



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing on the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) plan for the use of the reallocated sales tax

SUMMARY:

A briefing on the Advanced Transportation District (ATD) plan for the use of the reallocated sales tax, commonly referred to as the Keep San Antonio Moving (KSAM) plan, as passed by the voters on November 3, 2020 through the ATD election with 68% approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The qualified voters within the Advanced Transportation District (ATD), the boundaries of which are contiguous with the jurisdictional limits of the City of San Antonio (City), in an election held November 3, 2020, approved the reallocation of a portion of the sales and use tax currently collected within the ATD for the purpose of increasing funding for the ATD by 1/8 percent beginning January 1, 2026 (The Reallocated ATD Tax).

Reallocated ATD Tax was approved by the voters to be used for advance public transportation services including operations, passenger amenities, equipment and other innovative, advanced public transportation purposes or public transportation mobility enhancement purposes; and the City and ATD cooperatively formulated, established and disseminated an advanced transportation plan for the use of the Reallocated Tax, such plan commonly referred to as the Keeping San Antonio Moving Plan (KSAM Plan), to assure that the voters, as members of the San Antonio community, were informed about the benefits of the KSAM Plan.

The KSAM Plan approved by the voters for the reallocation of the 1/8th of a cent sales tax, utilizes a full 1/8th of a cent sales tax to support the expansion of advanced public transportation services, operations, passenger amenities, equipment and other innovative, advanced public transportation purposes or public transportation mobility enhancement purposes, including the establishment of San Antonio's first Advanced Rapid Transit system (ART) and expansion of mobility-on-demand services, referenced as VIA Link, and improving transit service.

Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code sets out the permissible uses for the ATD Tax with 25% of those ATD funds being allocated to the City of San Antonio (City portion), as a participating municipality, to be used for the purposes outlined in Chapter 451. As presented to the voters during the November 3, 2020 ATD election, a portion of the City portion was approved as the Reallocated ATD Tax; and the City, Bexar County, VIA Metropolitan Transit and the ATD understand the unique opportunity before this community as the ATD is positioned to participate in the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investments Grant (CIG) program. Participation in this program allows for the leveraging of local funds, such as the Reallocated ATD Sales Tax, with federal funds to advance a modern mass-transit system for the San Antonio region.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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