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VIA Calls on Community for Feedback on Vision 2040 Long Range Plan

New Braunfels, Texas — The public is invited to offer input on the final draft of VIA Metropolitan Transit’s Vision 2040 Long Range Plan, a community-driven blueprint for the region’s public transportation system. The document is available for review and comment July 22 - August 19, 2016.

Over the past 18 months, VIA customers, stakeholders, and residents in San Antonio, Bexar County, and surrounding communities - including New Braunfels - helped develop VIA’s vision for the future of public transportation through participation in numerous meetings and multiple surveys. The additional comment period will serve to continue the community conversation as we work to finalize the Long Range Plan.

“When we look at the next 25 years, we recognize that keeping the region economically competitive and mobile will require innovative and adaptive solutions, building infrastructure today to help attract tomorrow’s riders,” VIA President/CEO Jeffrey C. Arndt said. “The Vision 2040 Long Range Plan is our roadmap, a living document that is continuously revisited and refined to reflect public priorities, accommodate shifting growth and development, and support a larger transportation vision with options that provide opportunity and access to all.”

Christopher Looney, New Braunfels Planning and Community Development Director, noted: “Initial public input and the growing regional population resulted in VIA expanding their long range plan into regional employment centers, including New Braunfels. With the update to our Comprehensive Plan about to get underway, this is the perfect time to collaborate and coordinate with VIA, and other agencies, to plan to meet our citizens’ needs. We invite all New Braunfels citizens to review VIA’s draft plan and provide comments.”

The draft plan may be viewed and comments may be submitted online at VIAVision2040.com. Comments may be submitted online or in writing until 5 p.m., August 19, 2016.

VIA Metropolitan Transit provides public transportation services to 13 cities in the Greater San Antonio Region and the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. VIA’s mission is to enhance the community’s quality of life by providing regional and customer-oriented public transportation that is dependable, cost-effective and enticing to more riders.

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