

Legislation Text

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PRESENTER:

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SUBJECT:

Presentation and discussion on the New Braunfels Urban Transit District.

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Capital Improvements

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In February 2023, the City contracted with Alliance Transportation Group to develop a Transit Development Plan to guide the City in planning for transit and exploring public transportation options. The Transit Development Plan outlines the future of transportation in New Braunfels and provides a framework for implementing improved public transit. The plan was completed and presented to the City Council in October 2023 and was adopted by resolution on November 13, 2023.

In March 2023, the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) informed the City that it had achieved a new Small Urbanized Area (UZA) designation associated with the 2020 Census and became eligible to receive federal and state transit funds directly. New Braunfels was previously in the San Antonio Large Urban Area, with VIA Metropolitan Transit receiving federal funds and maintaining the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Alamo Regional Transit (ART) demand response service in New Braunfels.

On February 12, 2024, the New Braunfels City Council adopted a resolution creating the New Braunfels Urban Transit District. This presentation will update the City Council on the status of that action and provide information about the next steps and future actions required to complete the process with the FTA for federal funds and with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for state funds.