

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

www.capmetrotx.iqm2.com

~ Minutes ~

Board Secretary Casey Burack  
512-369-6040

---

Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
2:00 PM

2:08 PM Meeting Called to Order  
5:20 PM Meeting Adjourned

---

## I. Public Comment

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

## II. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Randy Clarke delivered this report.

Randy shared with the Board a recent announcement that Capital Metro received \$2.8 million from the FTA to spend on the low and no emission vehicle fleet. This, in combination with State funding for environmental programs, will help Capital Metro replace the existing fleet, purchase charging equipment and workforce training. He also discussed continued discussions related to Project Connect in Washington, D.C., and the Biden Administration.

The ATP Board took a few minutes to recognize the AECOM Orange Line Interns.

### 1. Community Engagement Update

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

Jackie's update included details on recent community meetings and the format to provide a more neighborhood-level opportunity for feedback. She also provided updates from the recent Technical Advisory Committee meetings; their first meetings took place earlier this month.

Board Member Elkins acknowledged that it might be helpful to have the Technical Advisory Committee Liaisons provide a quick update at future Board Meetings.

### 2. Project Connect Technical Update

Dave Couch, Chief Program Officer, provided this update.

He discussed the 15% design stage, the increase in the neighborhood circulators, and vehicle procurement.

Board Member Elkins asked how we measure and lower the carbon footprint. Dave explained that ATP and Capital Metro strives to have a fully electric fleet.

### 3. *Administrative Program Update*

Dave Couch, Chief Program Officer, Sharmila Mukherjee, Executive Vice President of Planning and Development, and Annick Beaudet, the City of Austin's Project Connect Officer, provided this update.

Dave, Sharmila, and Annick discussed the timeline for the Joint Partnership Agreement and an update on the work completed by the three entities: ATP, Capital Metro, and the City of Austin. They also discussed the upcoming tri-party work sessions scheduled for October.

The ATP Board discussed the necessity of having the Joint Partnership Agreement reviewed by the ATP Technical Advisory Meetings before a vote. Mayor Adler asked about specific opportunities the public will have to ask questions and provide feedback during the development process. Annick responded that venues are in development to provide Austinites with a way to comment on the document once released.

## III. Action Items

1. Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2021 Austin Transit Partnership Board Meeting.  
**RESULT: POSTPONED**  
**MOVER:**  
**SECONDER:**  
**AYES:**  
**ABSENT:**
2. Adoption of the ATP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement  
**RESULT: POSTPONED**  
**MOVER:**  
**SECONDER:**  
**AYES:**  
**ABSENT:**
3. Approval of resolutions authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into interlocal agreements with each of the (i) U.S. General Services Administration; (ii) Region 8 Education Service Center; and (iii) State of Texas for purposes of participating in certain of their cooperative procurement programs.  
**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Pierce Burnette  
**SECONDER:** Elkins  
**AYES:** Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Elkins, Adler, Stratton  
**ABSENT:** none

### III. Discussion Items

#### 1. *Project Connect Central Alignment Review*

John Rhone, Deputy Program Officer, and Peter Mullan, Chief Architecture & Urban Design, provided this update.

This update included a review of the 15% design of the downtown portion of the Orange and Blue lines. They informed the Board that the technical team has submitted letters requesting entry into project development with the FTA. They highlighted the program schedule and key milestones for this portion of the Program.

### V. Adjournment

#### ADA Compliance

*Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications are provided upon request. Please call (512) 369-6040 or email [chloe.maxwell@austintransitpartnership.org](mailto:chloe.maxwell@austintransitpartnership.org) if you need more information.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** *Veronica Castro de Barrera, Chair; Colette Pierce Burnette, Vice Chair; Steve Adler, Tony Elkins, Eric Stratton and Gina Fiandaca (ex officio).*

The Board of Directors may go into closed session under the Texas Open Meetings Act. In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, consultation with attorney for any legal issues, under Section 551.072 for real property issues; under Section 551.074 for personnel matters, or under Section 551.076, for deliberation regarding the deployment or implementation of security personnel or devices; arising regarding any item listed on this agenda.