



# SMARTWAY SA KICKOFF



## BE A PART OF PLANNING THE FUTURE OF VIA SERVICES

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009**

SUNSET STATION, DEPOT 4 - NORTH & SOUTH  
1174 E. COMMERCE ST., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**ON BEHALF OF SAN ANTONIO  
AND BEXAR COUNTY, VIA IS PLEASED  
TO ANNOUNCE SMARTWAYSA.**

SmartWaySA is an exciting new process for planning the development of an integrated system of high-capacity multimodal transit service for the future of our community. **IF YOU CARE ABOUT:**

- Enhanced bus service including Bus Rapid Transit and Bus/HOV Managed Lanes on our major freeways,
- Light Rail and Commuter Rail for commuters traveling within and to the San Antonio metropolitan region,
- Rail Streetcar Circulator Service for central San Antonio including downtown and adjacent areas of the center city,
- Multimodal transit services and facilities for fast, convenient and economical travel within our growing metropolitan area,

**...THEN YOU WILL WANT TO TAKE PART IN THIS IMPORTANT PROCESS.**

**THE TIME HAS COME FOR SAN ANTONIO - AS A COMMUNITY** – to take a careful look at our existing and future transportation needs, identify what's working, determine what we would like to improve, and develop a shared vision for the VIA transit system.

VIA is holding a multi-day SmartWaySA Planning Workshop, to obtain public input on long-range, multimodal transit planning for the San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Area. **HELP VIA PLAN HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT SERVICE FOR SAN ANTONIO'S FUTURE!**

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SMARTWAYS SA LONG RANGE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN KICK OFF EVENTS AT SUNSET STATION, DEPOT 4 AT 1174 E. COMMERCE.**

**MONDAY 8/31 5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM – OPENING PUBLIC MEETING** – This event will give the community an opportunity to ask questions, get information, and provide comments and input related to the long range plan and transit services. We want to hear from you - before the planning work begins!

<b>TUESDAY 9/1</b>	<b>5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM - OPEN HOUSE* (Topic: Transit Oriented Development)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/2</b>	<b>7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM - OPEN HOUSE* (Topic: Modern Streetcars)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/2</b>	<b>5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM - OPEN HOUSE* (Topic: Innovative Financing)</b>
<b>THURSDAY 9/3</b>	<b>7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM - OPEN HOUSE* (Topic: Multimodal Transportation)</b>

**THURSDAY 9/3 5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM – CLOSING PUBLIC MEETING** – The public will have another opportunity to ask questions and provide comments, feedback, and suggestions. The results of the planning workshop will be presented at 6:00 p.m. and planners will be available to answer questions.

\*VIA along with local agencies representatives and community stakeholders, will participate in an intense 3-day technical planning workshop. The workshop participants will develop a vision and preliminary concept that will form the basis of the long-range plan. Open Houses will vary each day and highlight results of the day's technical planning workshop.

Free parking is available or you can ride to Sunset Station on bus routes 24, 25 and the Yellow Streetcar. Go online to Google to get directions by transit or by car. For bus trip planning assistance, you can also call 210-362-2020.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Persons with hearing disabilities may request an interpreter 48 hours prior to the meeting by calling TDD 362-2019 or call VIA Public Affairs, 210-362-2370.

**WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!** You - as the local decision-makers, residents, employees, business owners, commuters, activists and community leaders - have the insight, experience, ideas, perspective, interest, commitment, and leadership to make this happen. The success of SmartWaySA depends on your involvement and support. You CAN make a difference!

For further information, please contact VIA Public Affairs, phone (210) 362-2370  
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[www.SmartWaySA.com](http://www.SmartWaySA.com)