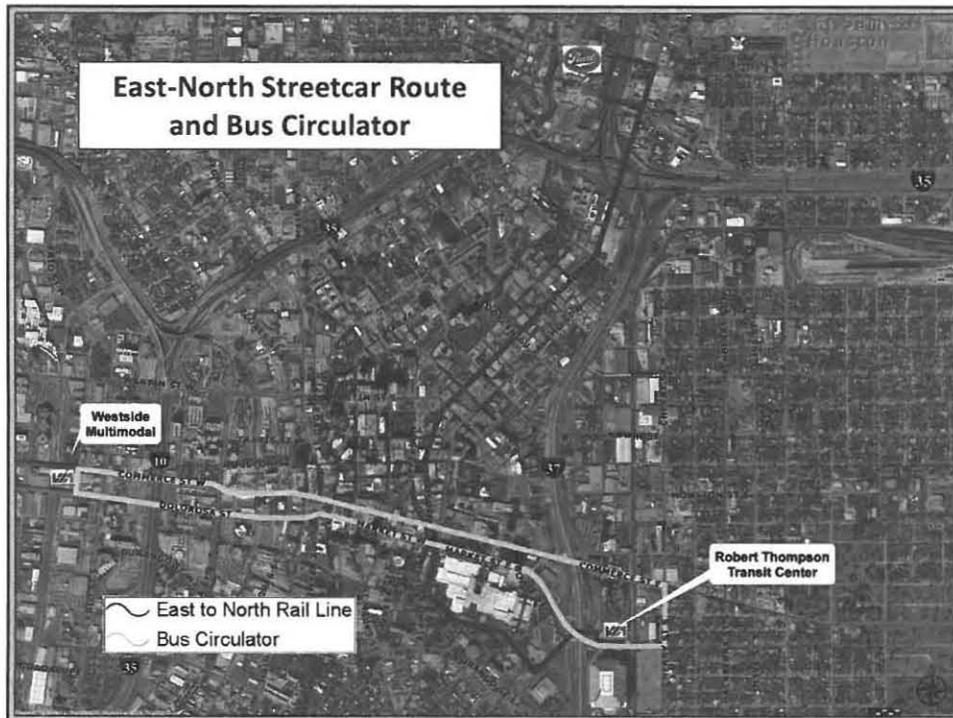
1. VIA’s long range transportation plan is a progressive and bold step toward making San Antonio a multi-modal community
2. This plan supports the vision of SA2020 to address goals and measurements identified in the plan, including:
 - a) Increase urban density
 - b) Enhance Sustainability
 - c) Create Downtown housing demand
 - d) Reduce vehicle miles traveled
 - e) Improve air quality
 - f) Increase public transportation ridership
3. There is an overall benefit to the community in supporting plan in terms of enhancing different modes of transportation, economic benefits, and the revitalization of the urban core
4. No City 2012 Bond Funds and no City ATD funds toward streetcar

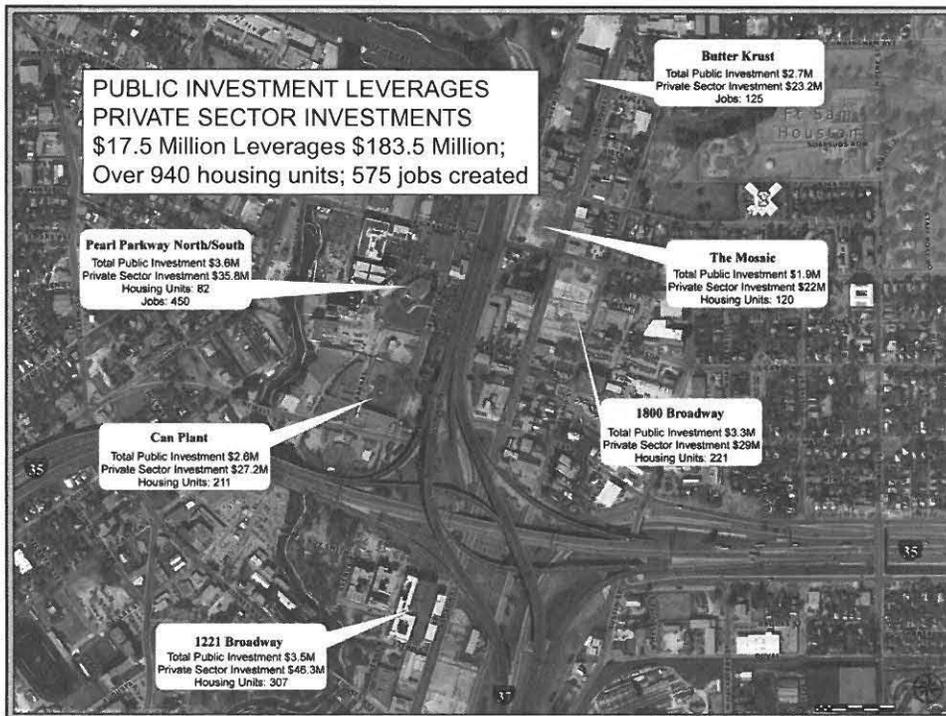


Recommendation

City Staff recommends support of VIA's 5-Year Transit Improvement Plan up to \$40M, contingent upon:

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- County contribution of \$55M toward plan
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- Development and approval of an interlocal agreement with VIA, City, Bexar County, and any other partner funding entities regarding implementation and management





East-North Route Proposal

■ Mayor Castro's proposed plan:

- City has made significant public investment through incentives for commercial and housing development in north-south corridor totaling \$17.5 M that could be further enhanced and leverage greater private sector investment with streetcar route
 - Expand and support continuing investment along the corridor
 - \$17.5M in public investment has leveraged \$183.5M private investment
 - Over 940 housing units created
 - 575 jobs created
- East-North streetcar route includes elements of VIA's original proposed starter system
 - Features of East-North route can be incorporated into VIA's Long Range Plan

Funding

- Creation, establishment and approval of a Special Assessment District and/or private sector contributions to total \$15 M
 - Direct beneficiaries of plan need to financially support the streetcar plan
- Bexar County financial contribution of at least \$55 M

\$32 M	City General Fund Revenue Growth
\$ 8 M	2007 Bond Program Savings (Alamo Street & Chavez Blvd)
\$15 M	Special Assessment District and/or private sector contributions
\$55 Million	Total Funding

Funding

▪ Preliminary City Funding Schedule*

FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	TOTAL
\$4 M	\$9 M	\$11 M	\$11 M	\$5 M	\$40 M

**Based on current assumptions and is subject to change once the ILA with VIA and Bexar County is finalized*

\$32 Million Annual Debt Service Requirements

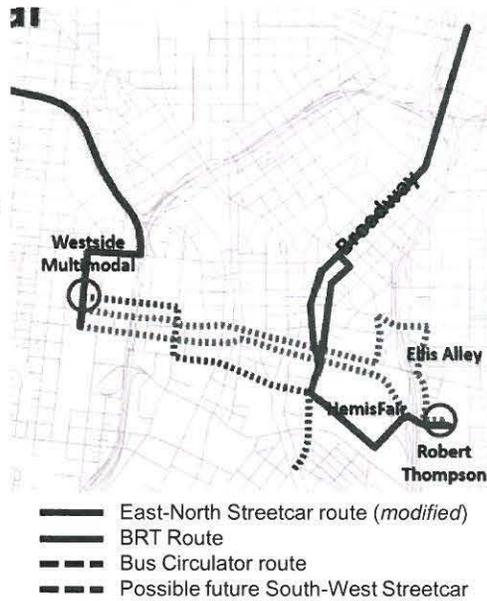
2012	\$0
2013	\$366 K
2014	\$1.3 M
2015	\$2.3 M
2016	\$2.8 M
2017	\$2.9 M



- City contribution and debt issuances subject to change based on updated costs for North / East route and construction schedule
- City contribution would be used for street work along proposed route

Bus Circulator

- Approval and implementation of a downtown circulator route
 - Connectivity between Westside Multimodal Center and Robert Thompson Transit Center
 - Removes transfer activity in the urban downtown area
- Bus Circulator fits in with Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plan
- No City commitment for possible future South-West streetcar
 - Bus circulator stays intact regardless of future streetcar



Interlocal Agreement

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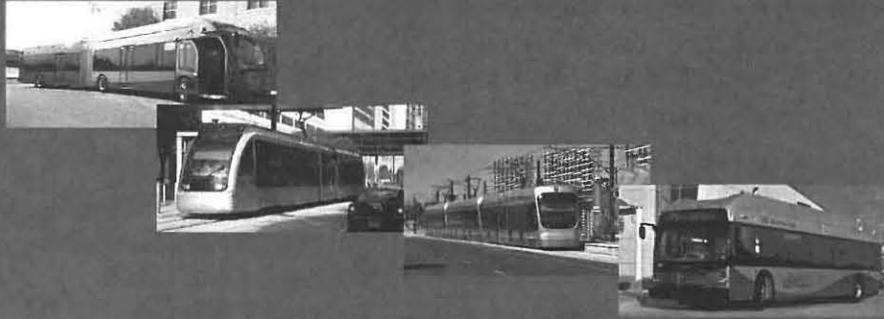
Next Steps

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to develop and enter into an interlocal agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit and Bexar County in which the City would commit to funding an amount not to exceed \$40 M for the development of VIA's 5-Year Streetcar and Transit Improvement Plan



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