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VIA breaks ground on region's first Advanced Rapid Transit line

Construction for the Green Line will begin with utility relocation later this summer

SAN ANTONIO (June 13, 2025) — Local leaders and VIA Metropolitan Transit officials conducted a ceremonial groundbreaking for the VIA Rapid Green Line today on the southern portion of the corridor, officially kicking off the project's construction phase.

Work on the Green Line is slated to begin in late July, starting with key utility relocation and other grade-level preparations along the 10.35-mile route.

"This project is part of our commitment to deliver on what San Antonians have asked for: better, more reliable and more frequent service," VIA President & CEO Jon Gary Herrera said at the groundbreaking ceremony, held at Roosevelt Park. "This isn't just about infrastructure. It's about access, about connecting people to opportunity and to the friends, family, places and things that are important to them. The Green Line will do so with the highest frequency and most reliable service."

Set to begin service in early 2028, the VIA Rapid Green Line will provide enhanced transit access from near the San Antonio International Airport, down San Pedro Avenue, through Downtown to Steves Avenue, near the historic missions, with continuing service to the Brooks Transit Center. The Green Line will operate 21 hours a day, between 4 a.m. and 1.a.m., with 10-minute frequency during the week and 15-minute frequency on weekends.

"The VIA Rapid Green Line is the culmination of intense community-driven planning, and VIA is now delivering on what our region envisioned for mobility," Mayor Ron Nirenberg said. "Great cities have great public transportation, and I'm excited to see VIA innovating with projects like Advanced Rapid Transit, which is designed to be future-proof and meet the growing and evolving needs of our residents."

The Green Line represents the region's first Advanced Rapid Transit (ART) line and is a major component of VIA's voter-approved Keep San Antonio Moving plan. Funded in part by a one-eighth cent sales tax that VIA will begin receiving in 2026, the project reflects a regional commitment to building a more modern, connected transportation network.

The construction project will be completed in phases, and VIA will provide at least 30 days' notice before construction begins in each segment of the corridor. The agency will continue working closely with residents and businesses to minimize disruptions throughout the construction process. Initial construction will begin in late July near U.S. Highway 281 and Isom Road, and near Roosevelt Avenue and Steves Avenue. The project's construction limits are from Isom Road on the north to Steves Avenue on the south.



General information on VIA Rapid is available at <u>KeepSAmoving.com</u>. For detailed construction updates about the Green Line, visit <u>KeepSAmoving.com/construction</u>.

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VIA provides safe, reliable transportation options that put opportunity within reach for millions of passengers each year. VIA began operation in 1978 and today serves 14 member cities and the unincorporated areas of Bexar County, operating seven days a week on 75 routes, with complementing VIAtrans paratransit service and VIA Link on-demand options. VIA's family of services help connect our community, support economic vitality, and enhance quality of life throughout the region. In 2020, voters approved funding for VIA's Keep SA Moving plan, in support of projects designed for a modern mass transit system in San Antonio and Bexar County. Visit VIAinfo.net for more information. Follow us on Facebook, X (Twitter), Threads, YouTube and Instagram.