

AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Rosa Parks Board Room
2910 E. 5th St. Austin, TX 78702

~ Minutes ~

Board Secretary Casey Burack
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Wednesday, September 15, 2021
2:00 PM

2:09 PM Meeting Called to Order
5:03 PM Meeting Adjourned

I. Public Comment

There was no one signed up for public comment.

II. Technical Advisory Committee Update

Chair Castro de Barrera provided this update. The Engineering, Architecture, and Construction (EAC) discussed the 15% design, the design schedule, and the upcoming community design workshops. The EAC recommended that ATP staff share more information regarding the rail light vehicles anticipated for the Orange and Blue Lines, which might differ from heavy commuter rail vehicles like Cap Metro has for the Red Line. They requested more information on the rationale for the Orange Line tunnel under Ladybird Lake. Additionally, they would like to see 3D views of the underground station to better understand the tunnel's sectional relationship to the street.

Board Member Elkins discussed the meeting of the Finance and Risk (FAR) committee. The FAR committee heard a presentation on the ATP FY22 Budget from Diane Siler and provided feedback. Following this, Vicky Redrick, ATP's Director of Procurement, updated the committee on the procurement policy.

Vice Chair Dr. Collette Pierce Burnette then spoke to provide an update on the Planning, Sustainability, Equity and DBE Committee (PSEC) meeting. They covered the equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) program by Anna Lan, and received a DBE overview from Courtney Chavez, as well as incoming feedback opportunities from Jackie Nirenberg. During Jackie's presentation, PSEC members suggested ways to continue to reach out to the community and have community voices be a part of this process. Additionally, they asked for a presentation on the City's Equity Tool.

II. Monthly Program Update

1. *Community Engagement Update*

Director of Community Involvement Jackie Nirenberg gave this report.

The virtual community meetings closed on August 27th with 568 participants; the self-guided portion had 413 participants. 41 community members participated in the Metro Rapid virtual community update.

During the Orange Line and Blue Line meetings, several people advocated for bike and pedestrian connections and were pleased that the plan showed increased bicycle and pedestrian connections. The Community Engagement team has developed the engagement library to track and share feedback, which will be accessible on the Project Connect website.

2. Project Connect Technical Update

Dave Couch, Chief Program Officer, discussed the traffic studies. ATP and its consultants continue to do borings, going deeper than was discussed before at previous Board Meetings. Through the digging, they've encountered four challenges: two were related to the watershed, and two were related to utilities. After a supplemental meeting with partners at the City of Austin, the two utility issues have been worked out.

The team has moved forward with the 60% design for the Metro Rapid projects. Mr. Couch emphasized the positive relationship with the FTA.

Board Member Stratton asked about the continued discussions related to permitting at the Broadmoor station and how ATP's relationship with the City Project Connect Office and the City staff supports that work. Randy Clarke agreed the unique relationship is allowing us to move these projects forward.

Board Member Elkins asked about the Metro Rapid and the Red Line, the selection of the procurement models for those various projects, and how those projects were segmented. Mr. Couch replied that the Metro Rapid project costs are split approximately 50/50. There is a contract that goes forward to the Capital Metro Board this month with any option to buy additional which we now can exercise.

There is an on-call service for the general engineering consultant and contracts by Capital Metro from several years ago. Mr. Couch followed up that is the most expeditious way to get a jump on the projects as we plan to one of those through a selection process to do the 30 and now 60 percent design.

3. Administrative Program Update

ATP Board Chair Veronica Castro de Barrera reminded the Board that ATP is hiring an Internal Auditor.

Sam Sargent, Director of Program Strategy, provided this update. Sam presented the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) timeline and what to expect at the October 4, 2021, Tri-Party work session with the Capital Metro Board of Directors and the Austin City Council. Additionally, Sam laid out all the public engagement opportunities planned for the JPA.

III. Action Items

1. Approval of minutes from the August 18, 2021 Austin Transit Partnership Board Meetings.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Adler
SECONDER: Pierce Burnette
AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Adler, Stratton, Elkins
ABSENT:

2. Adoption of the ATP FY2022 Budget, including staff recommended changes to increase property tax revenue by \$1,232,810 and increase community engagement expenditures by \$600,000.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Elkins
SECONDER: Adler
AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Adler, Stratton, Elkins
ABSENT:

3. Adoption of the ATP Procurement Policy and Guidelines
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Pierce Burnette
SECONDER: Adler
AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Adler, Stratton, Elkins
ABSENT:

4. Adoption of interim Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Pierce Burnette
SECONDER: Adler
AYES: Castro de Barrera, Pierce Burnette, Adler, Stratton, Elkins
ABSENT:

III. Discussion Items

1. Info Session: Systems and Vehicles

Dave Kubicek, Senior Director of Systems and Vehicles, provided this update.

Mr. Kubicek updated the Board on the light rail vehicles planned for the system and the many considerations when making these decisions.

Board Member Elkins asked about the procurement methods and if they will be separate procurements. Mr. Kubicek explained that when his teams purchase a vehicle, they will also be coordinating maintenance, especially with utility and power usage. With different cars, there are various propulsion providers, and they could assume different

electricity. This is an item that will be addressed not only from a paying perspective but also with Austin Energy and supply which might off the grid.

Iv. Executive Director Report

Austin Transit Partnership Executive Director, Randy Clarke, provided this update.

Mr. Clarke updated the Board about the upcoming Meet the Team event at the new Project Connect office. Mr. Clarke provided updates on the Federal Infrastructure Bill and the significant capital grants ATP will compete for at a national level.

Board Member Elkins asked about work being done at ATP to build a sustainable program. Mr. Clarke described the work of Peter Mullan, Chief of Architecture and Urban Design and the Office of Sustainability at Capital Metro. Capital Metro has established a capital fund, and is moving that part forward and working to create a new framework of sustainability programs. This will help guide the ideas for the whole program. Mr. Clarke explained that the City can be a major part of the process, including Watershed and Austin Energy.

V. Adjournment

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