



City of San Antonio

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DEPARTMENT: Transportation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

A briefing on the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) Project Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of San Antonio

SUMMARY:

A briefing on the VIA Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) Project Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of San Antonio

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of VIA's ongoing mission to modernize transportation options for the San Antonio Region, the Advance Rapid Transit project is designed to move more people, faster and farther, and is included in the voter-approved Keep San Antonio Moving plan. ART is a high-quality, modern public transit system that delivers frequent service within dedicated lanes and outside regular traffic. The system features signal priority, off-board fare collection for faster boarding, raised platforms for better accessibility, and stations spaced farther apart for efficient travel. The initial

North/South corridor would connect major employment and residential centers—destinations for thousands of local workers and visitors—from the San Antonio Airport through Downtown and onto South San Antonio.

In August 2021, VIA was approved to enter the ART North/South concept project into the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration’s Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program, one of the largest federal funding programs in existence. Part of the CIG process requires FTA ratings over the course of development for the proposed project to continue moving toward ultimately bringing federal infrastructure funding to the region. An Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will create a working process between VIA and the City of San Antonio to ensure efficient receipt of the FTA funds. The ILA will create a framework of cooperation between the parties to provide pertinent support activities and reciprocal, timely updates and feedback. The final document will be the result of all stakeholder departments from COSA and VIA converging to discuss and draft a document that, after a series of approval steps, we are recommending to bring as final to Council in February 2023.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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