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Austin City Council / Capital Metro Board

JOINT SPECIAL SESSION



AUGUST 7, 2020

Attachment: Aug_7_Joint_Session - CMTA Slides (FINAL) (4652 : Update on Project Connect)

AGENDA

- **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - PROJECT CONNECT PLAN & PROCESS
 - AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP
 - CITY OF AUSTIN CONTRACT WITH THE VOTERS
 - CAPITAL METRO COMMUNITY COMMITMENT
- **ACTION ITEMS**
- **NEXT STEPS**

PROJECT CONNECT PLAN & PROCESS RECAP



PROJECT CONNECT VISION PLAN

Unanimous Board Approval - December 17, 2018

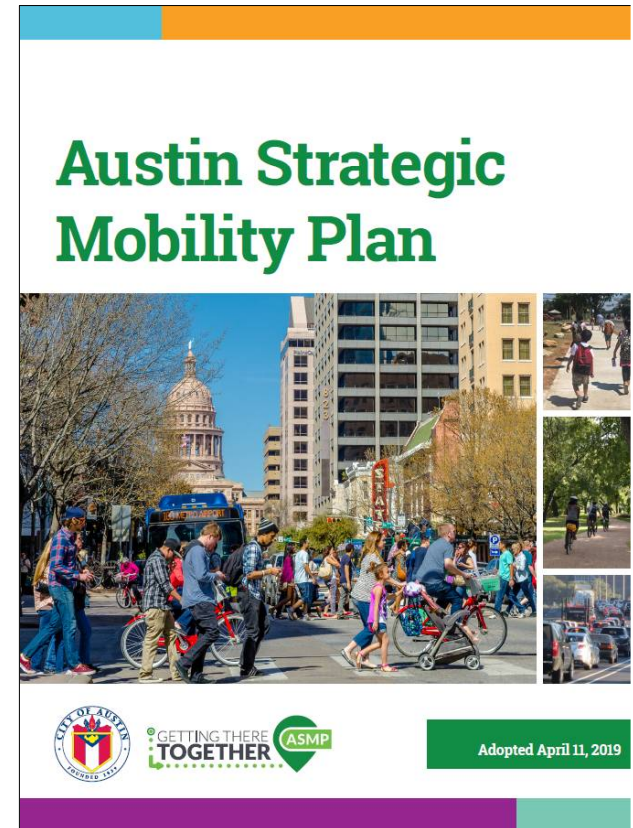
- Result of multi-month engagement process, including council district Community Conversations
- Board guidance on initial technical plan:
 - Vision should be bolder
 - Inclusion of Project Connect corridors in ASMP
 - Plan for new development, reserve land and ROW
- Board authorized staff to pursue preliminary engineering, NEPA review, continued engagement



AUSTIN STRATEGIC MOBILITY PLAN

Unanimous City Council Approval – April 11, 2019

- Result of two-year community and technical process
- Goal to reach 50/50 non-SOV mode share by 2039
 - 16-percent mode share goal for transit
- “We should invest in a complete public transportation system, with high-capacity vehicles in dedicated transit pathways, because it has the ability to move the most people in the region...”



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PROJECT CONNECT SYSTEM PLAN

Unanimous Board and Council Approval – June 10, 2020

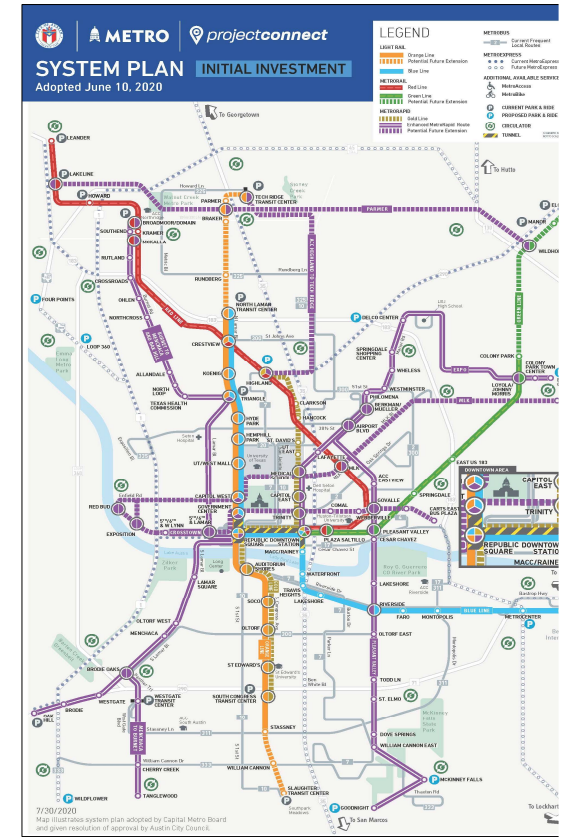
- Capital Metro approval of the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs)
- Austin City Council resolution of support for the System Plan and LPAs, direction amend the ASMP
- Action followed City Council/Board Virtual Community Meetings and a month-long Virtual Open House



PROJECT CONNECT INVESTMENT DECISION

Unanimous Board and Council Approval – July 27, 2020

- Austin City Council direction to staff to include the Project Connect Initial Investment Plan in the city tax rate and prepare necessary documents
- Capital Metro Board direction to staff to fund Project Connect projects in the agency FY2021 budget and return with a detailed financial plan
- Over 60,000 engaged, nearly 700 community events throughout the process



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AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER



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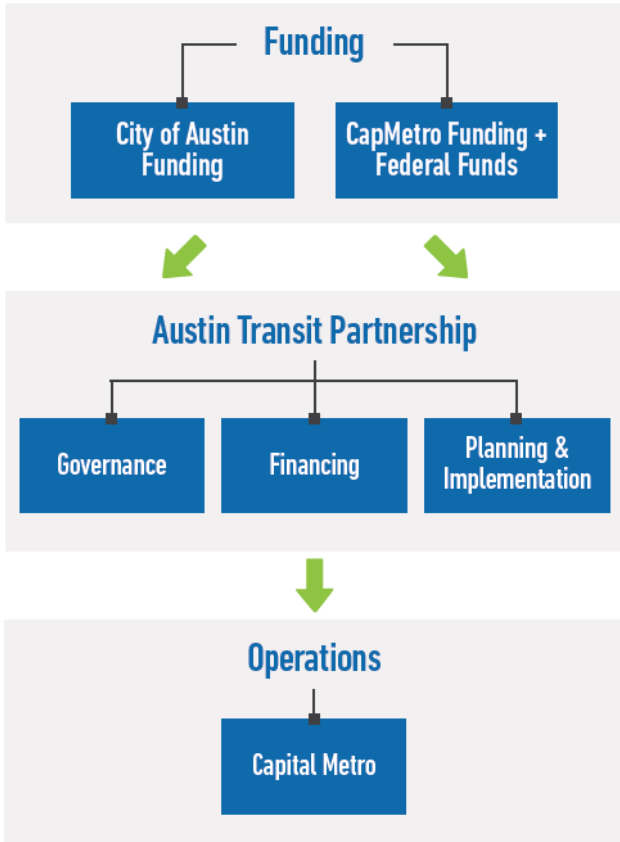
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Austin Transportation Partnership Responsibilities

- Quarterly reports to city council and Capital Metro board
- Annual comprehensive report to city council and Capital Metro board, participation in annual joint meeting
- Independent auditor
- Manages day-to-day Project Connect implementation and execution of design and construction
- Ensures close alignment with Capital Metro operations

City / Capital Metro Responsibilities

- Approves Project Connect system plan and policies
- Forms ATP, establishes policies, selects members
- Annually allocates funding to ATP

AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Board Composition

- **City of Austin**
 - Member of City Council
- **Capital Metro**
 - Member of the Board
- **3 Community Experts** (10+ years experience)
 - Finance
 - Engineering and Construction
 - Community Planning or Sustainability, plus community engagement experience

Nominating Committee

- Chair of the Capital Metro Finance, Audit and Administration committee
- Chair of the Capital Metro Operations, Planning and Safety committee
- Chair of the Austin City Council Audit and Finance committee
- Chair of the Austin City Council Mobility committee

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA)

Topics outlined in the JPA include:

General

- Management & Administration
- Auditing Program
- Safety Oversight
- Community Engagement
- DBE Program & Procurement

Financial Management

- Financial Systems & Accounting
- Grant Administration

Program Development & Implementation

- FTA NEPA & Preliminary Engineering
- Design Review & Permitting Management
- Sustainability Program
- Master ROW, Utility, Franchise Agreements
- Construction Mitigation Program
- Workforce Training & Development



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TODAY'S ACTIONS



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RESOLUTIONS & ACTION DATES

JULY
27
Joint Meeting

RESOLUTION
Council directs staff to include Project Connect in CoA tax rate and to prepare necessary documents

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RESOLUTION
Board directs staff to fund Project Connect projects in FY21 budget and bring back a resolution detailing the financial plan on August 7

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INVESTMENT PACKAGE DETERMINED

JULY
30
Council Meeting

COA BUDGET RESOLUTION
City adopts maximum tax rate

AUGUST
7
Joint Meeting

RESOLUTION
CoA resolution approving ILA for ATP

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RESOLUTION
CMTA resolution approving ILA for ATP

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GOVERNANCE & COMMITMENTS TO COMMUNITY FORMALIZED

RESOLUTION
CoA contract with voters

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RESOLUTION
CMTA funding commitment resolution

AUGUST
12-14
COA Budget Meetings

COA BUDGET ORDINANCE
Council adopts FY20-21 Budget

COA BUDGET ORDINANCE
Council adopts tax rate

COA BUDGET ORDINANCE
Council orders election



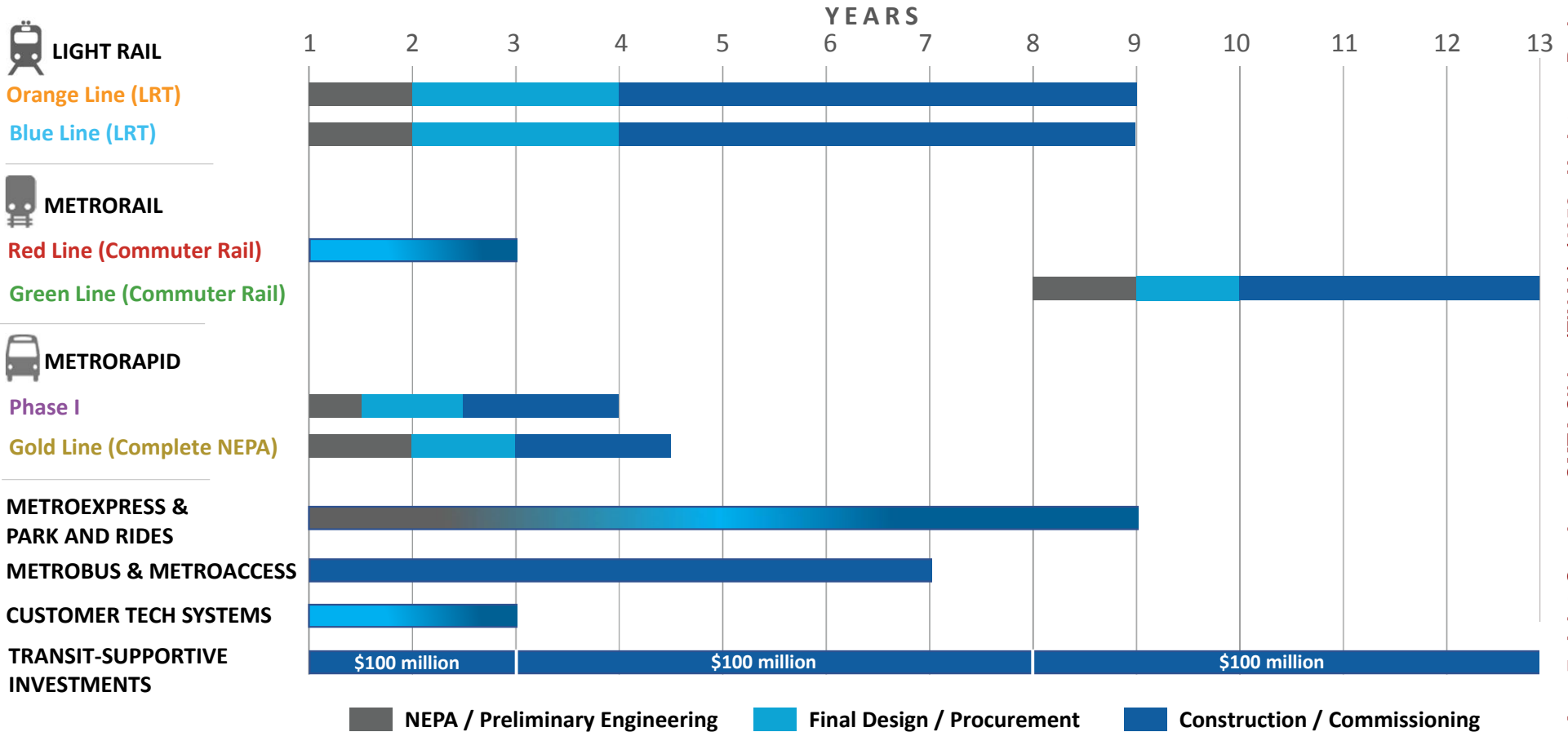
A SHARED COMMITMENT - HIGHLIGHTS

City of Austin Contract with the Voters Capital Metro Funding & Community Commitment

- Dedication of TRE revenue to independent ATP for implementation of Project Connect program components
- \$300 million total for transit supportive anti-displacement strategies related to the implementation of Project Connect
- Annual Capital Metro allocations for operations, maintenance and implementation of system
- Dedication of Capital Metro’s Capital Expansion Fund for Project Connect
- Capital Metro will apply for federal grants to fund Project Connect program.
- All contracts awarded by the ATP address a living wage, health and safety protections in compliance with all FTA requirements.

INITIAL INVESTMENT SEQUENCE

Years based on federal NE and funding approvals



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DISCUSSION & ACTIONS



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