



SAN ANTONIO MOBILITY COALITION, INC.

Overview

The San Antonio Mobility Coalition is a non-profit corporation organized in 2001 to advocate for highway, transit, and freight rail funding for the greater San Antonio region. SAMCo members include Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, VIA Metropolitan Transit, the Alamo Area MPO, the Alamo RMA, major San Antonio headquartered corporations, chambers of commerce, the transportation construction and supply industry, the real estate development community, the financial sector, consulting engineers and other interested organizations.

The coalition was established in order to remain competitive with other Texas regions and to address significant transportation funding shortfalls statewide and in the greater San Antonio region.

Since its inception, SAMCo has advocated in Austin and Washington, DC for new transportation funding tools and approaches; actively supported efforts to develop the Loop 1604, US 281, IH 35, IH 10, Wurzbach Parkway and SH 130 projects; encouraged various local bond programs; helped secure funding and approval for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT); organized delegation presentations before the Texas Transportation Commission and various legislative committees; and hosted a quarterly leadership luncheon series on emerging transportation funding topics.





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Since 2004, the SAMCo Partnership has successfully advocated for more than \$3.1 billion in new or accelerated funding for transportation projects in the region. Key milestones include:

2004	\$340 million – Voters approve 1/4 cent sales tax for transportation projects (ATD). Amount based on ten year initial projection.
2005	\$418 million – Highway expansion package backed by ATD for projects along IH 35, IH 10, Loop 410, Bandera, Blanco & Culebra Roads
2006	\$30 million – Federal appropriations secured for 7 local projects
2007	\$307 million – Voters approve City of San Antonio bond program
2008-2009	<u>Federal Stimulus (ARRA) and Proposition 12 Bonds</u> \$140 million – US 281/Loop 1604 (4 non-toll direct connectors) \$130 million – Wurzbach Parkway (final three project phases) \$ 16 million – 36th Street Extension (Port San Antonio) \$ 16 million – Loop 1604 (FM78/Graytown) & US 281 Super Street
2011	\$178 million – Projects from Prop 12 bonds approved during 2011 legislative session for the San Antonio/Bexar region
2012	\$340 million – Voters approve City of San Antonio bond program \$232 million – TxDOT contribution to US 281/Loop 1604 funding package, plus an additional \$136 million in local funding
2013	\$12 million/year – Texas Legislature authorizes \$10.00 additional vehicle registration fee for Bexar County starting in 2014
2014	\$825 million – Project package for IH 10, US 281, and Loop 1604 announced by TxDOT, Bexar County, City of San Antonio, and VIA - January 2014.
2015	\$147 million – Proposition 1 projects let in San Antonio District (US 90, IH 10, and IH 410).



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2015 Legislative Agenda *updated with results

Economic expansion and population growth have put tremendous pressure on the state's transportation infrastructure system, while the resources to support the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the system are not keeping pace. This lack of needed investment hurts job creation, increases safety concerns, results in dirtier air, and reduces the quality of life for our citizens.

These challenges directly impact the Alamo MPO region which is projected to grow in population by more than 71 percent by 2040. Two years ago, TxDOT listed 32 unfunded highway projects totaling \$10.3 billion that will be needed to address this regional growth.

In addition to providing adequate and sustainable funding for highways, it is prudent that the state provide resources and funding tools for improvements to freight rail, commuter rail, and transit systems.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL

The San Antonio Mobility Coalition, Inc. (SAMCo) along with community and regional transportation partners supports: 1) passage of new, long-term, sustainable funding sources for transportation infrastructure; and 2) the dedication of existing revenue generated from taxes, fees, or receipts related to transportation to the maintenance, improvement and expansion of roads, rail and public transportation.

84th SESSION

Legislative solutions to Texas transportation needs could take many forms or approaches. We offer these suggestions as starting points:

RESULT

- ✓ 1. Dedicate All State Highway Fund Revenues to Transportation. As recently proposed by Speaker Straus, end legislative diversions or appropriations from the State Highway Fund (Fund 6) for any purpose other than maintenance, improvement and expansion of transportation infrastructure. **Included in state budget.**
- ✓ 2. Dedicate Vehicle Sales Tax Revenue for Transportation. Constitutionally dedicate a portion of the existing Sales and Use tax on new and used motor vehicles to transportation. This tax should be considered a "user fee" for motorists using the state's roads and bridges. This revenue source is predictable, adjusts for inflation, does not rely on a particular type of fuel (i.e. gasoline or natural gas or electric), and is transportation related. **SJR 5/Proposition 7**
- ✓ 3. Support Additional Long-Term Dedicated Funding Sources. There are other responsible and reasonable options available to legislators to provide a long-term, dedicated source or sources of funding for needed transportation projects. These include raising and/or indexing the state's motor fuels tax (last adjusted in 1991), raising and/or indexing the vehicle registration fee, and establishing appropriate road user fees for electric and other alternatively powered vehicles. These measures would help restore and preserve the purchasing power of the State Highway Fund. **SJR 5/Proposition 7 - Use of General Revenue**
- 4. Local Funding. Provide cities and counties with additional local funding options and resources to address transportation needs that are not otherwise met by current funding sources or to offset any new transportation related costs or requirements by state or federal government.
- 5. Capitalize the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund. Freight mobility is vital to the state's economic competitiveness. Improving rail infrastructure would enhance freight mobility and help relieve growing pressure on our highways. The state should capitalize the Texas Rail Relocation & Improvement Fund, partner with the freight rail industry, and support TxDOT efforts to identify additional resources for freight rail programs.
- 6. Increase Funding for Multi-Modal Transportation; Preserve Governance Structure and Authorize Dedicated Transit Lanes. In order to assist VIA Metropolitan Transit's efforts to implement its Comprehensive Transportation Plan, we encourage: ✓a) preservation of the existing VIA Board governance; b) increasing funding opportunities for multimodal transit projects; and c) increasing services with dedicated transit lanes on shoulders.

*List is not prioritized.



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Legislative Agenda Continued...

Enacted State Legislation Supported by SAMCo (Previous Sessions):

2013 Legislative Session

- Passage of proposed Constitutional Amendment to dedicate portion of oil and gas severance taxes to non-toll highway projects. Potential to generate \$1.7 B in new revenue for TxDOT. [Note: Approved by voters in November 2014.]
- Loop 1604 included in list of legislatively authorized CDA projects. (SB 1730)
- Legislative authorization of \$10.00 optional vehicle registration fee for Bexar County, with potential to generate more than \$12 million annually for road and bridge projects. (HB 1573)
- Establishment of a TxDOT grant program and use of tax increment funding for road improvements in energy production regions of the state. \$450 million included in state budget for those road improvements. (SB 1742)

2011 Legislative Session

- Authorization of \$3 billion of Proposition 12 Bonds backed by state's general revenue. San Antonio region to receive \$178 million. (HB 1)
- Expanded authority for municipalities and counties to establish transportation reinvestment zones. (HB 563)
- Authority for an Advanced Transportation District (ADT) to bond sales tax. (HB 2396)
- Authority for Lone Star Rail District to establish tax increment zones to finance commuter rail projects. (HB 3030)
- Clarification of authority and powers of RMAs, including bonding authority. (HB 1112)
- Authorization for TxDOT to enter into agreements with state or federal agencies to expedite environmental review processes. (SB 548)
- Authorization for TxDOT, RMAs, and counties to provide funds to a state or federal agency to expedite environmental review processes. (HB 630)
- TxDOT Sunset Bill, including expanded authority for public-private partnerships. (HB 1420)

2009 Legislative Session and Special Session

- Authorization of \$2 billion in Proposition 12 Bonds backed by the state's general revenue.
- \$200 million to capitalize Texas Rail Relocation & Improvement Fund. [Note: Not implemented due to disagreement over whether funding thresholds met.]
- Legislative diversions of motor fuels tax reduced from \$1.591 million to \$1.151 million (27 percent reduction).
- Authorization of revolving loan fund through the Texas Infrastructure Bank.
- Local option bill passes Senate 24-7 but fails to gain sufficient traction to reach House floor. Efforts to add to conference committee report on budget also fail.

2007 Legislative Session

- Alamo RMA receives authority to pursue traditional, public sector toll projects. Two year moratorium on CDA projects does not apply.

2005 Legislative Session

- Authorization of \$4 billion in Texas Mobility Fund bonds, including action by Texas Bond Review Board.
- Passage of legislation to clarify that ATD revenue may be used to bond and pay the interest through a local government corporation.
- Increase in toll equity cap and various enhancements in HB 3588 funding tools.
- Passage of rail relocation enabling legislation.



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Membership

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SAMCo's strong advocacy has helped generate more than \$3.1 billion in new and/or accelerated funding for the Alamo Area MPO Region since 2001.

SAMCo MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

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Williams Brothers Construction
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ENTITIES/PROJECTS/PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY SAMCo

SAMCo supports funding for transportation projects being developed by the following entities:

ALAMO AREA MPO The AAMPO Transportation Policy Board leads efforts in providing transportation policy and planning guidance for the region. The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) board of directors. The TPB is comprised of fourteen elected and seven appointed officials representing the Advanced Transportation District, Bexar County, Comal County, City of Boerne, City of San Antonio, City of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation, and VIA Metropolitan Transit. For more information, visit www.alamoareampo.org.



ALAMO REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY The Alamo RMA through local transportation partnerships leverages funding to develop and provide for a system of added-capacity projects in Bexar County to accelerate congestion relief and provide motorists with additional choices in daily commutes. Key corridors include US 281, Loop 1604, IH 10, and IH 35. In late 2015, the Alamo RMA together with Bexar County entered into a partnership to bring forward 15 key transportation projects within the next 6 years. For additional information, visit www.bexar.org/339/Alamo-Regional-Mobility-Authority.



BEXAR COUNTY Bexar County is a key partner in the development of pass-through funding agreements with state transportation officials and the Alamo RMA to advance projects along Blanco Road, Culebra Road, FM 1957 (Potranco Road), SH 211 (Hill Country Parkway), and Loop 1604 to IH 10 East. The County also operates and maintains over 1,200 miles of dedicated public roads and rights of way. For more information, visit inf.bexar.org.



BROOKS CITY BASE Brooks City Base, formerly Brooks Air Force Base, is a mixed-use development on 1,200 acres of land situated on San Antonio's south side where residents can live, work, learn and play. www.brookscity-base.com.



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO In January 2014, Transportation & Capital Improvements was created by joining together the former Public Works and Capital Improvements Management Services Departments. The newly created department contains a work-force of over 800 employees dedicated to meeting the infrastructure needs of the City of San Antonio. For additional information, visit www.sanantonio.gov/TCI.



LONE STAR RAIL The Lone Star Rail District is an independent public agency created to bring regional passenger rail service to the Austin-San Antonio corridor. The LSTAR service will connect communities in five counties that are home to more than 3 million people - giving them a transportation alternative to congested highways. The LSTAR is currently in its final planning stages. For more, visit www.lonestarrail.com.



PORT SAN ANTONIO Port San Antonio is a master-planned, 1,900 acre aerospace, industrial complex and international logistics platform. Created from the former Kelly Air Force Base, Port San Antonio is approximately equidistant from the East and West coasts of the United States and at the center of the NAFTA Corridor between Mexico and Canada. The entire development is designated as a Foreign-Trade Zone. For more information, visit www.portsanantonio.us.



TXDOT SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT The San Antonio District plans, designs, builds, operates and maintains the state transportation system in the following counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde and Wilson. <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/san-antonio.html>.



VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT VIA provides public transportation service in the San Antonio area funded by a one-half cent sales tax in San Antonio and twelve other municipalities. In addition, VIA receives one-half of the quarter cent sales tax levied through the Advanced Transportation District. VIA currently provides bus, bus rapid transit (BRT), express bus, paratransit, and vanpool services and has developed a Long-Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan that includes HOV lanes and other high-capacity transit options. For more information, visit www.viainfo.net.

