

CENTRAL CORRIDOR HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT STUDY WORK PLAN

Urban Transportation Commission Meeting

September 10, 2013

Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room

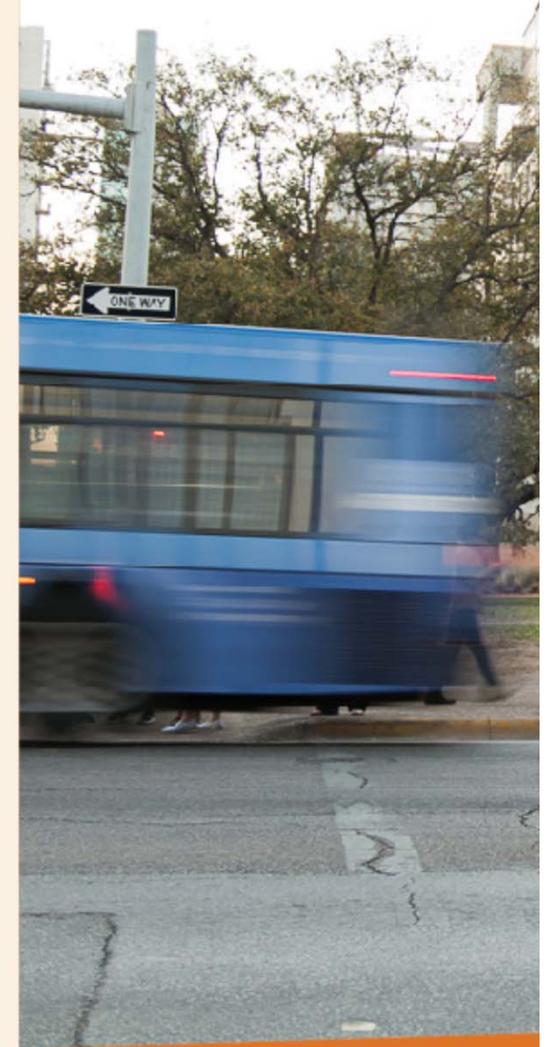


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Agenda

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Work Plan & Schedule
- 3) Public Involvement
- 4) Central Corridor Advisory Group
- 5) Study Area
- 6) Next Steps



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Work Plan & Schedule

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Project Development Process

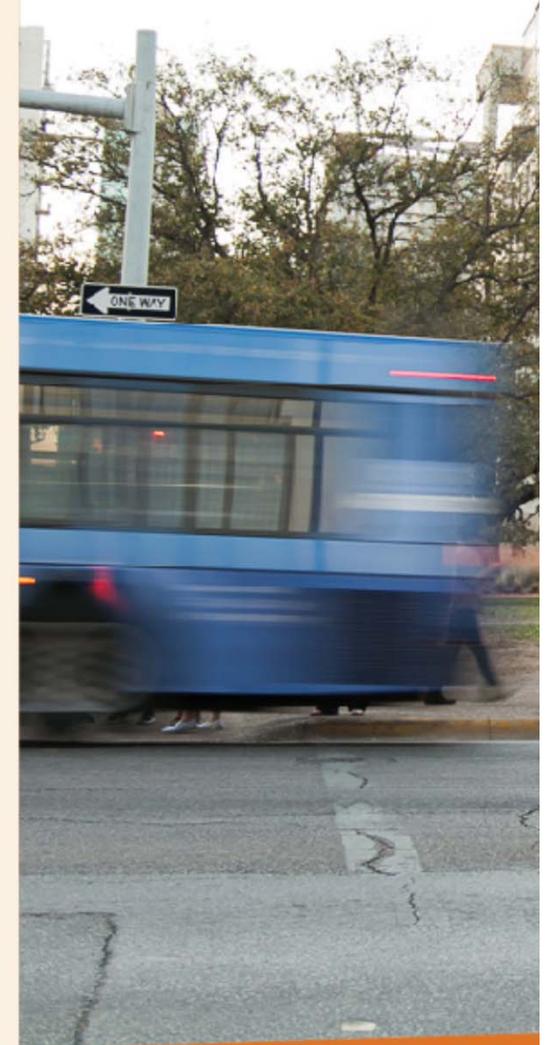
- Regional Plan
- System Plan
- Corridor Studies
- Preliminary Design/Environmental Analysis
- Final Design
- Construction
- Operation



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Work Plan Focus

- High-Capacity Transit (HCT)
- Decision-Making Process
 - Transparent and inclusive
 - Sequential and logical
 - Efficient



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Work Plan Phases

Decision-Making Process

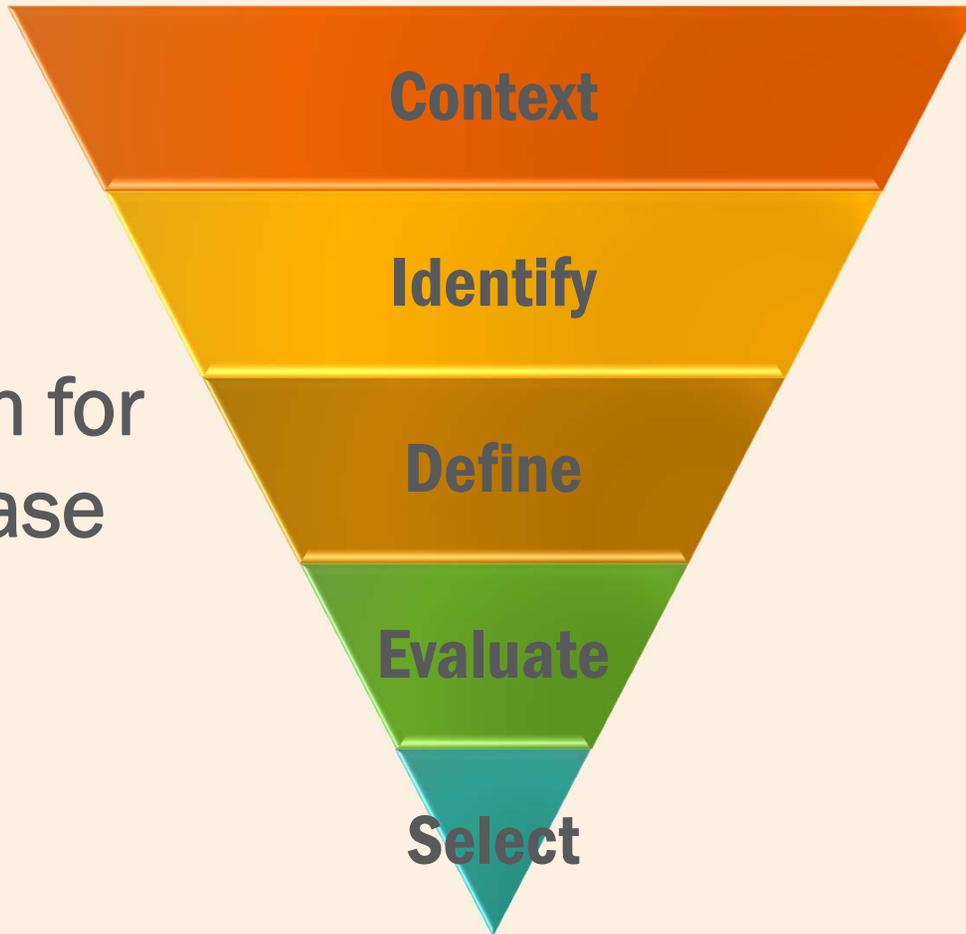
- Phase 1: Select Priority Sub-Corridor
 - ‘Where are we going?’
- Phase 2: Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
 - ‘How will we get there?’



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Work Plan Approach

Funnel approach for each phase



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Work Plan & Schedule

Decision-Making Process

- Phase 1: Select Priority Sub-Corridor

				2013						2014							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Phase 1 Select Priority Sub-Corridor	Step 1: Kick-Off/Process	Task 1	Work Plan/Decision-Making Process	█	█												
	Step 2: Define Sub-Corridors	Task 2	Framework/History	█	█	█											
		Task 3	G&O/Problem Statement	█	█	█											
		Task 4	Methodology/Criteria	█	█	█											
		Task 5	Identify Sub-Corridors	█	█	█											
		Task 6	Define Sub-Corridors	█	█	█											
	Step 3: Select Priority Sub-Corridor	Task 7	Evaluate Sub-Corridors			█	█	█	█								
		Task 8	Select Priority Sub-Corridor			█	█	█	█								
			Decision					*									
				█ - Project Team Activities						█ - Public Involvement Activities							

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Decision-Making Process

- Phase 2: Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)

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Phase 2 Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)	Step 4: Identify Preliminary Alternatives	Task 9	Project P&N/Problem Statement														
		Task 10	Methodology/Criteria														
		Task 11	Identify Preliminary Alternatives – Alignment & Mode														
	Step 5: Define Final Alternatives	Task 12	Define Final Alternatives – Alignment & Mode														
	Step 6: Evaluate Alternatives	Task 13	Evaluate Alternatives														
	Step 7: Select LPA	Task 14	Select Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)														
			Decision													*	

■ - Project Team Activities
 ■ - Public Involvement Activities

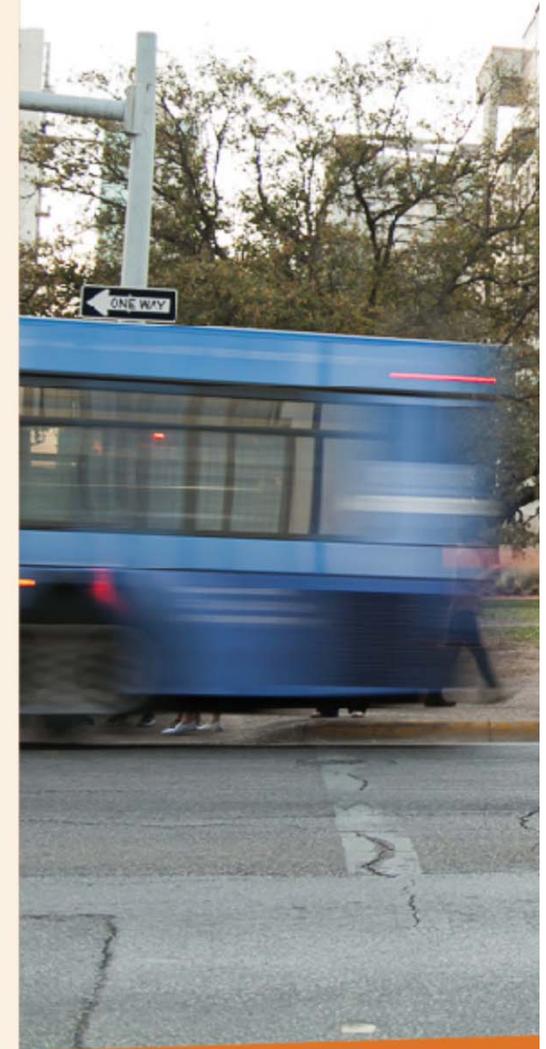
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Public Involvement

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Public Involvement Keys Elements

- Informed consent
- Build and maintain trust
- Meaningful opportunities for the community to be involved in the decision-making process
- Integrated with Work Plan



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Public Involvement Highlights

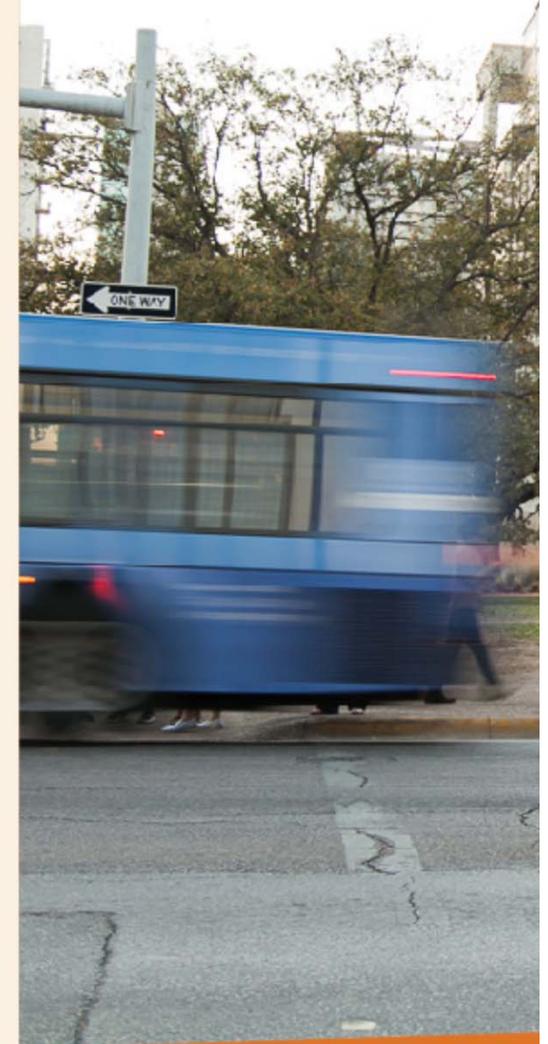
- Open Houses or Public Workshops every 2 months
- Council and Council Committee Briefings every 2 months
- Capital Metro Board updates every month
- UTC and Planning Commission every 2 months
- Ongoing online engagement
- Ongoing stakeholder, neighborhood, and community group meetings



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Public Involvement in September

- 4 Public Meetings (9/25-27, 10/2)
- Webinar Public Meeting (9/27)
- CCAG Meeting #3 (9/20)
- City Council Briefing (tentative)
- City Boards & Commissions Briefings
 - UTC (9/10)
 - Planning (tbd)
- Neighborhood and Community Group briefings



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Central Corridor Advisory Group (CCAG)

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- Chaired by Mayor Leffingwell
- 16 Members drawn from:
 - Transit Working Group
 - North Corridor Advisory Group
 - Stakeholders – Business, Education, Chambers, Citizens
- Meets monthly



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CCAG Charge

The CCAG will:

- Ensure open and transparent public process
- Advise Mayor and project team in prioritizing and defining a preferred alignment for the next high-capacity transit investment for the Central Corridor
- Assist project team in a meaningful dialogue with the community



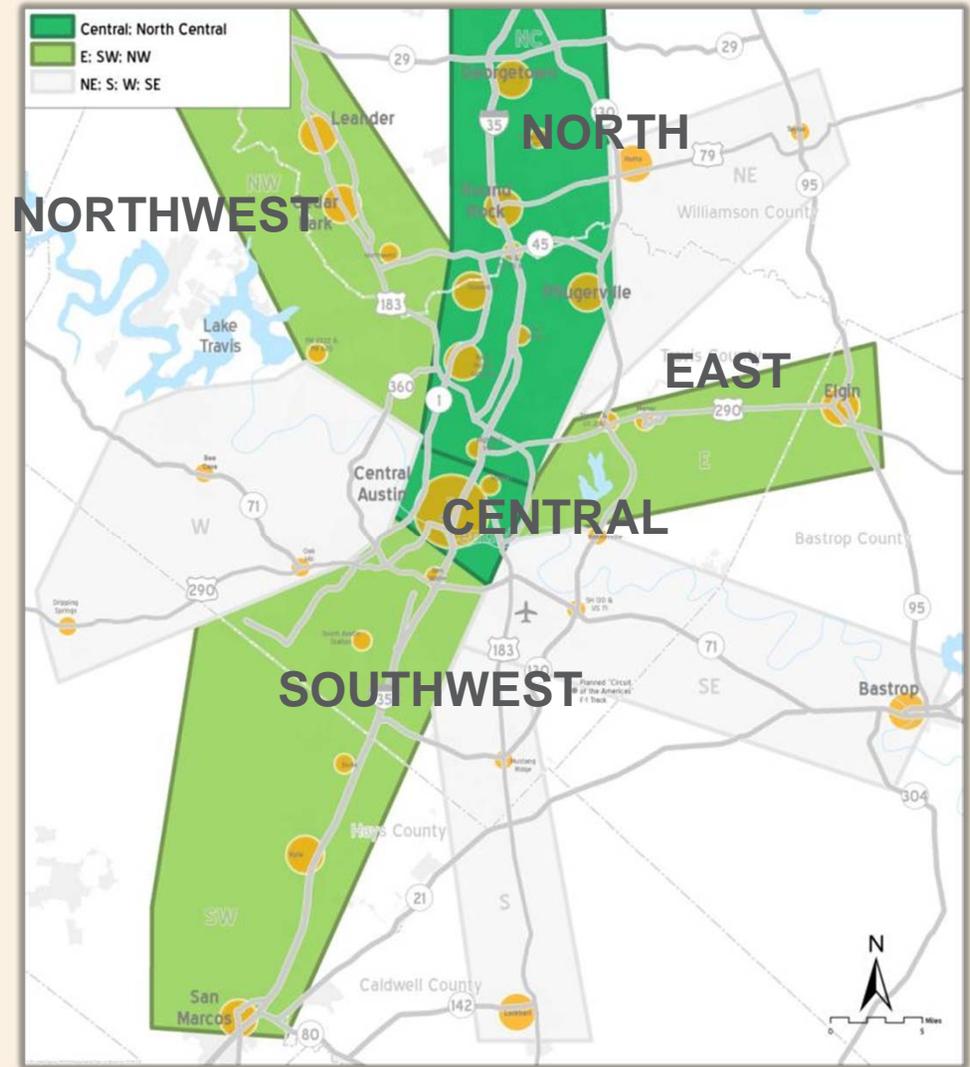
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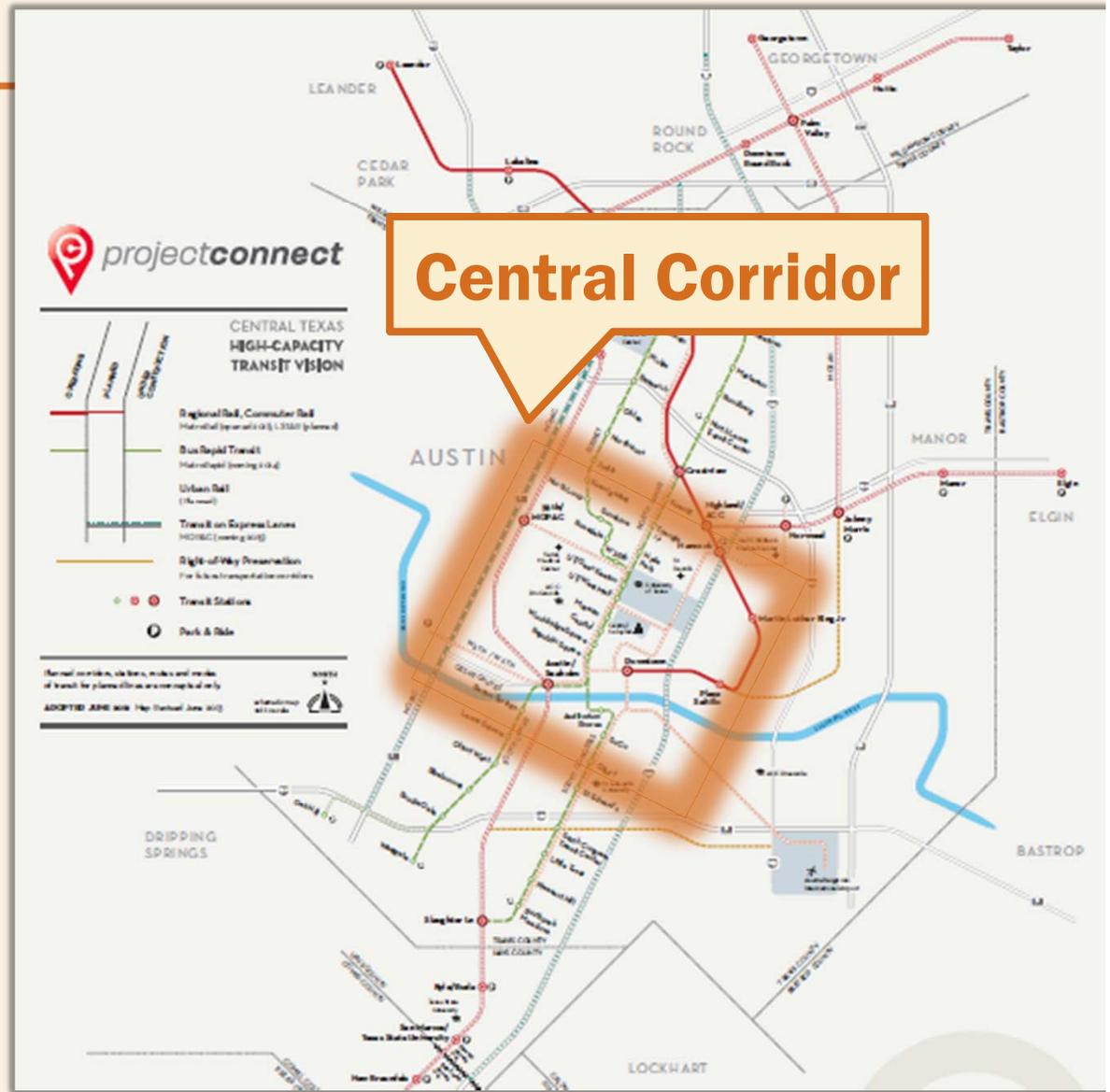
- 9 Project Connect Corridors
- 5 High Priority Corridors:
 - North
 - Central
 - Northwest
 - Southwest
 - East



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Study Area

- Initially identified by Project Connect
- Currently being refined

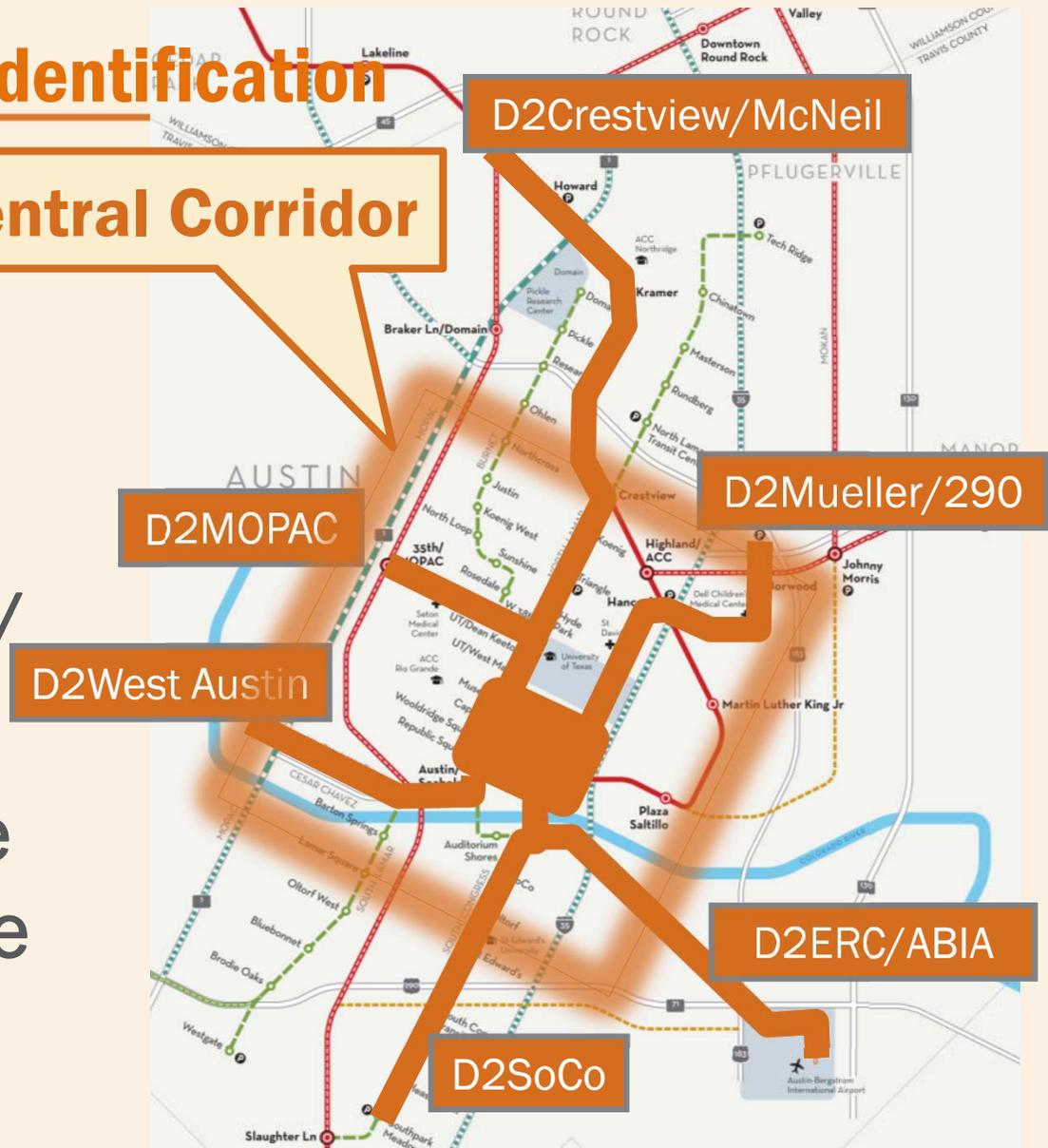


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Sub-Corridor Identification

Central Corridor

- In-Progress!
- Based on Project Connect ~40-mi Urban Rail System / Layer
- Sub-Corridors to be identified within the Central Corridor



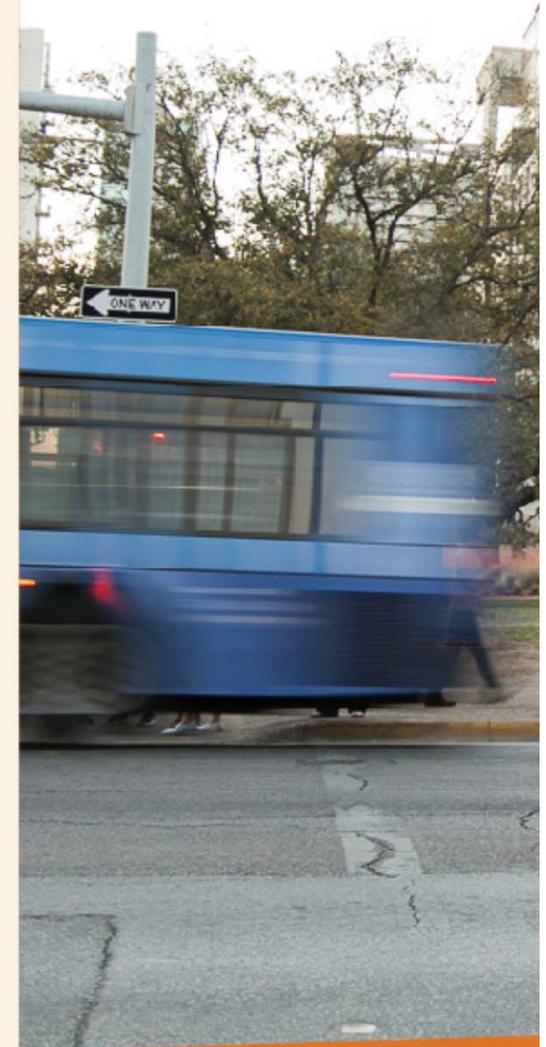
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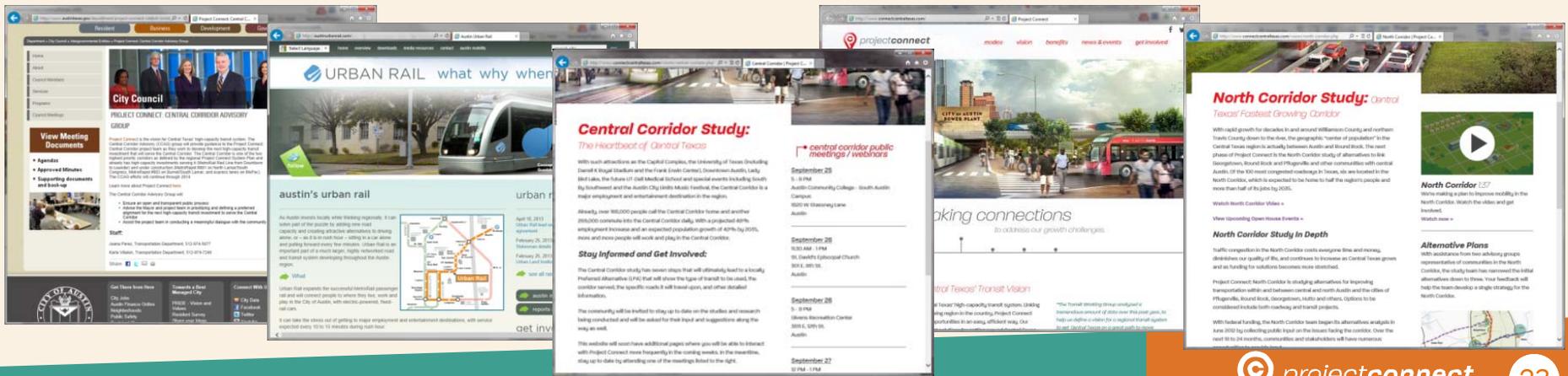
- Complete Study Area Definition
- Complete Goals & Objectives/
Problem Statement
- Complete Sub-Corridor
Identification
- Develop Evaluation Criteria
- Begin Sub-Corridor Definition
- September – Begin Public
Outreach Efforts



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More Information

- Central Corridor HCT Study: www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision/central-corridor.php
- CCAG: www.austintexas.gov/departments/project-connect-central-corridor-advisory-group
- Urban Rail: www.austinurbanrail.com
- Project Connect: www.connectcentraltexas.com
- Project Connect: North Corridor: www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision/north-corridor.php



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CCAG Members

Mayor Lee Leffingwell* - Mayor, City of Austin

Council Member Bill Spelman*+ - Council Member, City of Austin

John Langmore* - Vice Chair, Capital Metro Board of Directors

Sid Covington*+ - Chair, Lone Star Rail Board of Directors

Pat Clubb - University of Texas at Austin

Martha Smiley*+ - Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), Austin Chamber

Tom Stacy* - Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)

Natalie Madeira Cofield - President & CEO, Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC)

Greg Hartman - President and CEO Seton Medical Center Austin

Audre Dukes*+ - Portfolio Manager and Public Liaison, Texas Facilities Commission

Ali Khataw, P.E. - Immediate Past Chair, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce (GAACC)

Celia Israel - Board Secretary, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC)

Julia Montgomery - Citizen (Austinites for Urban Rail Action-AURA)

Dave Sullivan - Citizen (former COA Planning Commission Member)

Tim Taylor - Citizen (Partner, Austin Office of Jackson Walker LLP)

Boone Blocker - Citizen; Vice Chair, Urban Transportation Commission

*CAMPO Transit Working Group (TWG) Member

+Project Connect: North Corridor (PCNC) Project Advisory Group (PAG) Member