

RESOLUTION:

11-18-14-07

SUBJECT:

STRATEGIC PLANNING & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT - City of San Antonio

Comprehensive Plan Funding Request

WHEREAS, In 2011 VIA Metropolitan Transit has adopted the 2035 Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan and will begin the update for 2040 this fiscal year;

WHEREAS, during the past decade, the San Antonio region grew by 430,000 people and according to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Bexar County will have a population increase of 1.1 million people by 2040, resulting in a need of 500,000 additional jobs and housing units by 2040;

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to plan for the forecasted growth and the transportation impact that accompanies the growth, the City of San Antonio (COSA) has initiated a comprehensive planning process and a Strategic Multimodal Transportation Plan (SMMTP) as an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, September 2012, San Antonio City Council approved the development of a Comprehensive Plan and on August 1, 2014, City Council formed a committee to oversee the development of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, VIA has worked with the City of San Antonio as technical advisors for implementing transit supportive land use; and

WHEREAS, the City has pledged to work with VIA and incorporate our existing and future updated Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan in the city's Transportation Plan.

WHEREAS, The Comprehensive Plan will reconcile existing plans/policies, articulate the form of future physical growth, accommodate and distribute projected growth, and guide annexation and transportation planning decisions; and

WHEREAS, both the Comprehensive Plan and the SMMTP will include valuable information from VIA's continuous planning efforts.

WHEREAS, A consultant has been retained by the City for the Comprehensive Plan development of said scope includes a public participation process; illustrate recommended growth scenarios and preparation of the plan document;

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has requested that VIA consider a financial contribution to the development of the Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends support of the \$250,000 contribution to the City's planning effort as it demonstrates a partnership effort and complements VIA's Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan update. These additional funds will be used to develop detailed land use plans for key arterial corridors and activity centers such as the airport, UTSA, the Medical center and Brooks. All of these

areas are in VIA's current long range plan for additional transit investment and were identified to be areas of regional growth. VIA has also done extensive work on land-use around transit and that work will also help inform the city's Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President/CEO or his designee is hereby authorized to work with the City to establish an agreement that will formalize VIA's participation in both the Comprehensive and Strategic Multi-Modal Transportation Plan development and guide the future integration of transit and land use along with the \$250,000 contribution.

I, the undersigned officer of VIA Metropolitan Transit, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 18, 2014.

Stephen P. Allison, Secretary