



PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF

VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA)
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA)
Advanced Transportation District (ATD)

Legislative Briefing to a Special Joint Meeting of the Boards

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Primary Purposes of the DRAFT Legislation

- Implements City-County Task Force recommendations
- Integrates policy making and planning for all major transportation projects in Bexar County
- Fully empowers one, focused entity to use all available financing tools for project development and delivery
- Fully empowers one entity to seek public support for any new financing plans and new revenue
- Ensures continued use of current revenue streams for current purposes, unless citizens vote otherwise



Key Features of the DRAFT Legislation

OPTION & CONSENT

- Creates option to consolidate RMA and ATD into VIA
- Consolidation requires consent of boards of RMA, VIA, ATD, City, County and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)



Governance

- At consolidation, governance is modified as Board expands to 13 members
- Current VIA/ATD Board remains in place
- The two initial additional board members shall be RMA Board members



Governance (continued)

- After consolidation, appointments to the Board will occur as follows:
 - City will appoint 6 seats
 - County will appoint 4 seats
 - Suburban Cities will appoint 2 seats
- Board Chairman is selected by all other board members
- All Board terms remain governed by VIA Board Bylaws (2-year terms, 8-year term limits, conflicts of interest rules, etc.)



Powers of the Consolidated Entity

- Consolidated entity obtains all powers of VIA, RMA & ATD
- Advanced transportation and mobility enhancement projects of all types may be developed
- Public and private funding mechanisms are available
- Current revenue (VIA and ATD sales tax) remain dedicated to current uses, unless a public vote reallocates



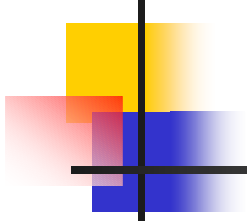
Powers of the Consolidated Entity (continued)

- Future government revenue sources (e.g., additional sales tax or other local funding options) may be used for any lawful purpose (rail, bus, roads (including toll lanes)), subject only to public vote
- No current farebox revenue may be used for toll roads



Next Steps

- Obtain approval of RMA & VIA/ATD Boards
- Obtain support of County, City, and TxDOT
- Work within 2009 legislative session deadlines
- Obtain legislative delegation support and sponsors
- Finalize legislation through Legislative Council
- File legislation through sponsors in Texas Senate and House



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Questions ?