

TAM Plan



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City of San Marcos TAM Plan

TAM Plan Type:

Tier II

Agency Name:

San Marcos Urban Transit District

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Introduction

Brief Overview

As a result of the 2010 Census, the San Marcos Urbanized Area (SM UZA) was defined. It includes parts of three counties (Hays, Caldwell, and Guadalupe County) and two cities (San Marcos and Martindale), in Texas with the City of San Marcos the dominant demographic.

The change in Census designation triggered state and federal processes governing federal and state transit funding and the identification of a grantee for funds. Local and state processes were followed that involved holding Transportation Conferences, with the affected local governments as conferees. This included public hearings, formal meetings, and deliberations that resulted in the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) being named as the direct recipient for the new SM UZA, effective March 1, 2013. CARTS and the City of San Marcos began working together to transfer the role of Direct Recipient. On October 1, 2019, Federal Transit Administration recognized the City of San Marcos as the direct recipient of federal funds for the SM UZA.

The San Marcos Transit District is a division under the Public Works Department housed in the City of San Marcos. The City Manager is the Accountable Executive, and the City Council is the approving body. Attachment A shows an organizational chart for the Transit Division.

Methods for Target-Setting

All performance measures and targets are set with industry standards. Most vehicles used in revenue service for the San Marcos UZA are owned and maintained by CARTS. City currently owns two vehicles, and is working towards a full city owned dedicated fleet. City staff will work with CARTS to update targets and measures.

Performance Targets & Measures

Agency Name	Asset Category	Asset Class	2025 Target
San Marcos Urban Transit District	Revenue Vehicles	BU - Bus	0%
San Marcos Urban Transit District	Revenue Vehicles	CU - Cutaway	90%

Capital Asset Inventory

Asset Inventory Summary

Please see attachment B for full list of transit vehicles.

Asset Category/Class	Total Number	Avg Age	Avg Mileage	Avg Estimated Value
Revenue Vehicles				
BU - Bus	15	8.2	151,061	\$150,000.00
CU - Cutaway Bus	20	7.6	131,310	\$50,000.00
Facilities	1	26.0	N/A	N/A

Condition Assessment

Asset Condition Summary

Asset Category/Class	Total Number	Avg Age	Avg Mileage	Avg Estimated Value	% At or Exceeds ULB	Number of Facilities less than 3 on TERM scale
Revenue Vehicles						
BU - Bus	15	8.2	151,061	\$150,000.00	0%	N/A
CU - Cutaway Bus	20	7.6	131,310	\$50,000.00	90%	N/A
Passenger Facilities	1	26.0	N/A	\$0.00	N/A	0

Decision Support

Decision Support Tools

The following tools are used in making investment decisions:

Process/Tool	Brief Description
All capital asset additions over \$100,000.00 will require approval by the San Marcos City Council.	Currently, most revenue vehicles are owned and maintained by the service provider. The city will replace revenue vehicles in the order of condition. San Marcos City Council will approve any contract over \$100,000.00 during a public meeting, including purchasing new assets for the transit program.

Investment Prioritization

The City of San Marcos will utilize available Federal Transit Administration and Texas Department of Transportation grant funds and local funds to procure and implement new investments. New investments will be procured based on the condition of current assets.

The San Marcos Transit District will replace vehicles according to the useful life benchmark (ULB). Vehicles past the ULB will be replaced first. San Marcos Transit will prioritize the replacement of Cutaway buses over other revenue vehicles. San Marcos Transit District received two new cutaway vehicles in FY 2024 and will work to order and additional five cutaway vehicles in FY 2025 to receive them in FY 2026.

Proposed Investments

Project Name	Project Year	Asset Category	Asset Class	Cost	Priority	Updated Date
Cutaway bus procurement	2026	Revenue Vehicles	CU – Cutaway Bus	\$1,050,000.00	High	
Bus procurement	2032	Revenue Vehicles	BU – Bus	\$1,000,000.00	Low	Replace vehicles past their ULB
Cutaway bus procurement	2034	Revenue Vehicles	CU – Cutaway Bus	\$1,000,000.00	Low	Replace vehicles past their ULB

