## CITY COUNCIL

## TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

I hereby request that I be authorized to proceed on official city business to the following named places and return to San Antonio, on or about the dates indicated and to be reimbursed for the travel expenses incurred in performance thereof from city funds in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures applied to such reimbursement.

| Estimated date of return to San Antonio:  Monday, September 26, 2005  GRATUITOUS OR NON-CITY FUNDED TRIPS  This trip will be paid for (entirely) or (partially) by a third party or from non-City funds.  DONOR:  VIA Metropolitan Transit  VALUE:  \$214.40  EXCEPTIONS:  Official Business only Dual purpose-Goodwill Dual purpose-Education Dual purpose-City Business  Financial Data:  Signature of Traveler  I hereby certify that the above request for travel authorization has been approved by the City Council   |   |                  | Elena K. Guajardo                            |          |
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August 18, 2005

The Honorable Elena K. Guajardo Councilwoman, District 7 City of San Antonio P.O. Box 839966 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

Dear Councilwoman Guajardo:

On behalf of VIA Metropolitan Transit, I would like to invite you to be our guest at the International Public Transportation Exposition 2005 in Dallas.

The American Public Transportation Association, or APTA, puts on the exposition every three years, and the location changes each time. This may be the last year in quite a while that such a comprehensive transit trade show will be held in Texas, so this is an excellent opportunity to see the latest in the public transportation industry.

A trip to Dallas may be worthwhile to you, especially now that we are moving forward with capital projects under the Advanced Transportation District, or ATD. You will get a chance to visit more than 800 exhibitors and to see the possibilities that can be realized here in San Antonio. Since VIA has also received federal earmarks for fleet modernization and bus rapid transit, this would also be a great time to view the latest advancements for these fields. At the exposition, we expect to see buses specifically designed for bus rapid transit, a concept that is being considered for the Fredericksburg Road corridor.

VIA would like to invite you as our guest to APTA's Expo 2005 on Monday, September 26. You will fly to Dallas in the morning, spend the day at the exposition, and return to San Antonio that evening. If you are interested in being our guest for that day, please call Priscilla Ingle at 362-2370 by August 30.

These are exciting times for public transportation in San Antonio, and Expo 2005 is the occasion to learn more about where we are headed in the industry. The information gained in Dallas will help us shape our transit future in San Antonio. I hope you will be able to join us in September.

Sincerely,

Tim Tuggey

Chair, VIA Board of Trustees

Please note this invitation is non-transferable.