

AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 2:00 p.m. ATP Board Room 203 Colorado St. Austin, TX 78701

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Board of Directors

Veronica Castro de Barrera, Chair, Kirk Watson, Vice Chair, Jeffrey Travillion, Juan Garza, Robert Goode (ex officio), Dottie Watkins (ex officio).

Public Comment

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Executive Session

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COMMITTEE: Joint meeting of the Engineering, Architecture & Construction (EAC) and the Planning, Sustainability, Equity & DBE (PSEC) Technical Advisory Committees, with attendees from the Finance and Risk (FAR) Technical Advisory Committee

DATE: 5/9/2023

ATTENDANCE:

EAC: David Bodenman, Karen Bondy, Lyndon Henry, Efrain Velez; CAC Delegate Kathryn

Broadwater; Board Liaison Veronica Castro de Barrera

PSEC: Jen Cregar, Marcel Gutierrez-Garza; Board Liaison Juan Garza FAR: Sarah Campbell, John Langmore, Cindy Matula, David Sullivan

ATP Staff: Jen Pyne, Peter Mullan, Courtney Chavez, Jamie Atkinson, Lisa Storer

PRIMARY AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Light Rail Implementation Plan Updates

- Community Dialogue Overview
- What We are Hearing
- Key Issues Review
- Discussion

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ATP Staff updated the Technical Advisory Committees about the LRT Implementation community engagement to date on the alignment options; 80+ and over 5,500 comments over the last six weeks.
- Community feedback to date includes general acceptance of where we are and positive sentiment for light rail; support for the three on-street options because of coverage and ridership.
- The committees discussed the Frequently asked questions (FAQ) and Data Portal re: transparency and availability of information to the public, including updates to maps to describe system connectivity better.
- Schedule
 - 5/11 CAC meeting where they will likely make a recommendation
 - 5/16 Community Dialogue Report
 - 5/24 ATP Board Meeting w/ staff recommendation presentation

- 5/30 City Council Work Session
- 6/6 Joint Partnership Meeting
- Committee members acknowledged that the airport is a key concern if not included in the
 selected first phase alignment. They suggested outlining the arguments for why not, including
 cost, and potentially linking the Riverside corridor to the airport conceptually/via branding or by
 including a shuttle or other solution to close the gap as part of the selected alignment.
 Committee members also suggested potentially using the ABIA expansion as a means for our
 elected officials to ask for additional funds to make the LRT connection.
- Other items committee members stressed include connectivity within the transit system, key destinations, order of magnitude cost information, and concern for additional land use/regulation changes.
- Technical requirements were discussed regarding 90 degree turns in the Trinity Street alignment, as well as the design criteria for grades that can be navigated by LRT. Lyndon Henry, EAC Committee member, presented information to the group on precedents of other LRT systems with steeper than 6% grades, including their vehicle type and other considerations.
- Committee members highlighted the need for comments collected that have more to do with future design implementation rather than the options to continue to be utilized in future design phases.

REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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FUTURE MEETING TOPICS:

Another joint TAC meeting will be held in June after the Joint Partnership meeting on June 6th.

PROJECT CONNECT STATUS REPORT ATP BOARD BRIEF | MAY 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

The ATP team published the <u>Austin Light Rail</u> <u>Community Engagement Report</u> this month. This document captures community dialogue about light rail between March and May 2023 and summarizes that feedback into themes. Over 8,000 in-person interactions, 90 events and 45 bus stop/train station locations resulted in over 5,600 comments on the Austin Light Rail Project.



Community members were reached through in-person meetings, virtual engagements, and presentations to community organizations. Supplementing outreach included Frequently Asked Question Reports, website/data portal updates, advertising in multimarket media platforms in multiple languages, as well as social media. A full listing of outreach activities,



results and data is referenced in the Austin Light Rail Community Engagement Report on ATP's website at www.atptx.org.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This month, the
Community Advisory
Committee (CAC)
discussed light rail
options being analyzed by
ATP staff. The CAC
produced a
recommendation
consistent with
community feedback
themes. Letters of
recommendation by the
CAC (as well as other

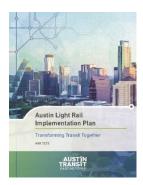


community organizations) can be found in the Appendix of the Austin Light Rail Community Engagement Report.



LIGHT RAIL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

ATP will reach a key milestone this month in advancing an updated Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan. ATP staff will bring a recommendation for the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan to the ATP Board. This recommendation will allow the program to progress through a multi-year process of continuing project do



process of continuing project development, environmental review, and coordination with the Federal Transit Administration on federal grant funding.



>> INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

The **Austin Light Rail Industry Expo** occurs Thursday May 25, 2023. With over 370 registrations to date, the Project Delivery team will provide information about the expected contracting opportunities to partner and delivery light rail in Austin. The Expo is open and designed to facilitate potential partnership opportunities between large and local/small business contractors vital to the construction of the Austin Light Rail. The event will be at the Distribution Hall, 1500 E.

4th St. from 9:30am-3:30pm. Additional details about the event can be found: atptx.org/industry-expo.



ANTI-DISPLACEMENT UPDATE

At the April 13, 2023 meeting, the Austin City Council approved a resolution to allocate the Project Connect anti-displacement funding for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 as summarized below:

3-YEAR TOTAL:

Years 2023-2025 (Funding available: \$75 million)

- Land acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation: \$43 million
- Affordable housing development: \$14 million
- Programs and other strategies addressing immediate needs: \$14 million
- Staffing, community engagement, and marketing: \$4 million

>> ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

ATP awarded two professional service contracts to AECOM Technical Services, Inc and HNTB Cooperation for Conceptual Engineering Services in support of the light rail portion of Project Connect and currently in negotiations with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Program Management and NEPA services, and expects to award by the end of the month. ATP plans to issue the solicitations in Spring 2023 to include the Owner's Engineer, Utilities and Maintenance Facility, which will provide qualified technical and professional personnel to perform services in the following areas:

- Project Supervision, Coordination, and Quality
- Site Investigation/Field Work
- Advance/Early Utility Relocations Design
- LRT Operations and Maintenance Facility Design
- Project-Wide Support Services/Technical Requirement Support
- Solicitation Support Services and Design Services During Construction

Another solicitation will include Legislative and Regulatory Consulting Services to provide legislative and regulatory consulting services for the purpose of implementing the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan.

AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Austin Transit Partnership Board Room 203 Colorado St. Austin, TX 78701

~ Minutes ~

Board Secretary Brandon Carr 512-369-6040

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 2:00 PM 2:08 PM Meeting Called to Order 3:29 PM Meeting Adjourned

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.

2. Technical Advisory Committee Reports

Chair Castro de Barrera noted that the Technical Advisory Committee reports are published online as a part of the Board Meeting Agenda backup materials.

2. Executive Director Report

ATP Executive Director Greg Canally presented on:

- Project Connect Status Report / Board Brief
- Hiring Update

3. Action Items

 Approval of minutes from the March 22, 2023 Austin Transit Partnership Board Meeting

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Travillion SECONDER: Watson

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Travillion, Elkins, Watson, Garza

ABSENT:

2. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., for each with respect to Austin Light Rail: (i) program development and management, and work related to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program, and (ii) work relating to the National Environmental Policy Act for Austin Light Rail, and program development and management

work related to the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program for Austin Light Rail, for a period not to exceed two years, with one 6-month option in an amount not to exceed \$26,000,000

- 3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with AECOM Technical Services Inc., for conceptual engineering (design), including limited project management and planning support related to that design work, and community engagement, to aid the Austin Light Rail program, for a period not to exceed one year, with two 6-month options in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000
- 4. Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or their designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with HNTB Corporation, for conceptual engineering (design), including limited project management and planning support related to that design work, and community engagement, to aid the Austin Light Rail program, for a period not to exceed one year, with two 6-month options in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000

RESULT: ADOPTED 4-0-1

MOVER: Watson SECONDER: Garza

AYES: Castro de Barrera, Elkins, Watson, Garza

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING: Travillion

Action items 2-4 voted together.

5. Adjournment

Chair Castro de Barrera acknowledged that this would be Board Member Elkins' last meeting and thanked him for his service.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29PM.

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AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK SESSION

Austin Transit Partnership Board Room 203 Colorado St. Austin, TX 78701

~ Minutes ~

Board Secretary Brandon Carr 512-369-6040

Monday, May 8, 2023 1:00PM 1:04 PM Meeting Called to Order 3:17 PM Meeting Adjourned

1. Discussion Item

1. Presentation and discussion on the development of Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan

Austin Transit Partnership presenters included Lindsay Wood, Executive Vice President of Engineering & Construction; Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President, Equity and Community Partnership; Peter Mullan, Executive Vice President of Architecture & Urban Design; Jennifer Pyne, Executive Vice President of Planning & Risk Management. Presenters also included Annick Beaudet, Deputy Director, City of Austin Capital Delivery Department; Sharmila Mukherjee, Executive Vice President, Chief Strategic Planning and Development Officer, CapMetro; and Brian Buchanan, Vice President, HDR. The discussion among presenters and the Board of Directors was related to the light rail design options. Paulo Faria, Senior Vice President of Architecture & Urban Design was joined by the HUG design team to provide updates on their work with ATP. Staff noted that community feedback will be compiled and presented to the public.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17PM.

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Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors Resolution Meeting Date: 5/24/2023

ATP-2023-011

Approval of a resolution accepting a staff-recommended Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan

<u>Subject:</u> Approval of a resolution to accept the staff-recommended Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan and request that the Austin City Council and Capital Metro Board consider the adoption of the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan and any corresponding modifications to Project Connect, and the associated Implementation Sequence Plan, consistent with the Contract with the Voters Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement.

Fiscal Impact: Does not apply.

Responsible Department: Executive Director.

Executive Summary: The voters of the City of Austin (the "City"), in recognition of the benefits of Project Connect, approved a ballot measure ("Proposition A") at the November 3, 2020 election to provide dedicated funding to an independent board ("Austin Transit Partnership") to oversee the implementation of the Project Connect System Plan, including the financing, design, engineering, and construction of a light rail system ("Austin Light Rail"). Due to a material change in circumstances since the passage of Proposition A, including, but not limited to, increased land values, construction cost escalation, increased labor costs, and increased borrowing costs, Austin Transit Partnership has advised the City and Capital Metro ("CapMetro") that the development of the light rail plan as proposed as part of Project Connect and associated Implementation Sequence Plan requires modification. This resolution accepts a staff-recommended Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan and directs the Executive Director to propose the staff-recommended Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan to the Austin City Council and CapMetro Board of Directors for consideration and adoption and any corresponding modifications to the Project Connect Implementation Plan referenced in the Contract with the Voters Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement.

Procurement Summary: Does not apply.

<u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Summary:</u> Does not apply.



RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

Approval of a resolution accepting a staffrecommended Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan

Resolution ID: ATP-2023-011

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Austin (the "City"), in recognition of the benefits of Project Connect, approved a ballot measure ("Proposition A") at the November 3, 2020 election to provide dedicated funding to an independent board to oversee the implementation of the Project Connect System Plan ("Project Connect"), including the financing, design, engineering, and construction of a light rail system ("Austin Light Rail"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("CapMetro") Board of Directors created Austin Transit Partnership ("ATP") to serve as the independent entity contemplated by Proposition A to implement Project Connect, including Austin Light Rail; and

WHEREAS, concurrently with the adoption of Proposition A, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20200812-015 (the "Contract with the Voters Resolution"), clarifying and declaring the intent and commitment of City Council to the voters regarding the use of the Prop. A Tax Revenue to invest in Project Connect in accordance with the associated Implementation Sequence Plan described therein; and

WHEREAS, the Contract with the Voters Resolution and the Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") executed by and among ATP, the City, and CapMetro each provide that upon the joint concurrence of the City Council and CapMetro Board, Project Connect and the Investment Map and Associated Implementation Sequence Plan, Exhibit A to the JPA, may be modified; and

WHEREAS, due to a material change in circumstances since the passage of Proposition A, including, but not limited to, increased land values, construction cost escalation, increased labor costs, and increased borrowing costs related to Austin Light Rail, Project Connect and the associated Implementation Sequence Plan require modification; and

WHEREAS, ATP recently conducted an extensive priority-population focused engagement feedback process on potential modifications to Austin Light Rail, connecting with over 7,000 community members regarding the proposed modifications to Project Connect, hosting over 80

community engagement events, and connecting with more than 3,000 core transit riders at 45 unique bus stop locations; and

WHEREAS, the ATP Board of Directors (the "ATP Board") agrees with the ATP staff recommendation to propose for consideration and adoption by the City Council and CapMetro Board an updated light rail implementation plan for the phased financing, development and construction of Austin Light Rail as depicted in Exhibit A to this resolution (the "Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ATP Board of Directors hereby accepts the ATP staff's Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan and any modifications resulting from such acceptance to Project Connect and the Investment Map and Associated Implementation Sequence Plan described in the Contract with the Voters Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement, and attached thereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ATP Board of Directors hereby directs the ATP Executive Director to present the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan and any corresponding modifications to Project Connect and the Investment Map and Associated Implementation Sequence Plan to the City Council and CapMetro Board for approval in accordance with the Contract with the Voters Resolution and Joint Powers Agreement.

Brandon Carr	Date
Secretary of the Board	



MEMORANDUM

To: ATP Board of Directors

From: Greg Canally, Executive Director Augus D (all)

Date: May 23, 2023

Subject: Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan

Today, we are pleased to share with the Austin Transit Partnership Board of Directors, the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan, and to recommend the 38th Street to Oltorf to Yellow Jacket alignment as the first phase of this plan.

This on-street, two-line Austin Light Rail project—crossing Lady Bird Lake at Trinity Street—will connect the community to key destinations, jobs and, most importantly, to each other. Looking to Austin's future, it will also connect with the community's expandable transit network to ensure light rail will serve Austinites now and as our city grows.

Back in the fall, we committed to you that we would approach the creation of the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan with full transparency and full engagement with the Austin community. After a comprehensive outreach effort since March, I am proud that this recommendation reflects the input and values of our community.

The full Austin Light Rail Implementation plan can be found here: www.atptx.org.

At the May 24th ATP Board of Directors meeting, staff will present this Austin Light Rail Implementation plan as part of your board action.

As always, I am available if you have any questions.

cc: Austin City Council

CapMetro Board of Directors







AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) is a local government corporation created as a requirement of the City of Austin November 2020 Proposition A tax rate election. ATP is the independent entity responsible for implementing Project Connect.

The CAC wishes to thank the Austin Transit Partnership for their commendable community engagement efforts, supporting the CAC through this decision-making process, and providing us with all necessary information to make these recommendations.

-Community Advisory Committee

C C

We appreciate the process and effort undertaken by the staff [...] in advancing us to this critical decision point. The team was responsive, active and engaged with our organization and members of the downtown community.

-Downtown Austin Alliance

C C

We understand that all plans have to be equally grounded in fiscal reality and aspirational ambition to actually transform our city and we appreciate the straightforward way in which the options have been presented to the community.

-CNU-CTX

ATP is committed to:



Delivering Austin's first light rail project



Evaluating your feedback & incorporating it into the light rail program



Prioritizing equity, sustainability & transparency



Meeting voters' goals and honoring Austin's values



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LIGHT RAIL

Light rail is an electric train system used in metropolitan areas. Light rail is part of the overall transit network, connecting people to key destinations where they live, work and play to improve mobility, connectivity, affordability, and sustainability.

Precedents











Paris, France

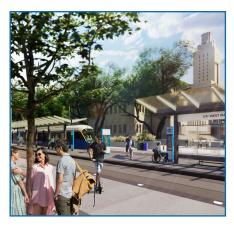
Portland, Oregon

Sydney, Australia

Seattle, Washington

Ontario, Canada

Artist Representations



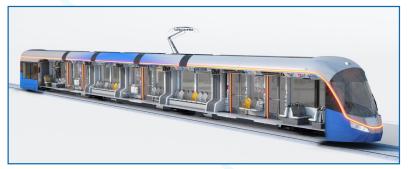




Station View at Oltorf



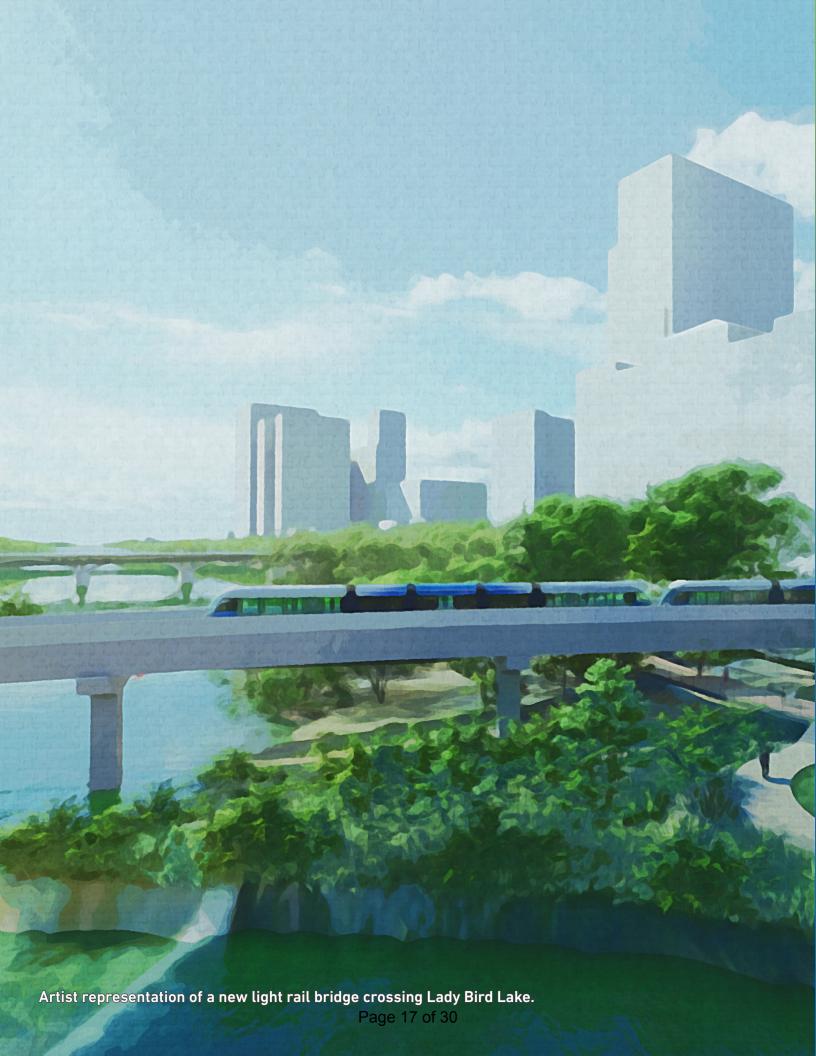
Station View at Pleasant Valley





Light Rail Vehicle

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THE RECOMMENDATION

Austin Transit Partnership staff is proud to recommend the 38th Street to Oltorf to Yellow Jacket alignment as the first phase of the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan.

This on-street, two-line Austin Light Rail project—crossing Lady Bird Lake at Trinity Street—will connect the community to key destinations, jobs and, most importantly, to each other. Looking to Austin's future, it will also connect with the existing and future transit network to ensure light rail will serve Austinites now and as our city grows.

This recommendation is based on the professional expertise of the ATP team and our partners at the City of Austin and CapMetro. At its core and most importantly, this recommendation reflects the input of our community.

In 2020, Austin citizens resoundingly approved a transformative investment in Austin's future—a future that is more equitable and sustainable. The community has made it clear that they want reliable mobility options that offer connectivity, affordability, and expandability—we believe our staff recommendation meets these values.

Greg Canally

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Executive Director, Austin Transit Partnership











TRANSIT CONNECTIONS





METRORAPID



RED LINE



HIGH FREQUENCY



PROPOSED GREEN LINE

ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIME



23 MINS

38TH - OLTORF

31 MINS 38TH - YELLOW JACKET

ESTIMATED AVG. # OF DAILY RIDERS SERVED (2040)



28,500

20,000+

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS SERVED (SUBSIDIZED)



ACCESS TO



136,000+ CURRENT JOBS

200,000+ FUTURE JOBS

ANTICIPATED CAPITAL COST (CURRENT DOLLARS)



\$4.5-\$4.8B

LOCAL AND FEDERAL DOLLARS



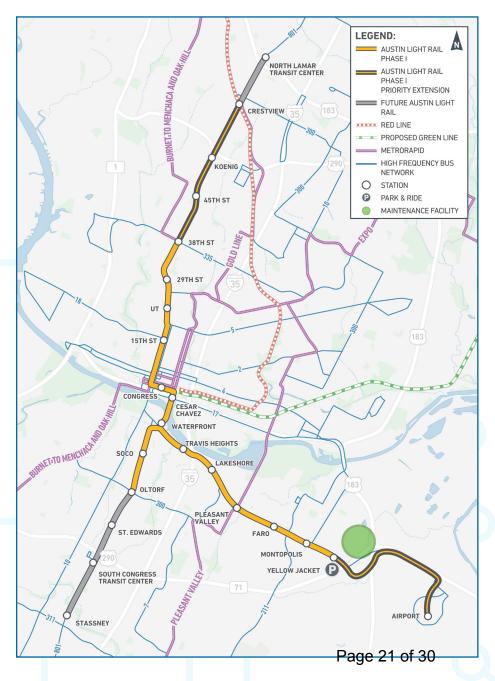
AUSTIN LIGHT RAIL

- » Sustainably support Austin's population and economic growth
- » Increase transportation network capacity to meet increasing travel demand

On-street from 38th St. on Guadalupe St. to Oltorf St. on S. Congress Ave. and to Yellow Jacket Ln. on E. Riverside Dr.

- » Improve transit access between affordable housing and jobs
- » Support growth of and connectivity to regional activity centers

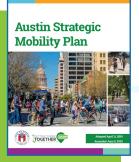
Transit Connections



Provide an expandable interconnected regional transit network

- Connects with existing Red Line and future Green Line commuter rail at Downtown Station
- » Connects with current and future MetroRapid service including Pleasant Valley and downtown
- » Links with key high ridership and high frequency bus routes
- » Supports the pursuit of 50/50 mode share goal in the ASMP by providing more high frequency transit options to more places
- » Supports transit network expansion to the north, south, east and west

ATP's program principles for Austin Light Rail includes community criteria that aligns with the Austin Strategic



Mobility Plan (ASMP), Austin's first comprehensive, multimodal transportation plan, and guides our short- and long-term transportation projects, programs, initiatives, and investments.







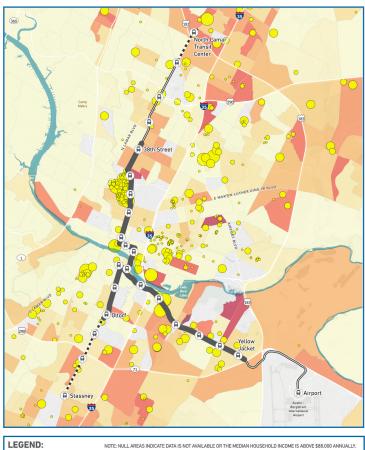
Prioritize mobility solutions for historically underserved communities

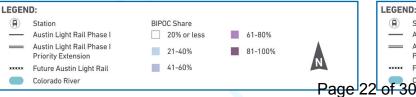
- » Builds new infrastructure to serve historically underinvested areas
- » Serves Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) communities, affordable housing units, lower income areas, and households that are more dependent on public transportation
- » Connects communities with job centers and destinations throughout Austin

BIPOC Share of Population

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Affordable Housing & Income





Median Household Income Current Affordable Austin Light Rail Phase I Low to Moderate Housing Units Austin Light Rail Phase I \$2,500 o 1-50 Priority Extension N 51-150 Future Austin Light Rail 401+ 151-250 Colorado River \$88,000



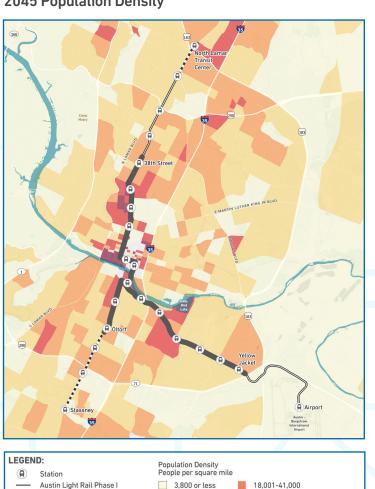




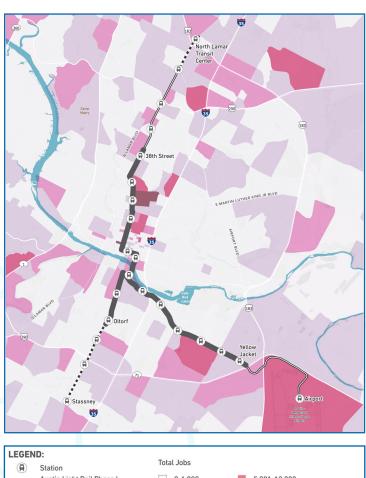
Connecting people to where they need and want to go

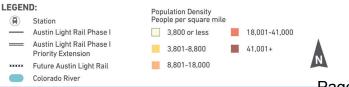
- » Connects to job centers, education, medical centers, and downtown
- » Provides access extending north, east, and south
- » Generates strong ridership, and includes high ridership stations at UT, downtown, and Pleasant Valley/Riverside

2045 Population Density



2045 Total Jobs





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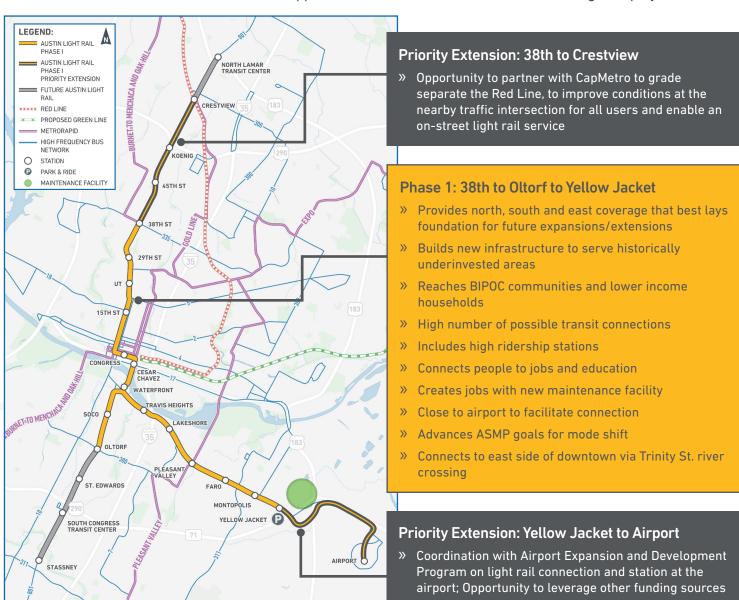


AUSTIN LIGHT RAIL PHASE 1 AND PRIORITY EXTENSIONS

The first phase of Austin Light Rail provides coverage to the north, east, and south, access to opportunities, and connections to key destinations and the transit network. A top theme from across the community was access to the Airport. As such, Yellow Jacket to the Airport was identified as a Priority Extension, along with 38th Street to Crestview. These extensions could be accelerated if additional funding becomes available.

Criteria for Accelerating Priority Extensions

- » Identifying new local funding
- » Leveraging other funding opportunities
- » Integration opportunities with other regional projects



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WHAT WE HEARD

Community dialogue is central to the success of Austin Light Rail. Themes that emerged from the Spring 2023 engagement period supported the advancement of a light rail project that moves Austinites where they need and want to go, and prioritizes accessible light rail connectivity to destinations and opportunities.

[...] Affirms that surfacerunning light rail is a good option to address the cost estimates for the Project Connect light rail plan.

-Urban Transportation Commission

RECA recommends ATP staff to choose the 38th to Oltorf to Yellow Jacket option.

-Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA)

TTC encourages ATP to have the light rail line cross Lady Bird Lake at the Trinity Street location.

-The Trail Conservancy

While all options are undoubtedly better than the current lack of any light rail, the working group has recommended the 38th to Oltorf to Yellow Jacket option because it lays the best foundation for the city overall.

-AURA - Austin for Everyone

Top Community Feedback Themes

- » Supported the advancement of a light rail project that moves Austinites where they need and want to go
- » Prioritized Mobility, Customer Service, and Access to Opportunities
- » Focused on greater coverage, seamless integration with other transportation options, expandability of the system and affordably reaching key destinations including schools, medical centers, job centers, as well as areas around Austin including the airport, downtown, and the University of Texas
- » Explored endpoint alternatives, expressed sentiments related to environmental impacts and benefits, and land use and housing



Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan is consistent with the CAC recommendation based on community feedback, conversations with stakeholders and staff, data analysis, and alignment with System-Wide Design Principles.

Online Resources

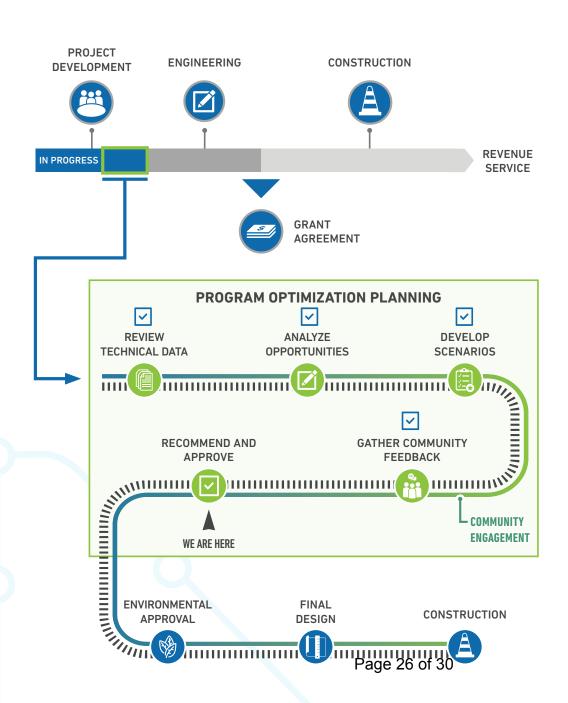
- » View the Light Rail FAQs at atptx.org/FAQs
- » View the Community Engagement Report at atptx.org
- » Learn more ab heta heta



FEDERAL PROCESS

Federal funding is necessary to construct Austin Light Rail. The project will be evaluated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding under FTA's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program.

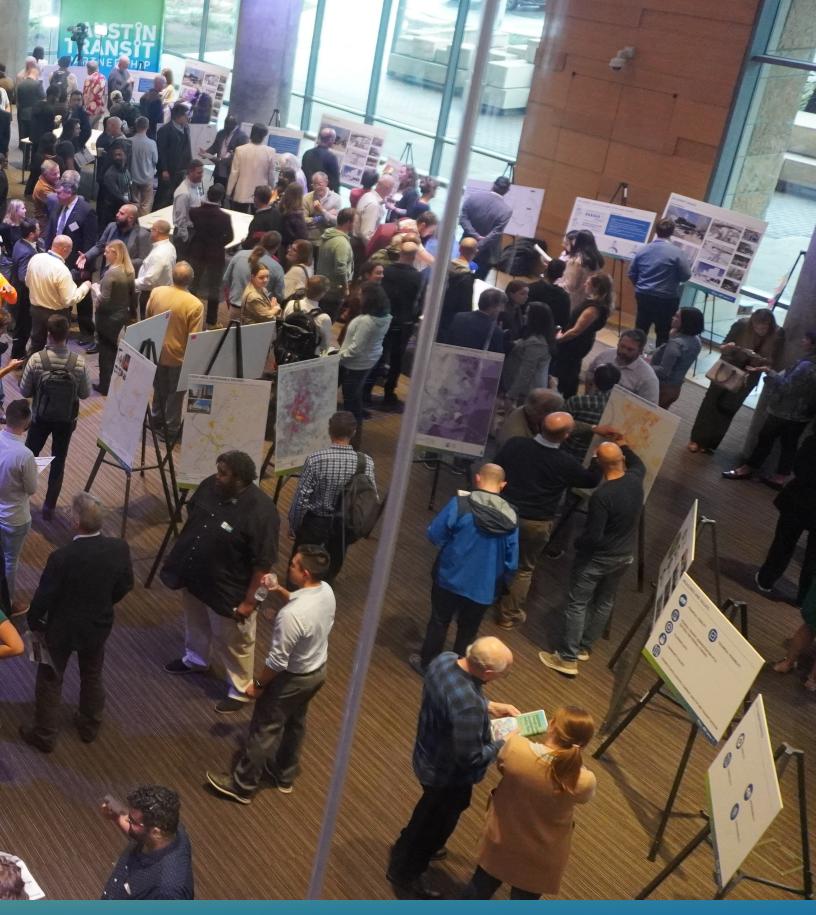
Federal Capital Investment Grant Process



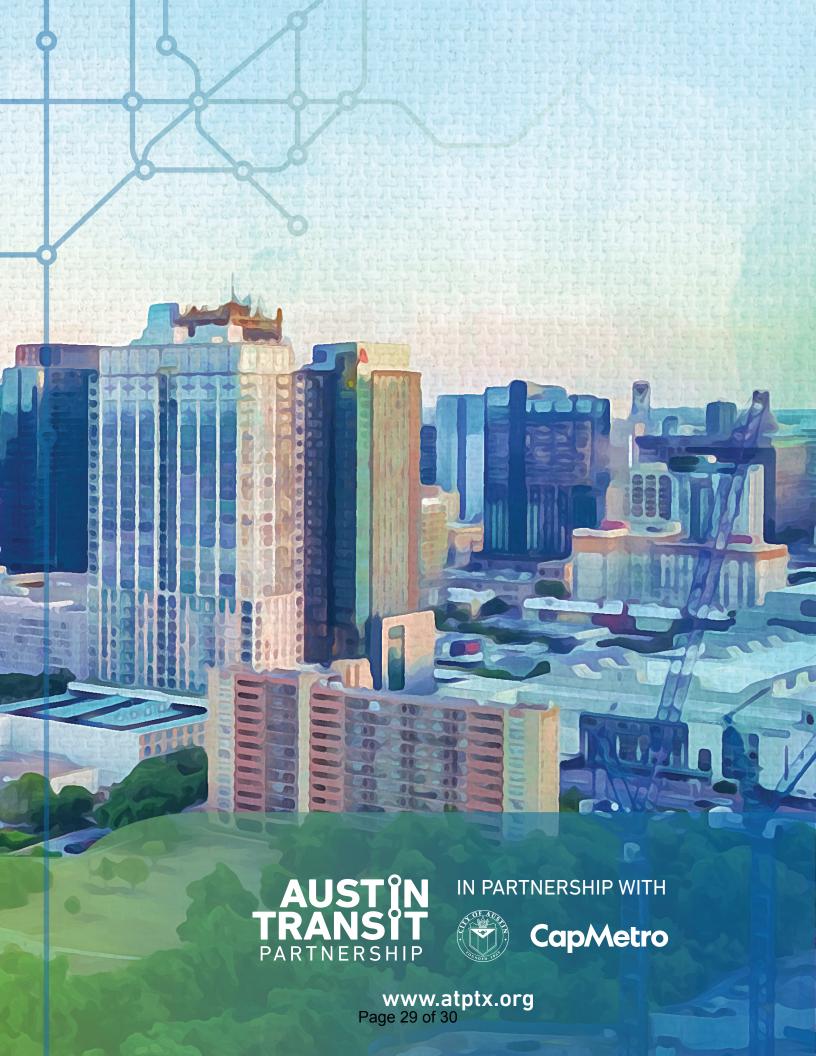
- The CIG program will constitute the majority of federal assistance to construct the light rail project.
- ATP is seeking approximately 50% of project capital costs from the federal government through the CIG program.
- W Upon adoption of the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan, ATP will progress through a multi-year process of continuing project development, environmental review, and coordination with FTA on federal grant funding.



People attending the Mar. 21, 2023 Light Rail Open House.









MEMORANDUM

To: ATP Board of Directors

From: Rebecca Giello, Chief of Staff

Date: May 19, 2023

Subject: ATP Board Meeting Agenda May 24, 2023 | Agenda Item, #5.2

This memorandum serves to provide additional information related to Item #5.2 on the May 24, 2023, ATP Board Agenda.

As you are aware, ATP released options for the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan at a Community Open House March 21. Following this unveiling, ATP conducted an extensive community engagement process. Community input on Austin Light Rail informed the <u>Austin Light Rail: Community Engagement Report</u> released earlier this week. The report offers detailed information related to the engagement process and serves to inform staff's recommendation on the Austin Light Rail Implementation Plan that will be presented at the May 24 ATP Board Meeting.

As was indicated at the May 8 ATP work session, staff will make its recommendation to the ATP Board next Wednesday, May 24; and once received, the ATP Board will then take action to forward the recommendation to the Austin City Council and CapMetro Board of Directors for consideration and action no later than June 6, 2023. A Joint Partnership Meeting is currently scheduled for 1pm on June 6.

Additional information will be published prior to the Board Meeting May 24.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have questions. We look forward to discussing ATP's recommendation May 24.