



December 2, 2025

Historic Design and Review Commission
1901 S Alamo St
San Antonio, Texas 78204

Re: 925 S St Mary's Street Case No 2025-325 King William Historic District

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval for bus station designs related to the VIA Rapid Green Line. Six new stations will be located within historic districts (Monte Vista, King William, and Mission) and require approval.

Dear Commissioners,

VIA representatives presented a self-described mostly completed plan for bus stops along the Green Line to the KWA Architectural Advisory Committee in August 2025. This included proposed bus stops very modern and very homogeneous in appearance, with minor concessions to our historic neighborhoods. It included the perceived "need" for a stop (Pereida) in front of Bonham Elementary to take up the **entire** sidewalk space. AAC members at that time emphasized that conversion of the only and entire sidewalk into a bus stop in front of a school creates a **very** dangerous situation and with time will result in injury or death. The AAC also expressed that current bus stops in King William are much better suited to an historic neighborhood (with no suggestions offered at that time to make anything silver).

In spite of assurances of a return to the AAC committee taking these considerations under advisement, the AAC has received and reviewed the consent agenda VIA proposal for Green Line bus stops on December 1, 2025. We remain strongly opposed to the proposed stops in the King William area for the above reasons. We remain open to discussion, consideration and modification with VIA. However, if approved as proposed, this response will serve as confirming the City of San Antonio's awareness of the dangers of this plan on a busy street, and the predictable untoward events.

Sincerely,

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