

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Capital Metro Rosa Parks Board Room  
2910 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Austin, TX 78702

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Board Secretary Casey Burack  
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Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
2:00 PM

2:07 PM Meeting Called to Order  
6:07 PM Meeting Adjourned

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## I. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

## II. Executive Session

## III. Technical Advisory Committee Reports

ATP Board Chair Veronica Castro de Barrera provided the February Engineering, Architecture & Construction Committee (EAC) report. This was a combined EAC and Finance & Risk Committee (FAR) meeting. The agenda items were:

- Program Timeline review;
- Blue Line Bridge update; and
- Interview with the Eno Center for Transportation for the Independent Analysis.

ATP Vice-Chair Dr. Collette Pierce Burnette updated the Board on the February meeting of the Planning, Sustainability, Equity and DBE Committee (PSEC). This was a combined meeting of PSEC and FAR. The primary agenda items were:

- Update on the Blue Line Bridge;
- Sustainability Plan update;
- Program Timeline review; and
- Interview with the Eno Center for Transportation for the Independent Analysis.

ATP Board Member Tony Elkins provided the quarterly Finance and Risk Committee (FAR) meeting update. The primary agenda items were:

- Update on the FY21 Preliminary Financial Report as of September 30, 2021;
- Update on anti-displacement investments funding;
- Discussion of future quarterly reports;
- Status of ATP cash investments and Plan of Financing;
- Federal Infrastructure Bill highlights for ATP;
- Update on Risk Advisory Contract; and
- Update on Internal Auditor recruitment process.

## IV. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Randy Clarke highlighted the Metro Rapid Pleasant Valley groundbreaking, Mayor Adler and Congressman Doggett attended, and the four new Metro Rapid stations that are in development in South and East Austin.

Mr. Clarke addressed the upcoming Tri-Party Work Session with Capital Metro and the Austin City Council, the goals of the meeting, and what is needed to achieve the 30% design of the light rail components.

## V. Monthly Program Update

### 1. *Monthly Community Engagement Update*

Director of Community Involvement, Jackie Nirenberg, gave this report.

Ms. Nirenberg provided a three-month Community Engagement Look ahead. She reviewed the meetings over the last month and the participation numbers for each. Ms. Nirenberg also addressed what happens to community feedback; she used the Riverwalk Condos as an example of feedback that resulted in program adjustments.

Dr. Burnette emphasized the importance of identifying our gaps in participation and engaging the priority communities described in the JPA.

### 2. *Monthly Technical Update*

Chief Program Officer, Dave Couch, gave this report.

Mr. Couch discussed the 6,500 comments the technical team has received on the 30% design; the City of Austin and other key stakeholders participated in this review. He said he anticipates the Blue Line comments in March, and that the team is working with TXDOT on traffic studies surrounding State Highway 71. He confirmed we on schedule with NEPA and the Federal Transit Administration.

Board Chair Castro de Barrera asked about the studies of buses on the Blue Line Bridge. Mr. Clarke answered that there have already been studies, they're working to do additional.

### 3. *Monthly Administrative Update*

ATP General Counsel, Casey Burack, updated the Board on the Independent Analysis process.

Ms. Burack presented the timeline of the process, next steps, and the community engagement process that the independent consultant recently completed. This included two community town halls, over 40 individual interviews, and meetings with

the Technical Advisory Committees and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

Chair Castro de Barrera announced that the Board named Katie Houston as Internal Auditor for ATP. Ms. Houston starts at the end of the month and will report directly to the Board of Directors.

## VI. Item(s) From the Board

Mayor Adler talked to the ATP Board of Directors about the upcoming March 2 Tri-Party Workshop.

The Mayor discussed the importance of getting from where we are now to the 30% design. Specifically, he addressed the choices we will have to make and the decision-making process, citing the issue of buses on the Blue Line Bridge as an example.

Mayor Adler would like to see a detailed calendar so the public can better understand the decision-making process.

## VII. Adjournment

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