

SAN ANTONIO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CHALLENGES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Funding Challenges

- \$7.47 billion – San Antonio’s unfunded added capacity needs to 2030
- \$18.9 billion – SA’s total funding gap, including highway, rail, bike/ped, reconstruction, etc.
- \$419 million – Projects recently removed from 2009-19 MPO plan due to state/federal cuts
- \$216 million – SA’s Category 2 funds projected for 2009-2019 (US 281/Loop 1604 equity)
- \$21.6 million – Cat 2 average per year (2009-2019); versus \$164 million average (2004-8)
- No funding currently for non-toll, military, economic development, medium & small projects
- No funding currently for rail relo (\$2-3B), commuter rail, light rail, BRT extension, etc.
- Population projected to grow from 1.39 million (2000) to 2.75 million (2040)
- No new added capacity projects expected after 2004-8 projects completed, except 281/1604
- No funding to address many growing corridors in all parts of San Antonio/Bexar County
- Proposed new formula reduces SA’s share of Cat 2 funding from 11.159% to 9.772%
- US 281 and Loop 1604 – in delay due to environmental lawsuit

Recommended Solutions

Statewide Mobility Funding

- Proposition 12 Bonds – Support enabling legislation (\$5 billion statewide)
- Fund 6 diversions – Return funding to transportation (\$1.6 billion per biennium statewide)

Local Option Revenue Sources

- Enable “menu” of local option revenues sources (vehicle reg fee, gas tax, etc.)

Rail Relocation and Commuter Rail

- Support legislation to capitalize Texas Rail Relocation Fund
- Encourage federal Rail Relocation Title to provide matching funds (2010-2015 bill)

Alamo RMA and Toll System Projects

- Support project right of first refusal for local toll agencies
- Support proposed state infrastructure bank to provide gap and startup fund
- Defend US 281/Loop 1604 from attempts to remove toll option

Transit Funding (BRT, Light Rail, etc.)

- Note: Awaiting recommendations of City-County Transportation Task Force and VIA

Category 2 Funding Formula

- Encourage expansion of SA-Bexar County MPO boundaries