

PROJECT CONNECT STATUS REPORT

ATP BOARD BRIEF | APRIL 2023

In November 2020, the Austin voters approved Proposition A to dedicate new revenue to the implementation of Project Connect—a program of transit projects designed to provide transportation alternatives for our community. Voters simultaneously created the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and tasked its Board of Directors with overseeing the program. This Project Connect ATP Board Brief serves as an update to the ATP Board about the progress of the projects that make up the Project Connect Program.

» LIGHT RAIL COMMUNITY DIALOGUE UPDATES

The Austin Transit Partnership team continues to engage with the community regarding light rail options as part of the ongoing community dialogue period. Since the period kicked off March 21, 2023, ATP has received more than **2,800 comments** from the public and has conducted more than **50 stakeholder meetings** with local businesses, neighborhoods, community groups and organizations to gather input and answer questions.

Community members are encouraged to provide feedback via the self-guided virtual open house, which hosts updated light rail information, including a summary of options for implementing Austin's core light rail investment. The virtual open house has received **nearly 12,000 views** to date and will remain open for English and Spanish audiences through the end of the dialogue period on May 2, 2023.

Data analysis is underway to discover key themes in public feedback as it is received. Feedback will be combined with technical and planning data analysis and will be shared with partners at the City and CapMetro.

ATP is also engaging with elected officials and other policy leaders to include engaging with the CapMetro operations committee, City of Austin boards and commissions, City Council Committees and other forums to provide information and answer questions.

ATP aims to advance its recommendation following community input with a Joint Partnership meeting anticipated in June, to move forward with an updated light rail Implementation Plan.

ATP staff hits the streets with the "MEEP", a Mobile Engagement and Event Pop-Up electric vehicle, to help educate the community about light rail



Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Workshop to discuss light rail options held April 13



» COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The ATP team continues engaging with the community and listening to the diverse range of feedback related to light rail options as part of the ongoing community dialogue period. Since the period kicked off March 21, ATP has held **over 50** stakeholder meetings with more than 30 additional meetings planned for the remainder of the engagement period. Meetings include local

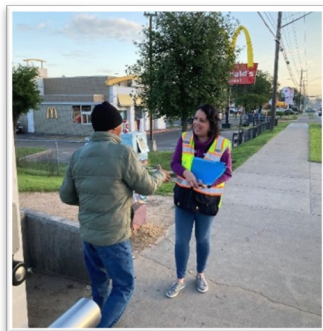


ATP attending League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) meeting

businesses, neighborhoods, community groups and organizations. Staff will continue gathering input and evaluating how best to ensure the broadest representation possible throughout the community.

The community may submit feedback, questions, and requests for a staff presentation at input@atptx.org.

A full list of upcoming public events is available at atptx.org or projectconnect.com/get-involved.



ATP SEEKS COMMUNITY EXPERTISE FOR COMMITTEES

ATP's three Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) have opened its application process to address current vacancies. Applications are being received through April 28. Interested community members may learn more about the community service opportunity on the [TAC webpage](#).

SAVE THE DATE – TRANSFORMING TRANSIT TOGETHER: AUSTIN LIGHT RAIL INDUSTRY EXPO ANNOUNCEMENT

On April 12, the Austin Transit Partnership joined a number of speakers at the annual Greater Austin Chamber Regional Mobility Summit to share information about Austin Light Rail in two afternoon sessions. The ATP team was joined by City and CapMetro partners to discuss the core light rail system and the process over the coming weeks as the community provides input.

ATP also discussed its partnership with Workforce Solutions to ready a mobility workforce for construction and operation of the system and announced its Industry Expo May 25, 2023.



Austin Light Rail panel at the Regional Mobility Summit on April 12



The Industry Expo next month will provide information about the expected project opportunities and

will serve to facilitate networking opportunities with local small business vendors that will be vital to the construction of the core light rail system.

The event will be at Distribution Hall, 1500 E. Fourth St. The event will be open to potential industry partners and vendors interested in working on the core light rail system build.

Additional details about the event will be added to the dedicated event page at atptx.org/industry-day.