Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) East/West Corridor Project

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VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) proposes to implement a 7.3-mile bus rapid transit (BRT) line, comprised of 70 percent dedicated transit lanes and 30 percent mixed traffic operations, from General McMullen Drive in the west, through downtown San Antonio, to Coca Cola Place in the east. The project will include 18 branded stations with off-board fare collection, next bus messaging, public announcement systems, bike parking, and safety features such as security cameras and lighting. The Project will also include the procurement of 13 new low/no emission vehicles with level boarding and implementation of transit signal priority. The Project cost is estimated to be \$293 million, and VIA anticipates seeking about 50 percent CIG funding.

VIA believes that the Project will provide faster and more reliable direct transit service between key regional activity centers in the corridor, thus strengthening the competitiveness of transit, supporting the region's land use vision and growth plans, and leveraging local investments in infrastructure. VIA believes that this Project will improve transit service for underserved and historically disadvantaged neighborhoods by improving access to jobs and opportunities and will expand upon a strong base of existing VIA ridership.

The locally preferred alternative was selected in October 2018 and adopted into the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in September 2020. VIA anticipates completion of the environmental review process in February 2025, receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in November 2026, and the start of revenue service in July 2029.

