



# **City of San Marcos**

## **Transit Partnership Update**

June 6, 2023



# Purpose

- **Review history of the partnership & contributions of the parties**
- **Update Council on recent progress in negotiating ILA & Funding Agreement**
- **Update on Current Activity & Proposed Next Steps**
- **Questions for staff and Texas State staff**



# History - Separate Transit Systems

- **City Service – “The Bus”**
  - Operated by Capital Area Rural Transportation System
  - Diverse pick-up & drop-off locations (107 stops)
  - Route frequency of 30 or 60 minutes
  - Average annual ridership of 75,000
- **University Service – “Bobcat Shuttle”**
  - Operated by Transdev
  - Focused pick-up & drop-off locations (32 stops)
  - Route frequency of 8 to 24 minutes
  - Average annual ridership of 2,000,000



# History - Common Interests

- **The goal is to create a seamless transit system**
- **Texas State is committed to improving our community & strengthening our partnership**
- **Provide the best transportation options for residents of San Marcos including university students**
- **Maximize Federal funding to advance transit objectives**



# Seamless Transit System Benefits

- **The Seamless Transit System is inclusive of all residents**
- **Remove barriers to transit service for every resident**
- **Make it simple - Coordinated marketing and public outreach**
- **Access to more Federal transit funding to enhance system**
- **Provides a bridge of good faith between the City and Texas State to bring the community together**



# Contributions to the Transit Partnership

- **City of San Marcos – A Direct Recipient**
  - Coordinates with Federal Transit Administration (FTA), TxDOT & Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)
  - Implements Grant Compliance Policies and Procedures
  - Maintains Fiduciary Responsibility & Grant Management Duties
- **Texas State University – A Voluntary Reporter**
  - Began Reporting Ridership to National Transit Database in 2017
  - Has Generated \$10.8 Million of FTA 5307 STIC Grant Funds
    - FTA 5307 Small Transit Intensive City Funds “bonus”
    - C.A.R.E.S Act & American Rescue Plan Funds



# Funding Split Detail Table (2019-2023)

Fund Type	Amount	University Receives	City Retains
*ARP Act	\$ 1,159,587	\$ 279,824	\$ 879,763
**C.A.R.E.S. Act	\$ 6,429,168	\$ 1,551,447	\$ 4,877,721
***FTA 5307 STIC	\$ 10,865,757	\$ 9,875,026	\$ 990,730
FTA 5307 Formula	\$ 5,082,108	\$ -	\$ 5,082,108
TOTALS:	\$ 23,536,620	\$ 11,706,298	\$ 11,830,322

\*ARP – American Rescue Plan

\*\*C.A.R.E.S. – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

\*\*\* FTA 5307 STIC – Small Transit Intensive City

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# Recent Progress: Framework ILA

- **Framework Interlocal Agreement is substantially complete**
- **“Overarching Document”** that memorializes the Transit Partnership for Seamless Transit System
- **Focus on completing Transit Master Plan recommendations**
- **Details the Federal Grant funds “Split” for 2019-2023 FTA apportionments and sets process for future Federal grant funds**
- **Contains the Funding Agreement Template as an exhibit**
- **Acknowledges future Federal grant funds will be negotiated in good faith**





# Recent Progress: Funding Agreement Template

- **Funding Agreement Template is substantially complete**
- **“Project Specific Document”** that defines the party’s responsibilities
- **Contains the requirements for the University as a “Subrecipient”**
- **Permits the City to share Federal Funds with the University**
- **Includes Project Budget & Project Description (integrated in FTA grant application/award)**
- **University to “match” federal funds with local dollars**



# Current Activities

- **FTA review of the Funding Agreement Template is underway**
- **University developing Project Budget & Description for grant application**
- **Working with Human Resources to hire the Transit Compliance Specialist for Subrecipient oversight**
- **Working with Transit Consultants to develop compliant oversight program for Subrecipient**



# Proposed Next Steps

- **Return ILA for Council consideration – July/August**
- **Submit Grant Application with the FTA for obligation – August/September**
- **Return Funding Agreement for Council consideration in September/October**
- **Execute transit projects on behalf of the community**
- **Continue to assess/negotiate future grant funds**



# Questions