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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update on the Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) Program.

SUMMARY:

Update on the Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Green Line Project

VIA's project team will provide an update on the Green Line Project, which is in the third year of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. Since entering the Engineering phase of the program, the Green Line has received a rating of "Medium-High;" and has been recommended for an additional \$109.7M grant through the President's FY 2024 Budget, bringing its FTA CIG share to \$267.8M. In the last three months, the VIA Green Line project team held kick-off meetings for three new contracts – Construction Manager at Risk (Flatiron-Herzog, JV), Final Design Consultant (Parsons Transportation Group), and ART Right

of Way (ROW) (CobbFendley) acquisition services. During this period, staff continues to coordinate with the FTA, City of San Antonio and other agency stakeholders to ensure the project's success.

Silver Line Project

VIA's project team will provide an update on the Silver Line project, which is in the second year in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program. Since entering the Project Development phase of the program, VIA has submitted an initial rating package to the FTA. The Silver Line project received an initial "Medium-High;" rating and has been recommended for an additional \$134.7M grant via the President's FY 2024 Budget, bringing its FTA CIG share to \$142.9M. VIA project team continues to coordinate with the FTA, the City of San Antonio, and other agency stakeholders to ensure a successful project. VIA project team will provide updates on the outcome of the January 2024 public meeting, ongoing community outreach, and upcoming activities.

Financial Plan

VIA's financial consultants will provide an update on the Financial Plan supporting VIA's Advanced Rapid Transit Program. The presentation will conclude with an update on the ART Financing Strategy. This will include an overview of the steps underway to pursue a Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, an update on recent coordination with the USDOT Build America Bureau, and an overview of the benefits associated with a proposed strategy to back the planned TIFIA loan with Short-Term Revenue Notes.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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