



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Tomika Monterville

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Proposed Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) & Capital Area Rural Transit System (CARTS) 2-Year, Pilot Inter-Urban Bus (IUB) Service Between Austin and San Antonio, Texas

SUMMARY:

Due to the growth and demand for alternative transportation options along the I-35 Corridor, AACOG and CART have developed a service plan for a pilot, bi-directional bus service between Austin (Austin Convention Center) and San Antonio (VIA Randolph Park & Ride), and serving the cities of San Marcos and New Braunfels, Monday – Friday, every 90-minutes between the hours of 6:45a.m. and 9:45a.m. The service is estimated to cost \$733,834.00 annually and will be operated 260 days a year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Several recent Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) studies, including the Capital-Alamo Connections Study (2019) and the New Braunfels Transit Study (2021), speak to the need for a service to connect the cities of Austin, San Marcos, New Braunfels and San Antonio with a reliable and frequent alternative transportation mode in addition to single-occupancy vehicles (SOV) along the I-35 Corridor. The presentation will provide an overview of the service elements, costs, and background information on the proposed service.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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