

C. Transit Routes

The planned River Bus and Street Trolley are intended to supplement the existing and future VIA bus routes that criss-cross River North.

The Street Trolley and the River Bus share three very important characteristics that differentiate them from bus or other rubber-tired transit modes.

1. They are fixed in their routes, and thus have the potential to attract real estate investment along their routes, based on the knowledge that they will be there over a period of time similar to that of a real estate investment.
2. They move at "local speeds", allowing passengers to appreciate their surroundings as they move, and stop frequently, leaving passengers within a very short walk of their destination.
3. Headways will be at approximately 10 minute intervals, allowing users to just step out the door and know that they have a ride.

Bus routes intrinsically do not possess characteristic #1, normally do not possess #2, and usually do not possess #3. And in order to move passengers longer distances in reasonable amounts of time, they generally stop at approximately 1/2 mile intervals, rather than every 1,000 feet or so. They meet a fundamentally different, and important, transit need, for moving from neighborhood to neighborhood or area to area, whereas the River Bus and the Street Trolley enable easy movement within and between the tight-knit neighborhoods of Central San Antonio.

