

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Capital Metro  
Rosa Parks Board Room and Microsoft Teams

## ~ Agenda ~

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Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:00 PM

Capital Metro Headquarters  
2910 E. 5th St. Austin, TX 78702

The presiding officer will be present at the above location and some members of the Board may participate by videoconference. Live stream available at <https://atptx.org/atp-board-meetings>.

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1. **Public Comment**
2. **Technical Advisory Committee Reports**
3. **Executive Director Report**
4. **Monthly Program Updates**
  1. Community Engagement and Involvement Update
  2. Technical Program Update
  3. Administrative Program Update
5. **Discussion Items**
  1. Facility Program Element Planning and Integration
  2. Systemwide Accessibility
6. **Item(s) From the Board**
  1. Discussion of Agenda for March 2, 2022 Tri-Party Workshop with the Capital Metro Board and City Council  
*Sponsors:* Mayor Adler and Board Chair, Veronica Castro de Barrera
7. **Executive Session**
  1. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultations with attorney regarding the terms and conditions regarding Executive Director's performance evaluation
8. **Adjournment**

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

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Date: February 9, 2022

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

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**Board of Directors Meeting  
February 16, 2022**

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# EXECUTIVE SESSION

# February 16 - AGENDA

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## 1. Public Comment

## 2. Technical Advisory Committee Reports

## 3. Executive Director Report

## 4. Monthly Program Updates

1. Community Engagement and Involvement Update
2. Technical Program Update
3. Administrative Program Update

## 5. Action Items

1. Approval of minutes from the January 2022 Board Meeting

## 6. Discussion Items

1. Facility Program Element Planning and Integration
2. Systemwide Accessibility

## 7. Item(s) from the Board

1. Discussion of Agenda for March 2, 2022 Tri-Party Workshop with the Capital Metro Board and City Council  
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## 8. Executive Session

1. Section 551.074 to the Texas Government Code for personnel regarding Executive Director's FY22 Performance Criteria

# PUBLIC COMMENT

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# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- **Engineering, Architecture & Construction Advisory Committee (EAC)**
- **Planning, Sustainability, Equity & DBE Advisory Committee (PSEC)**
- **Finance and Risk Committee (FAR)**



**COMMITTEE:** Engineering, Architecture & Construction

**DATE:** February 2, 2022

**ATTENDANCE:** We had 25 people attending

- Bondy, Karen (EAC)
- Broadwater, Kathryn (CAC)
- Campbell, Sarah (FAR)
- Henry, Lyndon (EAC)
- Kittredge, Frank (EAC)
- Matula, Cindy (FAR)
- Sumit DasGupta (FAR)
- Mayor Adler (CoA/ATP)
- Gina Fiandaca (CoA/ATP)
- Veronica Castro de Barrera (ATP)

**PRIMARY AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Roadmap review
2. Blue Line Bridge update
3. Eno Center for Transportation Presentation

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The committee reviewed the project timeline through Fall 2022
  - a. The committee inquired about the financial projections in relation to the project's timeline. Mr. Couch emphasized the importance to deliver the program within the 8.75 pennies tax. He described that moving forward the team will describe better the phasing portion aspect of launching a light rail system in phases within the voter-approved sequence plan. Other attendees also pointed out the importance of understanding the cost estimates as they related to the opening of segments and overall timing. Mr. Couch mentioned the recent award of the risk analysis contract and they will look at the sequencing as well. They had a kick off meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. In regard to costs, a FAR committee member discussed the higher cost of elevated and subterranean stations initially as well as in long-term maintenance costs to keep elevators, escalators and such in state of good repair. The CAC representative echoed that concern as well from an accessibility perspective and wanted to ensure the design teams are thinking of redundancies.



- b. The committee discussed options for routing through the Drag, Mr. Mullan described the space as a transit mall and the close collaboration with UT. Members inquired about impacts to existing businesses and Mr. Mullan described that there will be a consultant brought onboard to help address the business concerns.
  - c. The committee discussed the importance to have an art-in-transit program which is currently missing from the list presented by the team.
  - d. The Committee inquired if there is a committee established to select the vehicle manufacturer. Mr. Couch mentioned that the vehicle discussions are currently being conducted one on one with Hitachi, Bombardier, Staedler, Siemens and others. He described the current system in Charlotte, NC that is operating on full battery power that the team is studying.  
Vehicle basis of design to be included in 30% design.
2. The committee discussed the governance independent analysis currently underway with the Eno Center for Transportation.
- a. Eno's representatives gave an overview of their organization, history and how their research has influenced the delivery of transit and mega projects over the years.
  - b. Eno discussed the two town halls and invited members of the TACs to participate.
  - c. Discussed process/transparency aspects and invited questions from the EAC and FAR members present.
  - d. Deadline for input set for February 14

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS:**

- a. Update on vehicle design discussions and advancement
- b. Update on Lady Bird Lake Bridge study
- c. Update on the MetroRapid bus shelter design evolution and procurement



**COMMITTEE:** Planning, Sustainability, Equity & DBE Committee

**DATE:** February 3, 2022

**ATTENDEES:**

- Art Alfaro (FAR)
- Vivian Venish (PSEC)
- Sandra Menjivar-Suddeath (FAR)
- Jen Cregar (PSEC)
- Karen Magid (PSEC)

**PRIMARY AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Blue Line Bridge Update
2. Sustainability Vision Plan Update
3. Roadmap Review
4. Q&A with ENO Center for Transportation

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Rob Borowski from Capital Metro introduced the framework for the Cap Metro Sustainability Vision Plan. More discussion on the topic to follow at the March meeting. The Committee would like staff to explore leveraging partnerships with other local government entities, such as AISD, in the sustainability plan, to maximize overall community impact.

**REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- The PSEC would like to learn more about the procurement aspects of the sustainability vision plan.
- The PSEC requested a debrief on the ENO townhall meetings.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- A discussion on the equity goals and metrics, possibly on the April agenda.

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**COMMITTEE:** Finance & Risk

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:**

- Tony Elkins
- Art Alfaro
- Sandra Menjivar-Suddeath
- Cindy Matula
- John Langmore
- Sarah Campbell
- Dave Sullivan
- Sumit DasGupta

**PRIMARY AGENDA ITEMS:**

- FY21 Preliminary Financial Report as of September 30, 2021
- Update on Anti-displacement Investments Funding – status and process
- Status of ATP Cash Investments and Plan of Financing
- Federal Infrastructure Bill Highlights for ATP
- Update on Risk Advisory Contract
- Update on Internal Auditor Recruitment

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- ATP needs to expand community messaging about Project Connect improvements (technology, station upgrades) that will impact existing bus ridership, not just new transit routes.
- Prior to issuing the RFP for an external investment advisor, ATP needs a cost-benefit analysis to look at compensation versus investment returns and determine whether it would be more cost effective to continue in-house or to hire a consultant.
- Ernest & Young should incorporate the FAR's risk list (November meeting) in scenario planning and evaluate risk across ATP, including public perception and environmental issues.

**REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- Briefing from the City of Austin Housing & Planning Department regarding the anti-displacement funding grant process.
- Briefing on various debt mechanisms and federal financing/grants available to ATP.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Ernest & Young will conduct risk workshops and present to the FAR this summer.
- RSM will present the final audit to the FAR at the May meeting.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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**Randy Clarke**

Executive Director

Austin Transit Partnership

# MONTHLY PROGRAM UPDATES:

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

# Community Engagement Update

Event	Participants
MetroRapid Community Update – February 7	32
Orange Line North Guadalupe Working Group – February 10	64
Orange Line St. Edwards to Stassney Working Group – February 15	67
Advisory Groups	
EAC Meeting – February 2	
PSEC Meeting – February 3	
FAR Meeting – February 9	



# Community Engagement Look-Ahead

- CAC Meeting – February 23
- EAC Meeting – March 2
- PSEC Meeting – March 3
- Joint CAC/TACs Meet & Greet – March 7
- Blue Line MetroCenter Working Group – March 8
- CAC Meeting – 3/23
- Let's Talk Project Connect Virtual Community Conversation – March 29 & March 31
- Let's Talk Project Connect Virtual Open House March 29 – April 8
- Spring Working Group Meetings: North Lamar: Crestview Town Hall, Blue Line Bridge, North Line, South Line, East Riverside, Downtown, South Congress, and more





# MONTHLY PROGRAM UPDATES:

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## TECHNICAL UPDATE

# PROGRAM UPDATES:

## Blue & Orange Line Field & Engineering Activities

- Orange Line Draft 30% design submitted January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 2-week review period ended January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Approximately 6,500 comments received (City & other key stakeholders participated in review)
  - Comment disposition underway
- Blue Line Draft 30% on schedule to be submitted March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Performed traffic analysis using additional traffic data from TxDOT for SH 71 to determine design solution(s) to mitigate traffic impacts
- Blue Line Lady Bird Lake Bridge design configuration ongoing
- Tunnel construction methodology analysis ongoing

The Drag Option A: View North from the UT West Mall



The Drag Option B: View North from the UT West Mall



# PROGRAM UPDATES:

## Blue & Orange Line Planning/NEPA Progress

- FTA, their 139J Support Consultant (Kimley Horn), ATP, and PMOR are currently reviewing the Orange Line Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement (ADEIS) and associated Technical Reports. Comments due February 21<sup>st</sup>
- COA reviewing Orange Line Technical Reports. Comments due February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Blue Line ADEIS on schedule to be submitted to FTA and ATP for review February 28<sup>th</sup>
- All Draft Technical Reports have been completed for Orange and Blue Line EIS documents
- Coordinating with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), PARD and National Parks Service (NPS) concerning parkland impacts and the confirmation of 6F classification for the boathouse property
- Continue to provide NEPA support for the upcoming combined Orange and Blue Line Public Meeting scheduled for late March

# PROGRAM UPDATES:

## MetroRapid

### Expo & Pleasant Valley

- NTP issued for construction Task Order #1 (Stacy & Witbeck)
- Shelter Proposal evaluations complete
- Pleasant Valley Groundbreaking scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Continued design development (60%, 90% and IFC submittals) and submittal reviews. Emphasis on utility coordination and conflict mitigation activities during January and February
- Final design consultant selected for Expo and Goodnight End-of-Line charging locations.
- Finalized 10% design concept for Expo site and continued coordination with Goodnight Ranch on an acceptable layout
- Accessibility Updates:
  - Planning to install a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB) at the Austin Lighthouse for the Blind
  - Planning to install wheelchair charging at our Transit Center/Park & Rides, and
  - Planning to install the latest self-secure wheelchair securement technology on buses

### Gold Line & South Lamar

- Bowman Engineering selected as the design consultant. Design kick off meeting held January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Coordination with CPO and ATP to verify station locations prior to moving forward with surveying
- Continued coordination with CMTA Planning to discuss station locations and design

# PROGRAM UPDATES:

## Red Line

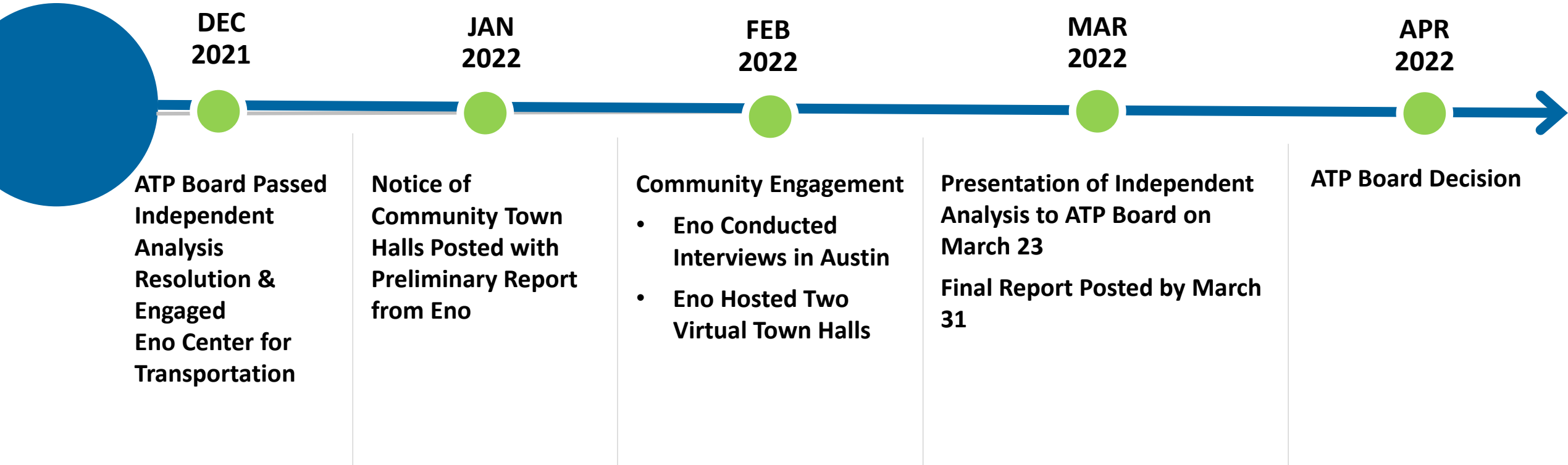
- McKalla Station
  - 60% to 90% design for double track & drainage improvements in progress
  - Design/Build Proposals for station area received on January 27<sup>th</sup> . Evaluation in progress
- Lakeline-to-Leander
  - Construction in progress
- Broadmoor Station
  - Groundbreaking event held on January 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Preparing for Construction

# MONTHLY PROGRAM UPDATES:

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## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

# Independent Leadership Analysis



# Independent Leadership Analysis

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## Independent Analysis Resolution Passed

- In November 2021, the ATP Board approved a resolution authorizing ATP to enter into the Joint Powers Agreement with the City and CapMetro
- Section 4.2.2 of the JPA requires the ATP Board to conclude an independent analysis to determine the appropriate leadership model for ATP no later than March 31, 2022
- In December 2021, the ATP Board passed a resolution authorizing the Chair to hire the Eno Center for Transportation to conduct the independent analysis, and specifically, to produce an impartial report evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of both separate and joint leadership models between ATP and Capital Metro



# Independent Leadership Analysis

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## Community Engagement

- Eno Center for Transportation interviewed **43** individuals and groups in Austin, including members of the CAC, the TACs, the ATP and Capital Metro Boards, and staff from the City, ATP and Capital Metro, among others
- Eno Center for Transportation hosted, and subcontracted with Adisa Communications to facilitate, two virtual community town halls on Tuesday, February 8, and Saturday, February 11, with a total of **258** people in attendance

# Independent Leadership Analysis

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2022**

## **Eno Presentation to ATP Board**

- Eno Center for Transportation to meet with leadership and staff from other transit agencies and organizations, develop a final report, and present their findings and analysis at the March 23 ATP Board meeting
- Eno's report to be posted to ATP's website by March 31 in accordance with Section 4.2.2 of the Joint Powers Agreement

# Independent Leadership Analysis

**APR  
2022**

**ATP Board Decision**

- After careful consideration of the Eno Center for Transportation’s analysis and report findings, the ATP Board will determine the appropriate leadership model for ATP at the April 20 ATP Board meeting

Questions?

## **ACTION ITEM 1:**

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Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2022 ATP Board of Director's Meeting

# AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Capital Metro Rosa Parks Board Room  
2910 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Austin, TX 78702

~ Minutes ~

Board Secretary Casey Burack  
512-369-6040

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Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
2:00 PM

2:10 PM Meeting Called to Order  
5:57 PM Meeting Adjourned

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## I. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

## II. Monthly Program Update

### 1. *Monthly Community Engagement Update*

Director of Community Involvement, Jackie Nirenberg, gave this report.

Ms. Nirenberg provided a three-month Community Engagement Look ahead. She also updated the Board on changes to the Community Advisory Committee Bylaws and Technical Advisory Committee Charters.

### 2. *Monthly Technical Update*

Chief Program Officer, Dave Couch, gave this report.

Mr. Couch discussed the 30% design and the recent milestones ATP has achieved in progressing toward the 30% design. Two hundred individuals participated in a recent 30% design review meeting and the team is working to combine the comments.

### 3. *Monthly Administrative Update*

Director of Human Resources, Juliana Harris, provided an update on the ATP Board's hiring process for the Internal Auditor position.

The team selected three initial candidates and then interviewed two candidates in the second round of interviews. The Board will discuss the final two candidates and make its selection during the Executive Session.

### III. Discussion Items

#### 1. Fourth Quarter 2021 Financial Report

Diane Siler, Budget Director, gave this report.

Ms. Siler discussed expenditures, reserves, and the current under budget status.

Board Member Elkins requested that moving forward, major contracts are included in the report, specifically, contracts over \$200,000.00. He'd also like to see any change orders, percentage of work completed, and any significant contracts that ATP issues or that ATP is reimbursing Capital Metro. Additionally, he'd like to see the payments made to the City of Austin and Capital Metro.

### III. Action Items

#### 1. Approval of minutes from the January 19, 2022 Austin Transit Partnership Board Meetings.

**RESULT: ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Pierce Burnette

**SECONDER:** Elkins

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

**ABSENT:** Adler

#### 2. Adoption of CAC Bylaws

**RESULT: ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Elkins

**SECONDER:** Pierce Burnette

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

**ABSENT:** Adler

#### 3. Adoption of Technical Advisory Committee Charter Amendments

**RESULT: ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Pierce Burnette

**SECONDER:** Elkins

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

**ABSENT:** Adler

#### 4. Approval of resolution awarding a Commercial, Risk and Project Delivery Services Contract to Ernst & Young Infrastructure Advisors, LLC for a four-year term in an amount not to exceed \$17,000

**RESULT: ADOPTED**

**MOVER:** Stratton

**SECONDER:** Pierce Burnette

**AYES:** Castro de Barrera, Stratton, Pierce Burnette

**ABSENT:** Adler

**ABSTAINED:** Elkins

## IV. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Randy Clarke discussed the timeline, the ten most important design questions, and how best to get the ATP Board in a position where they feel comfortable making program decisions.

Mayor Adler asked about the program as a whole and if there are more than ten design questions that they need to know. The Mayor suggested a workshop to work through some of these topics.

Board Member Elkins asked about the decision-making process and responsibility and the role of the ATP Board in these critical decisions, as well as the roles of Capital Metro and the City of Austin.

Vice Chair Dr. Burnette asked to see the complete list of decisions to be made before deciding on the top ten, especially if there will be a workshop to discuss them.

Mr. Clarke offered a schedule created by the three staffs laying out program decisions and milestones.

Chair Castro de Barrera recommended a committee of the Board to develop a calendar to build in joint meetings and set the agendas for the year. She stated she does not believe February is enough time for staff to gather and develop the information needed for the workshop to be a beneficial use of time of all three boards.

## V. Adjournment

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# DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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## Facility Program Element Planning and Integration



# Support Facilities - Introduction

**ATP Board Presentation  
February 2022**



# Purpose of Board Briefing

- Explain the Facility Master Plan initiative by Capital Metro
- Describe the types of Support Facilities identified
- Explain the partnership & joint delivery approach between Capital Metro & ATP
- Describe next steps



# Facility Master Plan (FMP)

- **Goal:** Develop a clear strategy for properties, facilities, & infrastructure required to successfully support expanded transit system.
- **Overview:** The FMP will provide a comprehensive strategy focused on:
  1. Existing Facility Expansions, Upgrades, & Exit Direction
  2. Space Programming
  3. New Support Facilities
  4. 2910 East 5th Street Site Repurposing Direction
  5. Existing Underutilized Real Estate Strategies
  6. Energy, Sustainability, Resiliency, & Infrastructure Needs
  7. Space Utilization Change Management & Workplace Standards
  8. Amenities (i.e. Daycare, Food Service, Health Clinics, Wellness/Gyms)



# Facility Master Plan (FMP)

- **Key Inputs:** The FMP will consider other key CMTA initiatives such as:
  1. Bus System Network Plan
  2. Zero Emissions Bus (ZEB) Fleet Transition Plan
  3. Low to No Emission Vehicle Program Strategy
  4. Sustainability Guiding Principles
  5. Real Estate & Market Factors, TOD Influences, & Being Good Community Stewards
  6. Industry Best Practices (i.e., smart technology) Balanced With Financial Prudence (initial & life cycle costs)
- **Examples of Key Outputs:**
  1. Vehicle Capacity
  2. Operational Capacity
  3. Sustainability Strategy
  4. Programming
  5. Site Evaluation



# Project Connect Identified Support Facilities

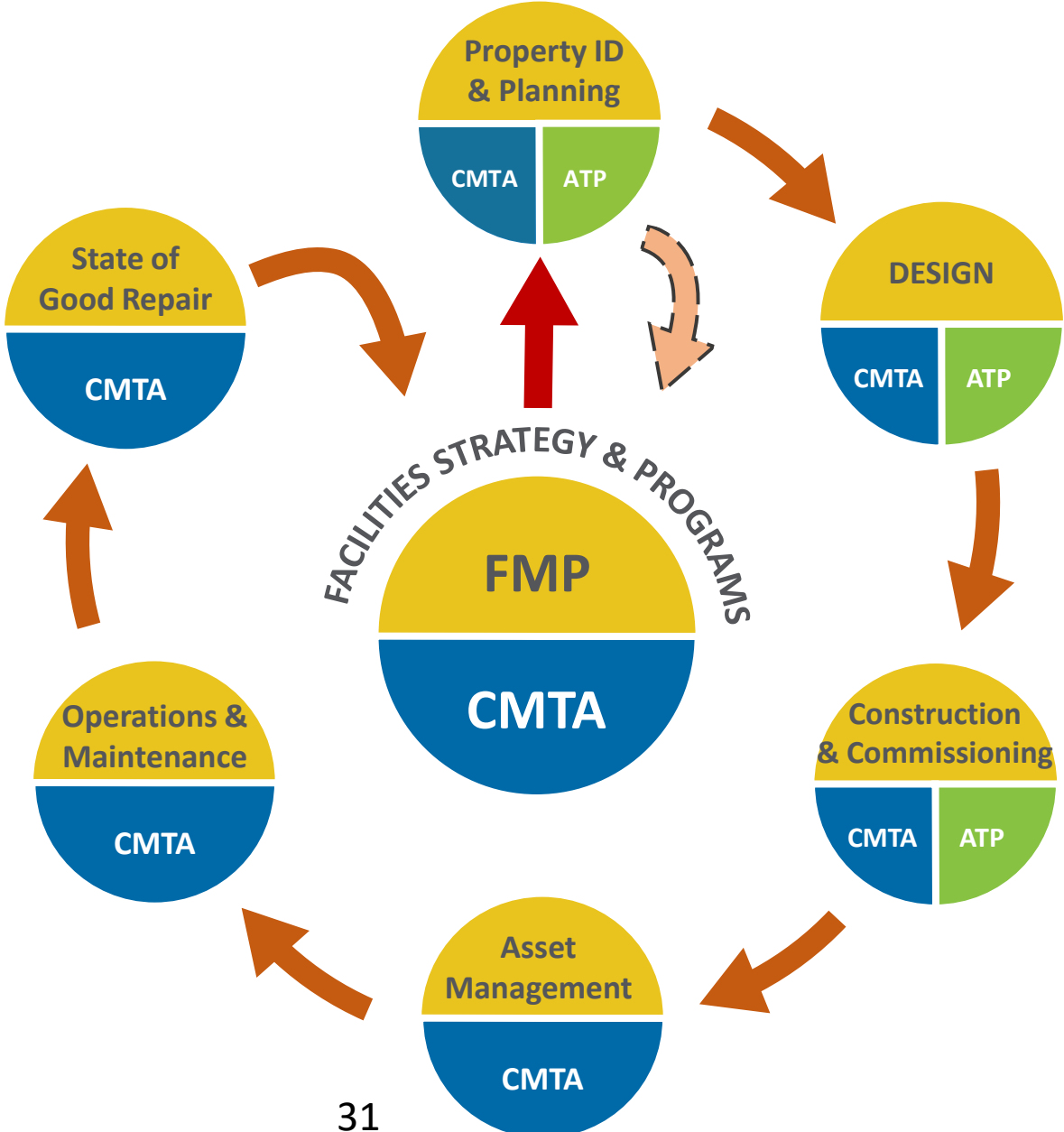
1. Demand Response (Paratransit)
2. Bus Facility Expansion and Renovations
3. In-Route Bus Electrification Charging
4. Training Center
5. Capital Metro Administrative Facility

## Project Connect Funding - \$300M (ROM Estimates)

Support Facilities will require various funding sources such as Project Connect funding, grants, & local funds to deliver.



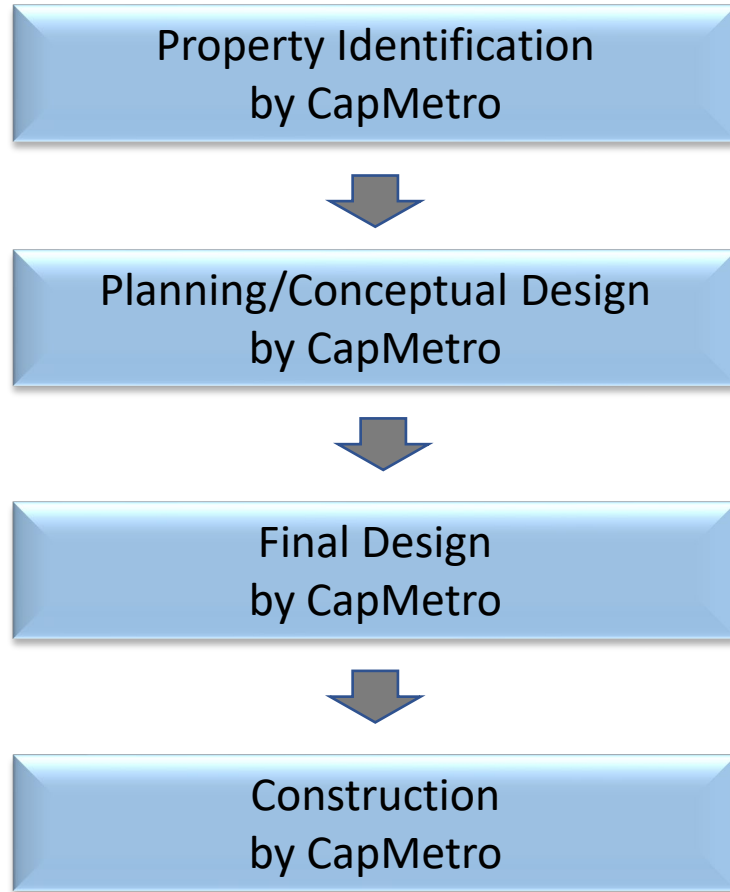
# Partnership & Joint Delivery Approach



# Project Examples of Partnership & Joint Approach

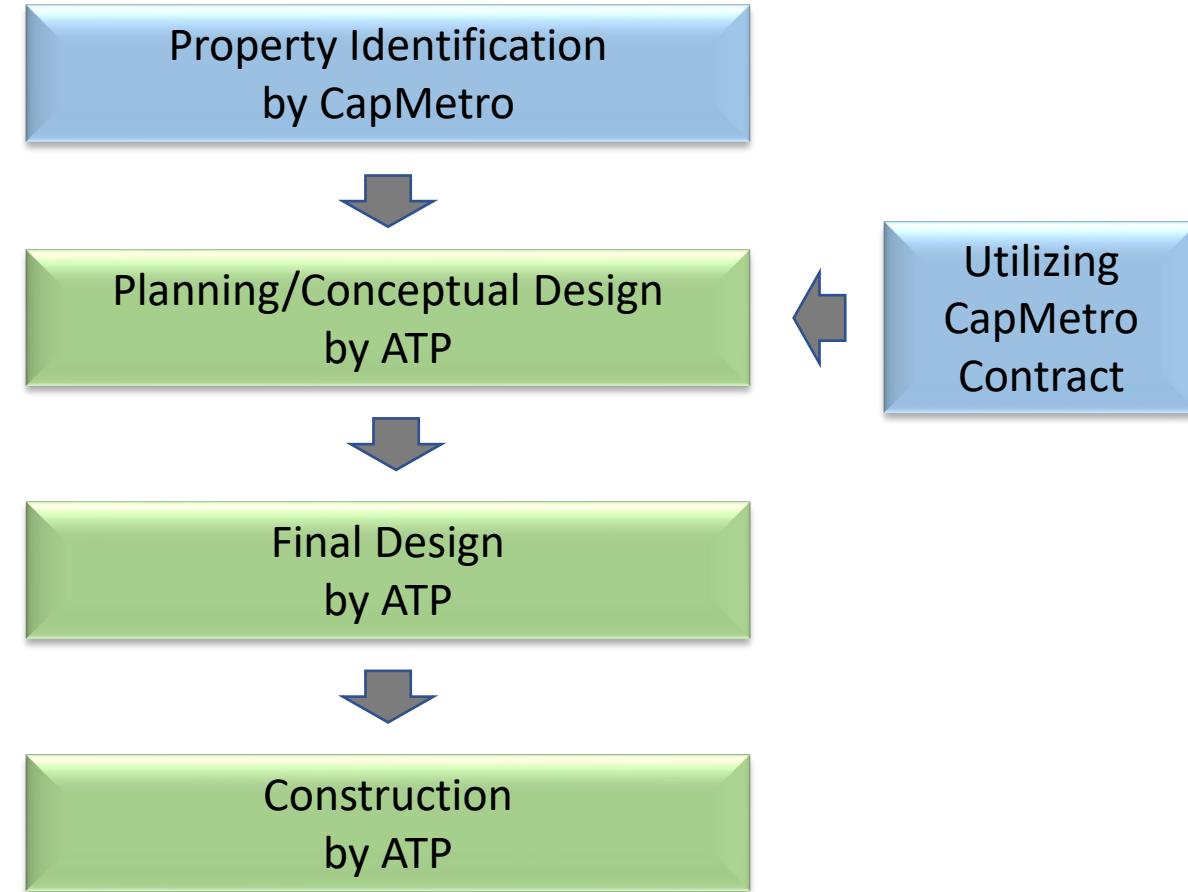
## Demand Response Facility (North)

No Project Connect Funding



## Bus Facility

Project Connect Funding or Mixed Sources





# Next Steps

## February 2022

- CapMetro to initiate conceptual design for Demand Response North Base

## Spring 2022

- Draft Facility Master Plan (FMP)
- On-going project definition & requirements
- Property identification & real estate due diligence

## Summer 2022

- Final Facility Master Plan
- Conceptual design of new Bus Base in progress





Thank you. Questions?

# DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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## Systemwide Accessibility

Project Connect & Capital Metro

# Systemwide Accessibility

*Martin Kareithi*

# ADA & Accessibility

## Americans with Disabilities Act - civil rights legislation

- Guarantees equal access to transportation for people with disabilities (PWD)
- Creates a framework for regulations and standards to ensure that PWDs have access to transportation services and facilities



# What is Accessibility?

**Accessibility** - the degree to which a facility, practice, program, service or technology is available and provides access to PWDs.

What does it mean for something to be accessible?

- Facility - degree to which it is readily usable by PWDs.
- Program or practice - degree to which PWDs can participate in full.
- Technology - Degree to which PWDs can use it with or without assistive technology.

# Systemwide Accessibility

Coordinated approach to improving accessibility across the entire Capital Metro transit system:

- Facilities (transit stops and stations)
- Vehicles (MetroBus, MetroRapid, future light rail)
- Technology (customer communication and information, mobile apps, internal systems)



# Facilities

- The built environment
- Where the pedestrian meets the infrastructure
- Incorporate accessibility at concept and design
- Includes pedestrian features such as sidewalks, shared-use paths, traffic signals and crossings
- Capital Metro-owned facilities and buildings
- Readily accessible and useable by PWDs
- Accessible to the public and for public meetings and appointments





# Facilities

## Sidewalks

- Access to transit begins & ends with a sidewalk

## Curb Cuts

- Necessary pedestrian feature, must be ADA compliant, & incorporate detectable warning strips

## Shared Use Paths

- Means of transportation for various users - pedestrians, cyclists & PWDs
- Requires sufficient ROW for safety & accessibility - minimize conflicts

## Traffic Signals - Audible pedestrian signals

- Form of effective communication for PWDs, eg low vision & blind -audible queues

## Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) & Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB)

# Vehicles

- Light rail, MetroRapid or MetroBus
- Incorporate accessibility features - ramps, audible announcements, securement systems, level-boarding rail platforms
- Be intentional about design
- Seek community input from PWDs
- Design responsive scope

# Technology

- Customer information systems to improve the journey.
- Mobile apps and other technology can provide:
  - Information about the built environment
  - Wayfinding and navigation
  - Sense of ease and confidence



## MetroAccess - Complementary ADA Paratransit Service

- Safety net service for persons with disabilities who can not use fixed-route due to their disability and functional abilities.
- Despite improvements to the built environment, vehicles, and technology, there will be others who will not be able to use fixed-route.
- MetroAccess will continue to be critical to PWDs in need of paratransit service.



# Partnerships and Community Engagement

## Technical

- City of Austin: Public Works, Austin Transportation Dept, Vision Zero, Travis County, TxDOT
- Leverage partnerships and maximize the effort to promote safety and accessibility

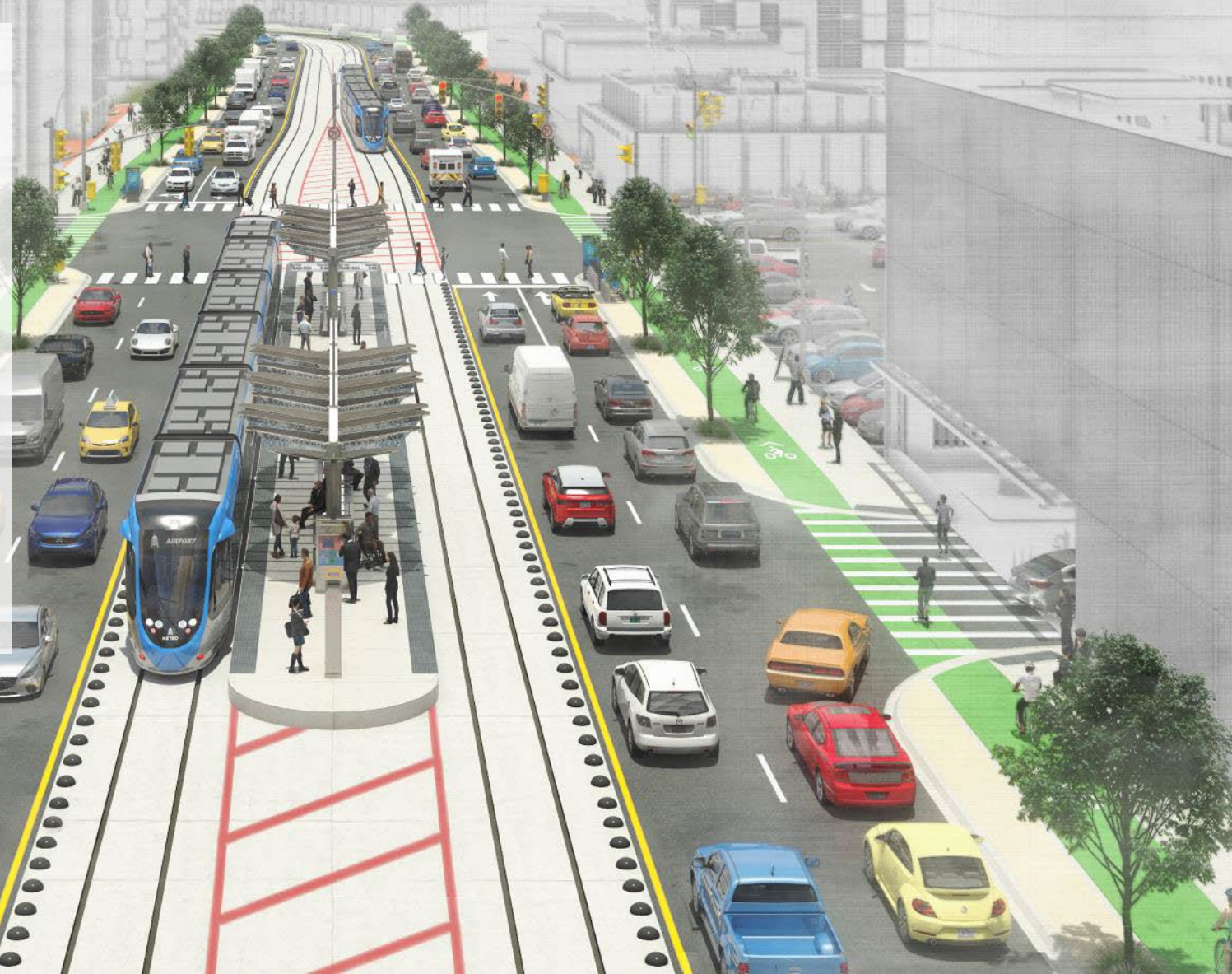
## Community

- Access Advisory Committee, ADAPT, Criss Cole Center for the Blind, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities
- Maintaining a feedback loop to share and incorporate ideas

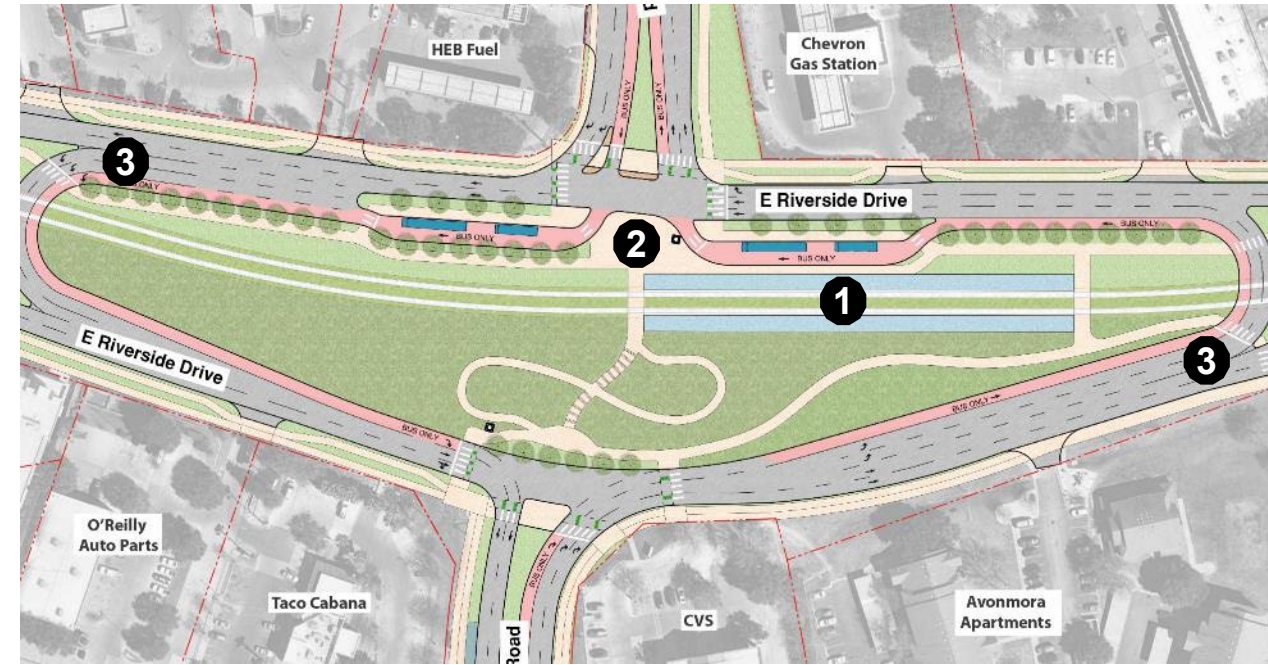
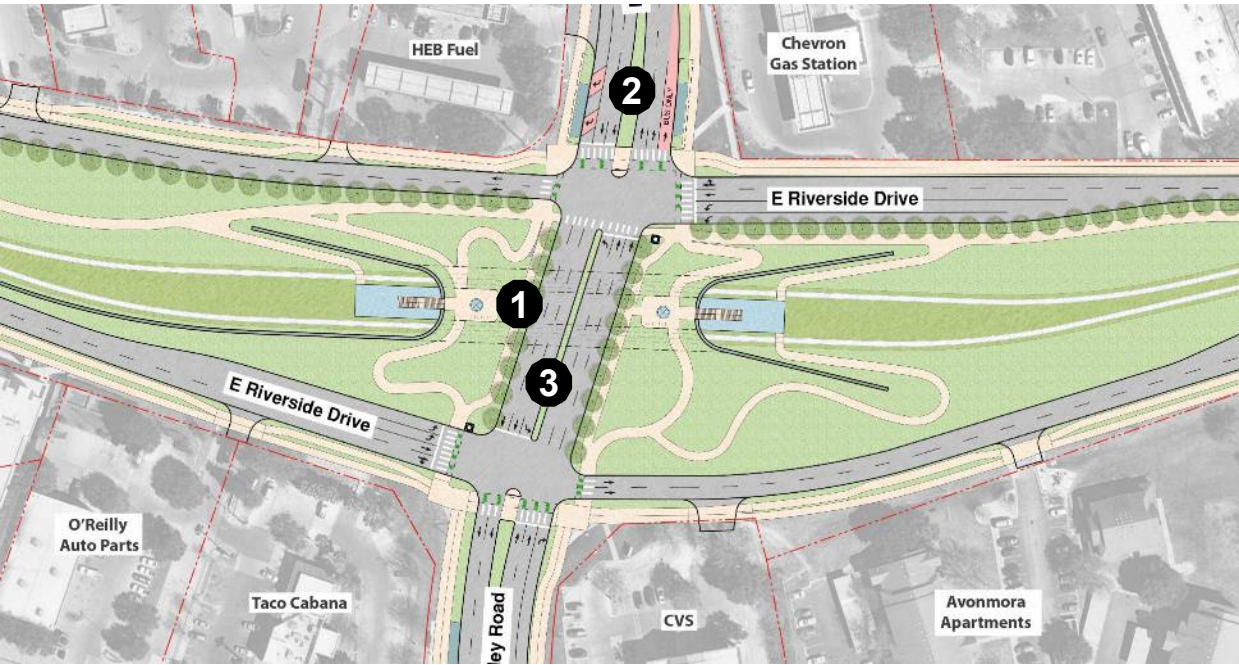
# Looking Ahead to the Future

What could a systemwide accessible transit system look like?

- Full accessible paths of travel across the built environment to transit facilities with accessible pedestrian features.
- Vehicles designed for the future and for all functional abilities operating with precision technology.
- Customer information systems and apps to facilitate universal access to complete the journey with information at every step.



# Pleasant Valley / Riverside Transit Plaza Design Options



## Option 1: Blue Line Underpass

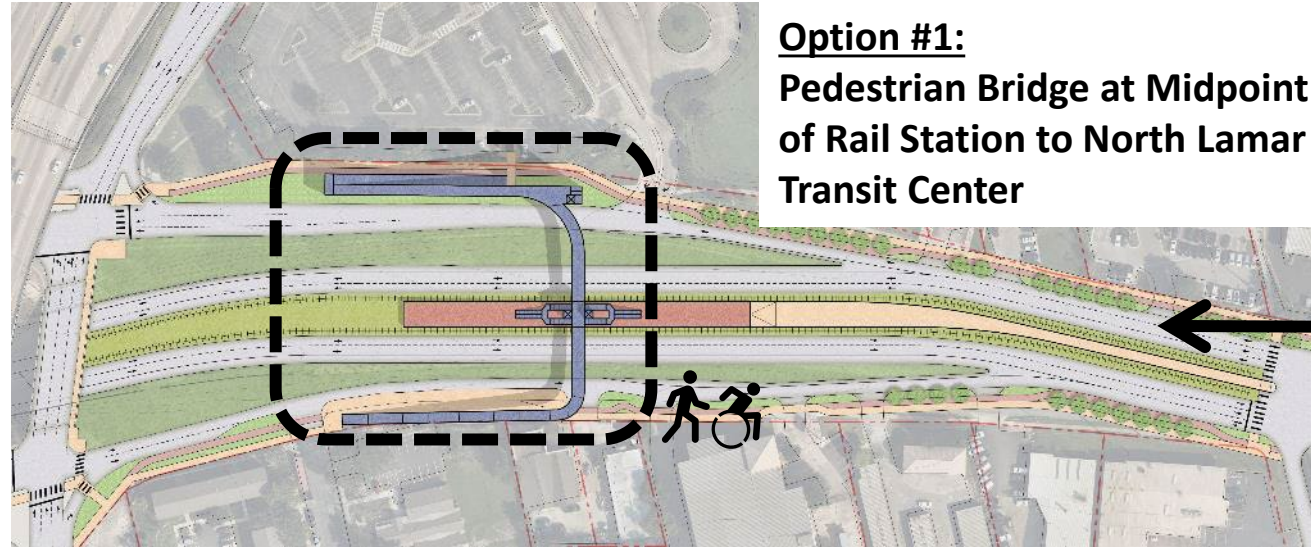
- 1 Landscaped bridge and Pleasant Valley Rd above transitway
- 2 MetroRapid stops located north of E Riverside Drive intersection
- 3 Through-traffic remains across Pleasant Valley

## Option 2: At-Grade Transit Plaza

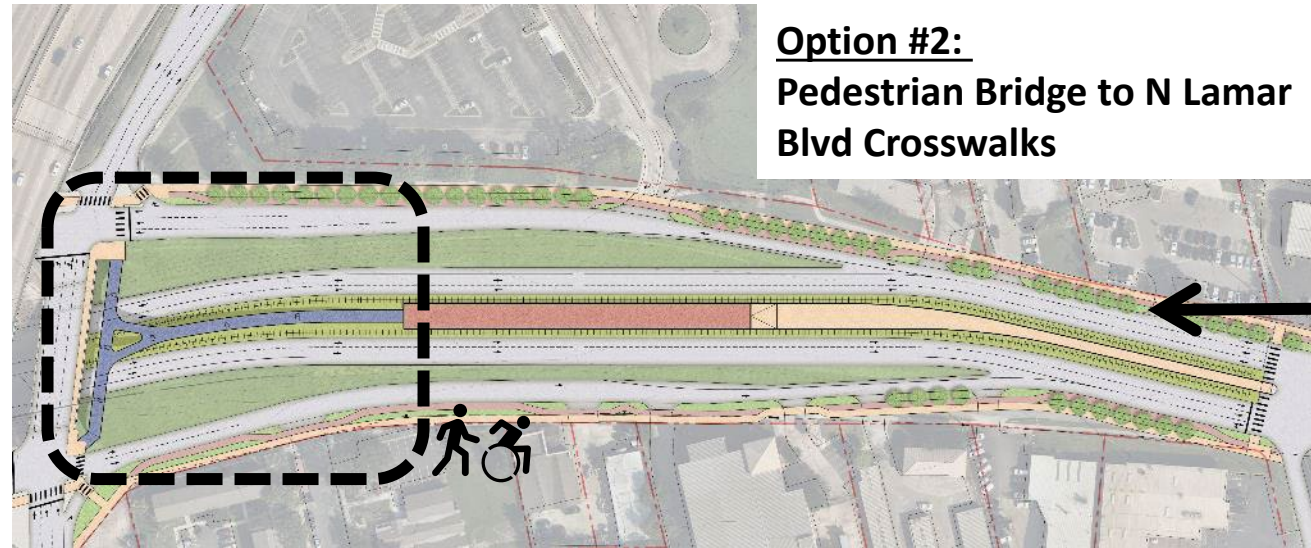
- 1 Blue Line at-grade
- 2 Blue Line/ MetroRapid transit plaza on E Riverside Dr
- 3 Pleasant Valley through-traffic diverted via elongated roundabout loop



# North Lamar Transit Center: LRT Station Connection Options

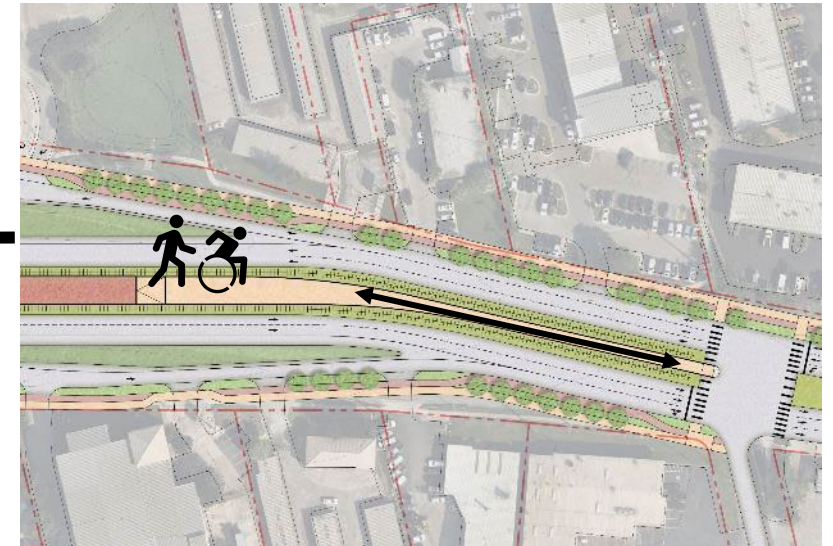


**Option #1:**  
Pedestrian Bridge at Midpoint  
of Rail Station to North Lamar  
Transit Center



**Option #2:**  
Pedestrian Bridge to N Lamar  
Blvd Crosswalks

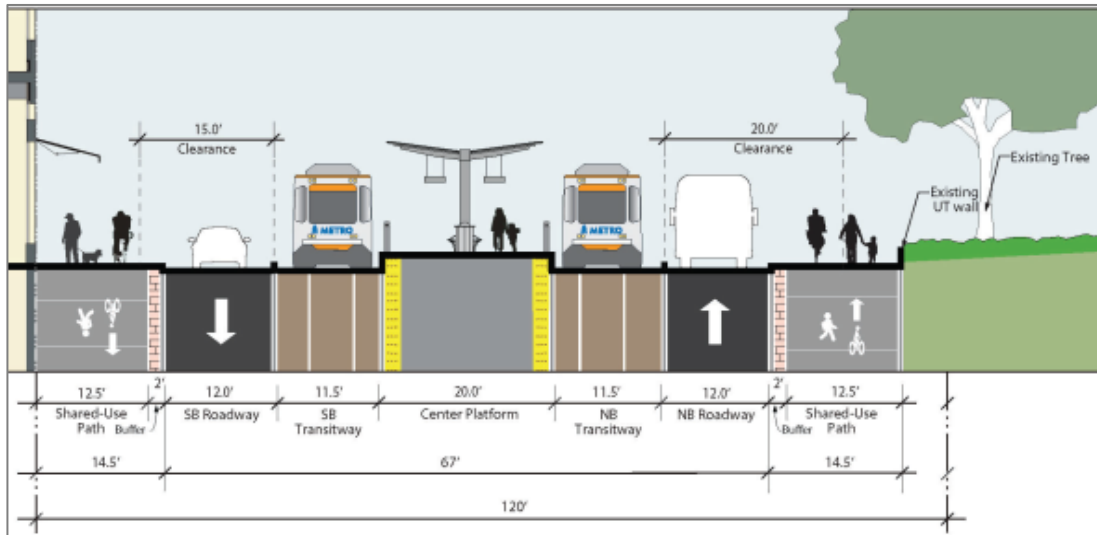
Both options include a pedestrian pathway from the north end of the station to Powell Ln, the nearest signalized crosswalk. Constraints mean that an at-grade crossing cannot be any closer to the station.





# The Drag: Design Options

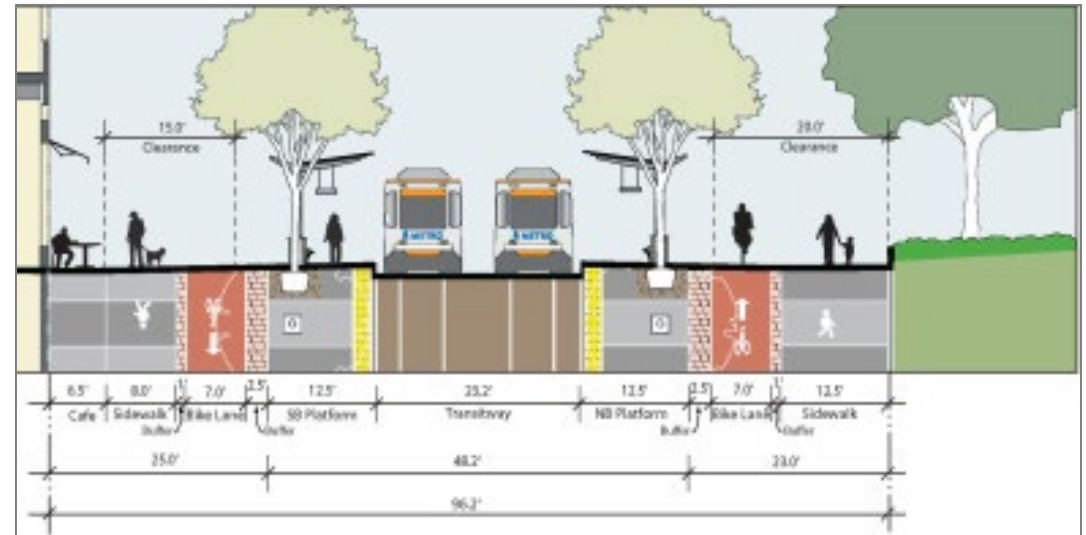
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\*Previously referred to as Option 3

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# ITEM(S) FROM THE BOARD

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**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 2, 2022 TRI-PARTY WORKSHOP WITH THE CAPITAL METRO BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL**

## **Item(s) From the Board**

Discussion of Agenda for March 2, 2022 Tri-Party Workshop with the Capital Metro Board and City

Council Sponsors: Mayor Adler and Board Chair, Veronica Castro de Barrera

Attached materials provided by Mayor Adler to the Austin Transit Partnership Board at the February 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

I agree we should do a combined workshop on March 2, so long as it doesn't disrupt the timeline for the governance process. Agenda is important. I think it's best if the workshop is not theoretical, but rather very focused on issue identification.

I think we should identify Issues in the workshop (without resolving any) such as:

1. No action item meeting, more informal conversations style with non-staff facilitation
2. No longer than a 3 hour meeting to ensure the most attendance and participation
3. In person ideally to build and reinforce partnership and relationship building but with a remote option
4. **Project Connect Pre-30% Design Program Elements**

**Bucket A: Unresolved Design Elements with Conflicting Priorities:** Staff have identified conflicting priorities within certain design elements of the program and the 30% design includes more than one or multiple design options.

- **Example: Buses on Guadalupe**

**Bucket B: Design elements with conflicting priorities for which staff have reached agreement**

- **Example: Changes to design around Norwood Park**

**Bucket C: Non-Design Issues that might Impact 30% Design: (Suggested Examples – Not Exhaustive)**

- **Is there agreement that we will not raise taxes?**
- **If we want to expand scope and increase program costs, what are the options?**
  - **Additional Revenue?**

- Savings?
- Expand Delivery Timeframe (for some elements)?
- If we want to enlarge the scope of project, how is that choice(s) made?
- If we want to remove elements of the project to accommodate other elements – how does that happen?
- Equipment
  - What kind of equipment are we running?
  - What is the impact of this choice?
  - How is that choice made?
- Utilities (moving and enhancement)
  - How are we handling decisions?
  - How are utility related costs paid?

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