

AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Board Secretary Casey Burack
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Wednesday, June 16, 2021
2:00 PM

2:15 PM Meeting Called to Order
4:22 PM Meeting Adjourned

I. Public Comment

One speaker, Ms. Zenobia C. Joseph, joined the Board Meeting.

II. Monthly Program Updates

1. *Community Engagement Update*

Director of Community Engagement and Involvement, Jackie Nirenberg, provided the update.

The Community Engagement team wrapped up virtual community meetings, held April 26 through May 21, with a total participation of 1,528 residents. The Community Advisory Committee also met in May, and the Orange and Blue Line working groups have started meeting. The next round of meetings is in July.

2. *Project Connect Technical Update*

Dave Couch, Chief Program Officer, provided the update.

Dave provided an update about the Red Line and Pick up services, Park & Rides, and neighborhood circulators. He noted that the 15% Design Package for the Blue Line and revisions for final submittal is underway, and that the 15% Design Package for the Orange Line is complete. He informed the Board that the FTA has published the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register.

3. *Administrative Program Update*

Director of Human Resources, Juliana Harris, and Greg Canally, CFO & Development Officer, provided the update.

Since the previous Board Meeting, Juliana informed the Board that the Human Resources team has made eight new hires, adding 96 years of experience. Greg introduced Vicky Redrick, Director of Procurement and informed them that Vicky is developing the procurement policy, which will come to the Board at a future meeting. Greg also introduced Diane Siler, Budget Director. Diane discussed the budget framework.

Board Member Elkins discussed the construction schedule and the cost implications. He asked that we have an update about capex costs and a schedule, so the Board can see a holistic program budget update. He also asked about the possibility of private money being used for this project, citing all of the companies moving to Austin who will benefit from transit.

III. Action Items

1. Approval of minutes from the May 19, 2021 Austin Transit Partnership Board Meeting.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Tony Elkins, Board Member

SECONDER: Collette Pierce Burnett, Vice Chair

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Stratton, Adler, Pierce Burnette, Elkins

ABSENT: none

2. Approval of a resolution appointing the initial members of the following technical advisory committees of the Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) Board of Directors: (i) the Engineering, Architecture and Construction Committee (“EAC”); (ii) the Planning, Sustainability, Equity & DBE Advisory Committee (“PSEC”); and (iii) the Finance and Risk Committee (“FAR”; together with the EAC and PSEC, the “Technical Advisory Committees”).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Steve Adler, Board Member

SECONDER: Tony Elkins, Board Member

AYES: Pierce Burnette, Castro de Barrera, Stratton, Adler, Elkins

ABSENT: none

3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a task order with CBRE, Inc. (“CBRE”) pursuant to the terms of that certain Contract between the Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) and CBRE for Real Estate Advisory & Transaction Services Supporting Implementation of Project Connect (the “CBRE Contract”) in an amount not to exceed four million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$4,750,000) for CBRE to provide certain owner representative services, including remodeling, finish-out and equipping of administrative lease space (the “Task Order”).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Eric Stratton, Board Member

SECONDER: Steve Adler, Board Member

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Elkins, Adler, Stratton

ABSENT: none

4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a Sublease Agreement (“Sublease Agreement”) with Parsley Energy, L.P. of approximately 20,591 square feet of administrative space located at

301 Congress Avenue for a two-year (24-month) term and a total amount not to exceed one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000), and approximately 32,000 square feet of administrative space located at 203 Colorado Street for a five and a half-year (66-month) term in an amount not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Eric Stratton, Board Member

SECONDER: Steve Adler, Board Member

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Elkins, Adler, Stratton

ABSENT: none

5. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin (the “City”) for the transfer of the property tax revenue collected by the City to the Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”), as provided in the City’s “Contract with the Voters” under City Council Resolution No. 20200812-015.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Tony Elkins, Board Member

SECONDER: Colette Pierce Burnette, Vice Chair

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Stratton, Adler, Elkins, Pierce Burnette

ABSENT: none

III. Discussion Items

1. *Project Connect Orange Line Alignment Review*

John Rhone, Deputy Program Officer, and Peter Mullan, Chief of Architecture & Urban Design, provided the update. Annick Beaudet, Program Officer with the City of Austin’s Project Connect Office, participated virtually.

John and Peter discussed the Orange Line “South”, from Slaughter to Oltorf, and “North”, from Tech Ridge to the Drag. John mentioned a key milestone in his presentation of December of 2022, when the staff is aiming for ATP to have the final Environmental Impact Statement. John walked through the Orange Line and station locations and the route it will take and indicated the July Board Meeting will focus on the “Downtown Alignment”.

Board Member Elkins asked a question about lane configurations and the loss of street parking. Peter and John specified the early stage of these designs and that they are working to limit impacts. They will be making real estate acquisitions to help limit the impact of this project. In some areas, the left turn lane might be lost. Vice Chair Dr. Burnette asked about how ATP staff will be walking through the alignments with the public. Peter explained the working groups developed for the sections of the alignment to allow for a more neighborhood-focused discussion.

IV. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Randy Clarke provided his monthly report.

Randy discussed the new Dessau Pickup zone launch. The Dessau Pickup is the first project in the Project Connect Program to start in service officially. South Menchaca and Oak Hill are on schedule to begin this summer. The Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) is to be addressed in future Board Meetings as staff works to develop it. A tri-party work session will take place in the fall. Additionally, the Community Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committees will also discuss the JPA in the next few months.

V. Adjournment

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