

# FACT SHEET

## CENTRO PLAZA



**VIA SMARTMOVE** is transforming San Antonio through multimodal solutions. It's the result of an extensive two-year public involvement effort to develop a comprehensive long-range transportation plan. **CENTRO PLAZA** is one of six significant improvements in transit services that comprise the VIA **SMARTMOVE** Program.

Providing a multimodal transfer facility in the near-west side will increase mobility, promote transit-oriented development, improve air quality, stimulate economic development, promote pedestrian-and bike-friendly neighborhoods, and enhance access to the city's Central Business District.

**IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY, connecting existing and future transit modes and spurring economic growth**

### **CENTRO PLAZA IS A SMARTMOVE.**

- The transit facility will offer more travel options, greater comfort and enhanced conveniences for riders traveling to and from the Central Business District and far reaches of our community.
- The site will include a modern plaza that will facilitate transfers to local services between various modes of public transportation coming into our downtown area.
- It will improve how people make route transfers and play a role in diverting more than half of the local bus traffic away from the center of downtown, alleviating congestion.
- The concentration of transit services at this location will also improve accessibility to the UTSA Downtown Campus and the University Health System's Robert B. Green Campus, while creating new area foot traffic and encouraging mixed-use development opportunities in the area.
- People will enjoy an enhanced quality of life and greater accessibility to amenities where they live, work and play.



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## CENTRO PLAZA IS A TRANSIT HUB FOR OUR AREA.

The environmental process for Centro Plaza was completed in late 2012. The design phase was completed in late 2013. Groundbreaking and construction will begin in Summer 2014, with an anticipated completion expected in Fall 2015.

## KEY FACTS:

- The project location currently serves as a transfer point for VIA Primo, taking people to and from the Medical Center Transit Station.
- When complete, it will serve as a transit center for hybrid and fuel-efficient buses traveling throughout VIA's 1,226 square mile service area.
- The facility is poised to be a hub for mass transit growth by serving as a terminus for multimodal transit service in the near future and later for potential inter-city bus service and other commuter-oriented transportation services.
- The multimodal center will provide parking for approximately 120 vehicles.
- Currently, more than 500 express service bus trips come to and from the city's Central Business District. This facility will be able to handle future route and passenger increases.
- Utilizing this facility, commuters will save considerably on gas and parking fees.
- The multimodal center will feature a comfortable waiting area with bicycle racks, appropriate lighting, real-time bus arrival information and ticket vending.
- The facility will make transportation services convenient for people interested in urban living and will help visitors and tourists get to the heart of our city and beyond.

Once operational, Centro Plaza will improve mobility into the downtown area. It will reduce traffic congestion, improve the passenger experience and stimulate economic growth.



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