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## **Brooks CityBase Park & Ride** ***Relief at Last!***

For over ten years Southeast San Antonio and the surrounding area has suffered without a VIA Park & Ride to serve its citizens' needs for mass transit. As a result of today's announcement, the collaborative work of the City of San Antonio, the County of Bexar, VIA and the Brooks Development Authority, we are turning a new page in our contemporary history! Today we are more able to not only fill the gap of a sizeable portion of our population needing mass transit, we are able to do our fare share in cleaning the air, decongesting I-37, the "coastal corridor" of Texas and alleviating our addiction to oil with mass transit!

Today we commit ourselves and respective entities to the development and implementation of a "superstop" along City-Base Landing at Brooks City Base. Importantly, we will now have a publicly announced, draft timeline for the implementation of a transit oriented development master plan for the 32 acres bounded by City-Base Landing and Goliad Road. Mission Trails Baptist Hospital and the other stars arrayed here at Brooks CityBase will be stronger as a result of today's work.

The first two elements of the timeline address the development of the “*superstop*”. VIA staff has had some initial internal discussions regarding the development of this site addressing bus operations and impacts to traffic operations along City-Base Landing, which is a concern to the Brooks City-Base staff. Additionally, VIA would like to minimize the impact to the green space.

Today's announcement means that not only will the important work of our community leadership for our area residents be advanced, our citizens will have another transportation choice here at Brooks CityBase. That choice will in addition to regular park & ride bus service, express service for special events at the outset and eventually, downtown express service.

Throughout the 1800's Galveston and San Antonio competed for the title of largest cities in Texas. That was largely the result of their transportation advantages. Galveston was the port and San Antonio, the transnational and international cross-road for Texas and the region in which it is centrally located. May today's step be yet another strengthening of our transportation and economic foundation!