

San Antonio - Bexar County

# Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Policy Board Meeting

September 28, 2009

Agenda Item #7

Amendments to the  
Long Range Transportation Plan  
and the FY 2008-2011  
Short Range Transportation Plan

# Amendment Process

In accordance with MPO policy,  
amendments to the  
**Long Range Transportation Plan**  
and the  
**Short Range Transportation Plan**  
occur in a two step process with  
presentation one month and  
action the following month

- Amendments are being presented in September with action scheduled for October 26, 2009
- Amendments to the short range transportation plan are then forwarded to TxDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Amendments are due to TxDOT by November 1, 2009
- Amendments to the short range transportation plan also need to be made to the long range transportation plan so they stay consistent

# Short Range Transportation Plan Amendment Summary

## ■ Transit Amendments

- Draft amendments are included in your meeting package
- They will be approved by the VIA Board on September 29, 2009
- They will reflect VIA's Five Year Plan
- Several projects are being deleted in order to maintain financial constraint in the short range plan
- Handout with an added project: VIA received \$5M to buy electric buses

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- City of San Antonio is requesting to split the Intelligent Transportation System project into two separate projects
- City of San Antonio is requesting to reprogram the Arena Road project funding to a City bond project in the same area: Houston Street from AT&T Parkway to IH 10 frontage road

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- TxDOT has provided new estimated funding allocations for the Category 7 (Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility, STP-MM) funding program
  - original expected funding allocation was \$24M annually
  - Early August: estimate of \$16M annually
  - Late September: estimate of \$21M annually

# Short Range Transportation Plan Amendment Summary

- Concern from VIA Metropolitan Transit and the Austin-San Antonio Intermunicipal Commuter Rail District about the timing of their projects using the new allocations
- Recommendation is to assemble a multi-agency workgroup to review funding estimates and project schedules

- **CSJ 0253-04-138**: U.S 281 North from 0.2 miles north of Loop 1604 to Bexar County/Comal County Line: revise scope and cost; revise cost from \$475 million to \$200 million utilizing \$60 million in Prop 14 funds and \$140 million in Texas Mobility Funds (TMF); build grade separations; expand to 6-8 lane non-tolled controlled access highway
- **CSJ 0253-04-139**: US 281/Loop 1604 Interchange: revise scope and funding categories: build 8 non-toll ramps (direct connectors) move \$60 million in Prop 14 funds to the U.S. 281 project (CSJ 0253-04-138); replace with \$60 million in TMF
- **CSJ 2452-01-910**: Loop 1604 from SH 151 to SH 16 : revise scope and cost: revise cost from \$243 million to \$200 million, utilizing \$200 million in Prop 12 funds. Build grade separations and expand to 6-8 lane non-toll controlled access highway
- **CSJ 0291-10-055**: SH 16 (Bandera Road) from IH 410 to FM 1517 and **CSJ 0291-10-065**: SH 16 (Bandera Road) from FM 1517 to Loop 1604: remove SH 16 (Bandera Road) from IH 410 to Loop 1604 from the MTP as a toll road and as a CDA [Note: these two projects are only in the MTP. The planned letting year is 2015 which is outside the timeframe of the current TIP]

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