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VIA, ATD and Alamo RMA Boards to hold joint public meeting and public hearing

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(SAN ANTONIO) – February 4, 2009 – The Board of Directors of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (Alamo RMA), VIA Metropolitan Transit (VIA) and the Advanced Transportation District (ATD), will hold a joint public meeting and hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 5 p.m. at the VIA Metro Center, 1021 San Pedro Avenue, to receive a presentation on the recommendations contained within the San Antonio Bexar County Transportation Task Force report.

Created by Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff and San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, the Transportation Task Force has been charged with examining the current state of transportation in the region and making recommendations on how to address transportation issues moving forward.

One of the recommendations from the Transportation Task Force interim report is for the consolidation of VIA, the ATD and the Alamo RMA, into one agency.

“Our community has great potential ahead of it when it comes to mass transit and multi-modal options,” said Dr. William Thornton, Chairman of the Alamo RMA and Chair of the Transportation Task Force. “By laying the groundwork today to rethink how our community addresses transportation needs, we can open up more opportunities for the future.”

The joint meeting will also include a presentation on the proposed legislation, which would be necessary for the consolidation of the agencies to move forward, and protect all the authorities and powers held today by each agency.

“We need to ensure that we protect the local control necessary for our region to control our own transportation destiny,” said Henry R. Munoz III, Chair of the VIA and ATD Boards. “Our future is going to be dependent on an integrated urban transportation system with all options available for consideration.”

Citizens will have the opportunity to address the VIA, ATD and RMA boards during the meeting about the findings of the Transportation Task Force report and the recommendations contained within the report.

Copies of the Transportation Task Force report can be downloaded from the Bexar County Website, www.Bexar.org/Transportation and copies of the PowerPoint on the proposed legislation can be downloaded from www.VIAinfo.net.

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