

## DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

#### **Current Commission Members**

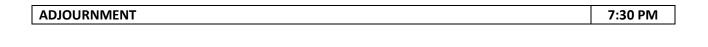
Dean Almy (DA) - Chair	Juan E. Cotera (JC)
Evan Taniguchi (ET) – Vice Chair	James Shieh (JS)
Hope Hasbrouck (HH) – Secretary	Jeannie Wiginton (JW)
	Bart Whatley (BW)
	Jorge E. Rousselin (COA – PDRD)
	Staff Liaison

#### **AGENDA**

Please note: Posted times are for time-keeping purposes only. The Commission may take any item(s) out of order and no express guarantee is given that any item(s) will be taken in order or at the time posted.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	6:00 PM
1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL	6:00 PM
The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be	
allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted	
on the agenda.	
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action)	6:15 PM
a. Discussion and possible action on the November 24, 2014 Design Commission	
meeting minutes. ( <u>Jorge Rousselin</u> , COA-PDRD)	
3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):	6:20 PM
a. Briefing on the Capital Metro Project Connect Gateway MetroRail Downtown	
Multimodal Station. ( <u>Javier A. Argüello</u> , Capital Metro).	
4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)	6:50 PM
a. Discussion and possible action on modifications to the 2015 Design Commission	
meeting schedule. ( <u>Jorge Rousselin</u> , COA-PDRD)	
5. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)	7:00 PM
a. Standing Committees Reports;	
b. Working Group Reports;	
c. Liaison Reports;	
d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair.	
6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None	7:15 PM
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None	7:15 PM
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS	7:20 PM
a. Chair Announcements;	
b. Items from Commission Members; and	
c. Items from City Staff.	



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#### **Design Commission Committees, Working Groups, and Liaisons**

#### **Committees**

- 1. Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee: Wiginton (Chair), Cotera, Whatley
- 2. Executive Committee: Almy (Chair), Taniguchi, Hasbrouck

#### **Working Groups**

- 1. Planning and Urban Design Working Group: Whatley (Chair), Cotera, Shieh
- 2. Architecture and Development Working Group: Almy (Chair), Taniguchi, Cotera
- 3. Landscape and Infrastructure Working Group: Hasbrouck (Chair), Wiginton, Almy
- 4. Public Engagement Working Group: Wiginton (Chair), Taniguchi, Hasbrouck

#### **Design Commission Liaisons**

- 1. Downtown Comm. Liaison / Downtown Austin Plan: Whatley
- 2. Airport Boulevard Redevelopment Initiative: Whatley

#### **Design Commission Staff Liaison:**

Jorge E. Rousselin, Development Services Process Coordinator Urban Desgin, Planning and Development Review Department City of Austin, One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704 Phone: (512) 974-2975 ■ E-mail: jorge.rousselin@austintexas.gov

#### **Resources:**

- The Urban Design Guidelines for Austin can be accessed here:
   <u>Urban Design Guidelines for Austin.</u>
- 2. Design Commission backup may be accessed here: Design Commission Backup.



## DESIGN COMMISSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 6:00 PM AUSTIN CITY HALL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101 301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Call to order by: D. Almy at 6:02 PM

Roll Call: [J. Wiginton; B. Whatley] not present

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion and Possible Action):

a. Discussion and possible action on the October 27, 2014 Design Commission meeting minutes. (Jorge Rousselin, COA-PDRD).

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by JC; Second by ET was approved on a vote of [5-0]. [J. Wiginton; B. Whatley not present].

- 3. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action):
- a. Discussion and possible action on the 2015 Design Commission meeting schedule.

The motion to approve 2015 meeting schedule as drafted made by J. Shieh; Second by H. Hasbrouck was approved on a vote of [5-0]; [J. Wiginton; B. Whatley not present].

- 4. OLD BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Discussion and possible action on crafting of Design Guidelines for infrastructure projects as directed by <u>City Council Resolution No. 20120816-060</u>. (Commissioner Hasbrouck).

Commissioner Hasbrouck presented recommendations on a proposed work plan to complete the IDG addressing a schedule and key milestones to achieve completion. Commissioner Taniguchi was nominated by consensus to coordinate efforts between the IDG and Imagine Austin. Complete streets coordination will be conducted by Chair Almy. The Executive Committee is directed to coordinate integration with the Urban Design Guidelines.

[B. Whatley arrived at 6:35 PM]

The motion to approve work plan as presented made by J. Shieh; Second by D. Almy was approved on a vote of [6-0]. [JW not present].

#### 5. COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Standing Committees Reports: None

b. Working Group Reports: None

#### c. Liaison Reports:

Commissioner Whatley presented a summary of issues discussed at the Downtown Commission: After-hours concrete placement – draft resolution was discussed at the meeting.

d. Appointment of Committee/Working Group members by Chair: None

#### 6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Proposed updates to Design Commission Project Review Guidelines for project submittals By consensus, send to the Planning & Urban Design Working Group for discussion and recommendations.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

#### 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Chair Announcements: None

b. Items from Commission Members: None

c. Items from City Staff: None

ADJOURNMENT by consensus at: 6:50 PM.





Commission

December, 2014

## From Temporary to Permanent

## Downtown Station





- Urban Integration with Existing Context and Activity Centers
- Complete Multimodal Integration
- Future Modes Urban Rail
- Two Platforms Three Tracks Station Configuration (If Possible)
- Station Patron Amenities Upgrade
- Improve Pedestrian Safety and Passenger Experience
- Improve Station Long Term Terminal Operation Requirements

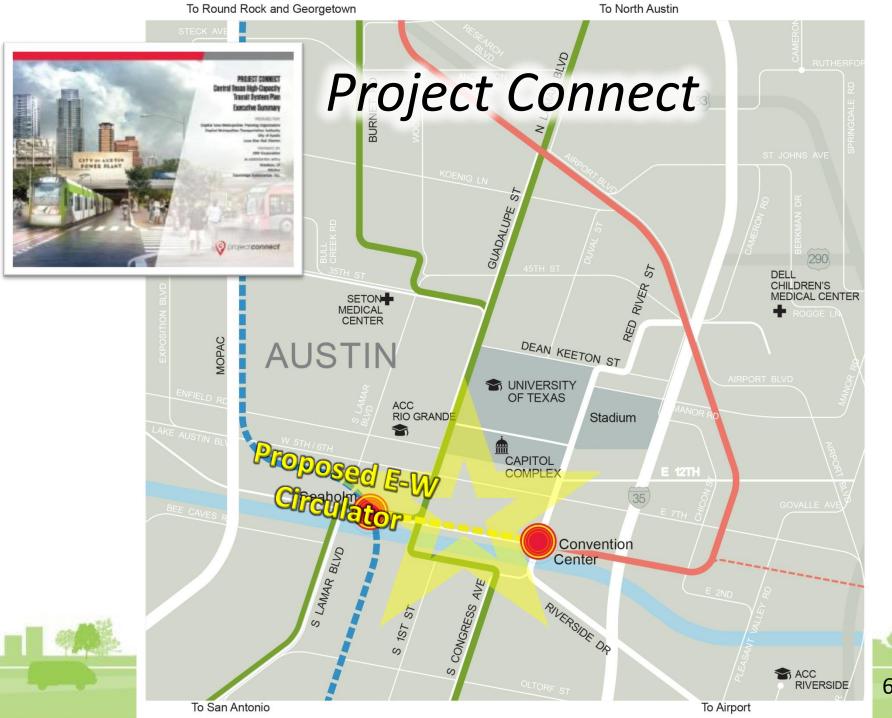
## Goals

Take advantage of this opportunity to:

- Effectively collaborate
- Integrate transit users with activities and amenities surrounding the site
- Build a constituency and increase potential funding opportunities (federal, state, and local grants)
- Create a vision for mobility infrastructure that works together with the built environment to shape and define a place supports Austin's livability

## **Previous Planning Efforts**

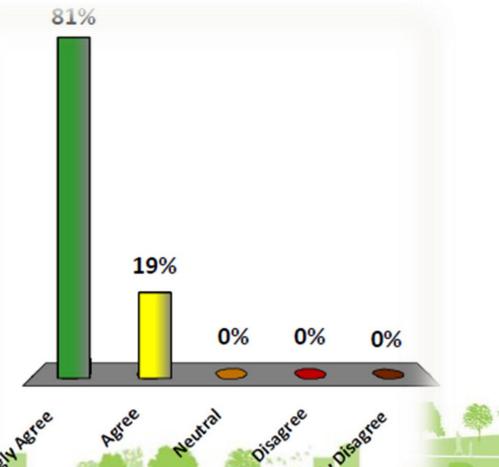




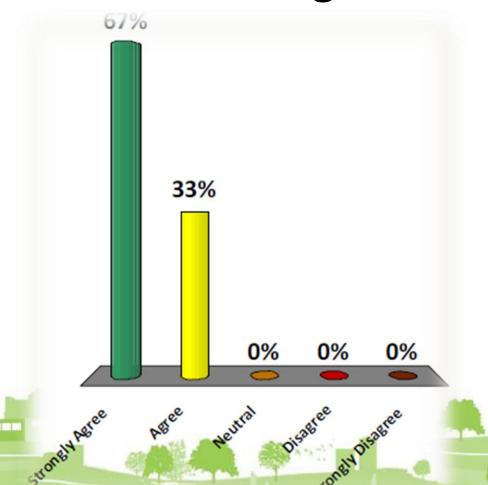
## Downtown Growth



# "This initiative represents an opportunity to create a more vibrant place in downtown Austin"



"We have a better chance to create a more vibrant place in downtown Austin if we work together"



#### **METRORAIL IMPROVEMENTS**







## MetroRail Red Line Peer System



- A-train is a 21-mile regional rail system connecting Denton and Dallas Counties
- Six A-train stations: Denton (2),
   Highland Village-Lewisville area
   (3), and DART Trinity Mills Station
   in Carrollton

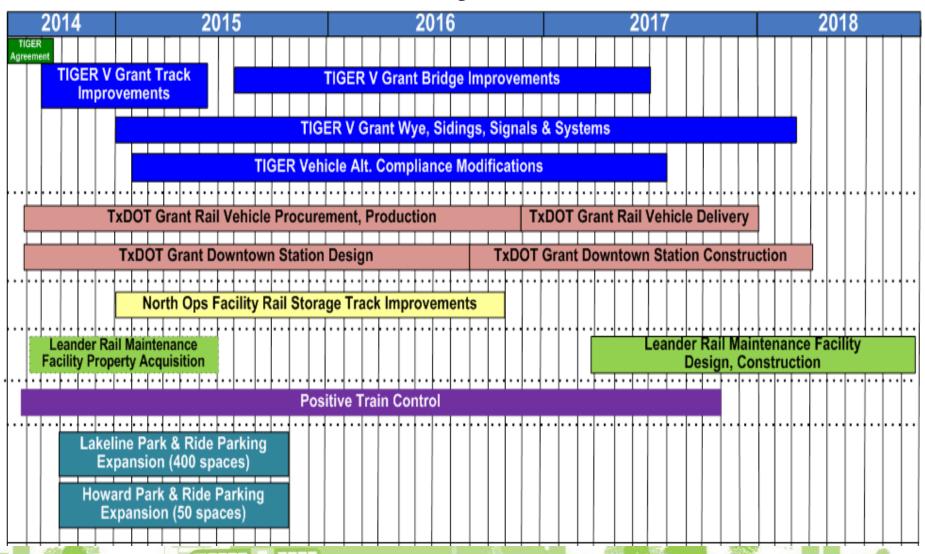




## MetroRail Red Line by the Numbers

Performance Measurements	Trinity Railway Express	DCTA A-Train	Capital Metro MetroRail
Operating Expenses (\$)	\$ 25,870,000	\$ 12,258,021	\$ 12,958,185
Ridership	2,092,782	638,423	781,049
Revenue Miles	1,144,466	328,940	279,868
Revenue Hours	49,496	12,238	11,613
Cost Per Passenger (\$)	\$12.36	\$ 19.20	\$ 16.59
Alignment Length (miles)	33.8	21	32

## MetroRail Project Timelines



## **RECAP JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP**

## Stakeholder Meeting #2

- Presented architectural design concepts and fire station relocation study
- Excitement about Gateway statements/concepts
- Waller Creek emphasized importance of following design guidelines
- Concerns by Hilton about valet circulation
- Request to look at property east of Red River
- Concern by DAA of station location
- Concern by DAA of maintaining vehicle circulation on 4th

#### **STAKEHOLDER UPDATES**



#### **Austin Watershed Protection**

**Bicycle Advisory Council** 

Downtown Austin Alliance

Railyard Apartments HOA

315 Sabine St.

Hilton Austin

Waller Creek Conservancy

Planning & Development Review

Austin Fire & EMS

**Austin Transportation Dept** 

## Future Stakeholder Updates

- Downtown Commission
- Design Commission
- Urban Transportation Commission
- 555 Condos
- Marriot Management

#### Other efforts:

- Block-walking in the area of influence to identify additional stakeholders
- Scheduling a public workshop for January feedback on concepts
- Launch of project page on Project Connect site
- Outreach to MetroRail riders

## **UPDATES TO CONCEPTS**

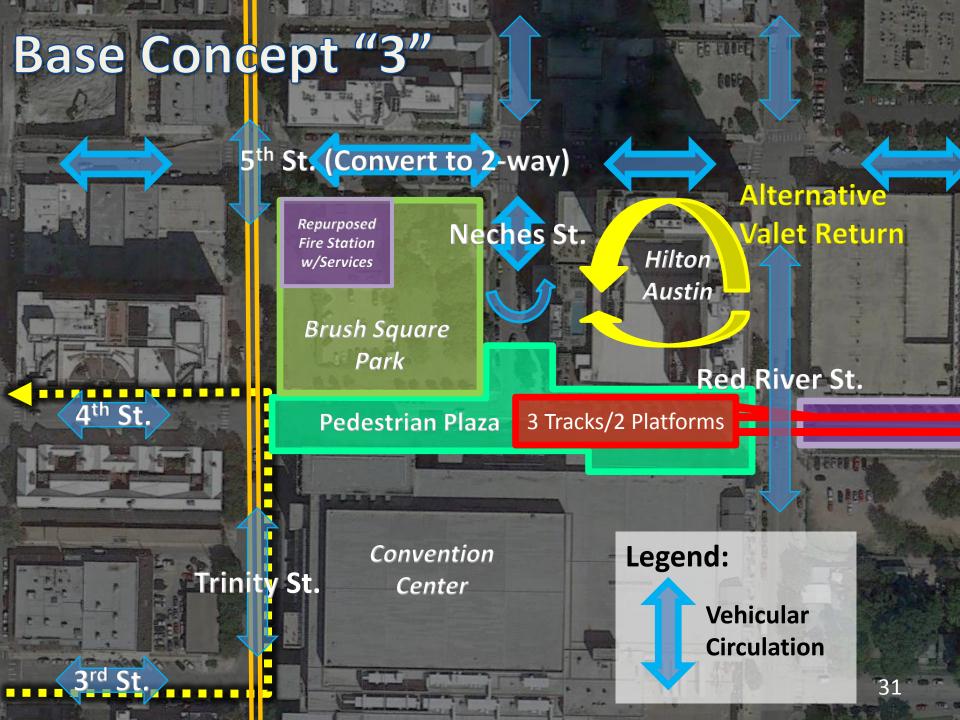
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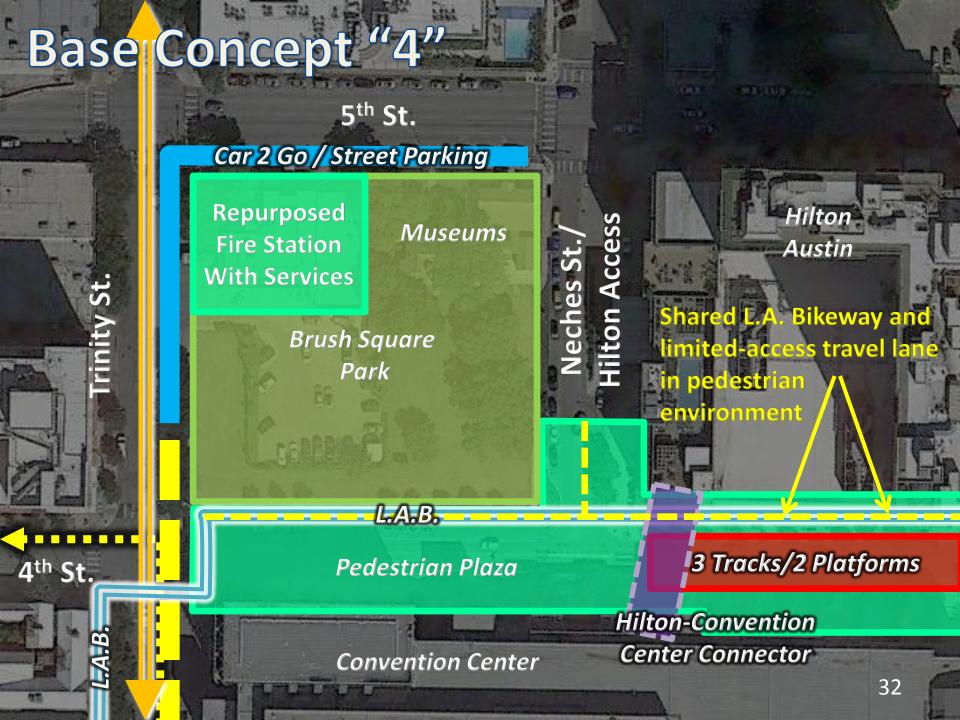
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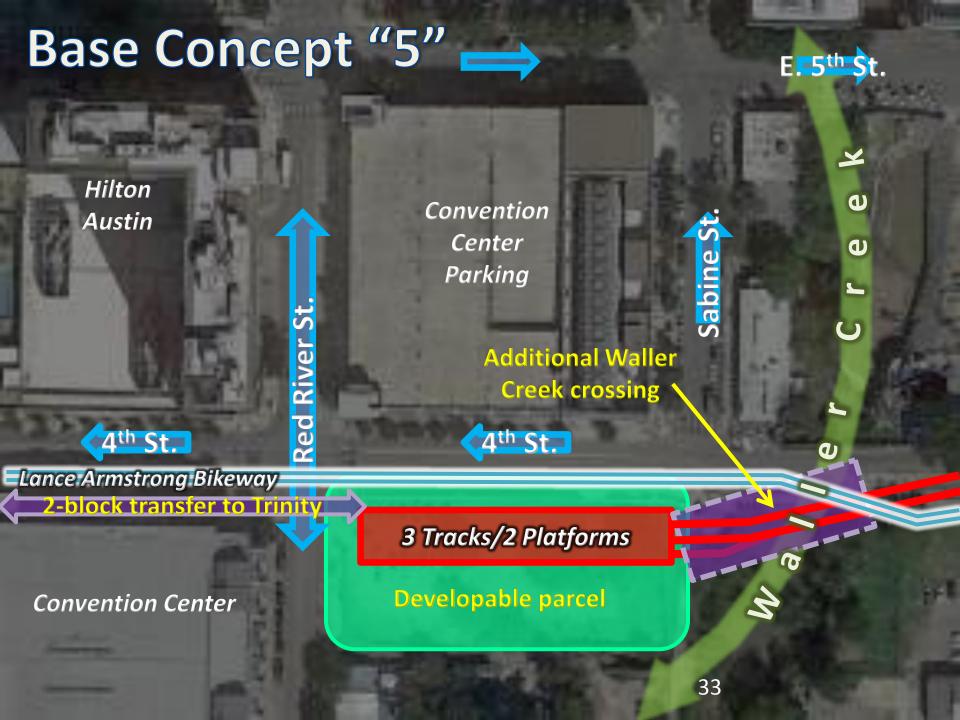
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<b>Top Functions</b> (from 5/23 workshop)					
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Maintain recently added event space along 4th Street weet space along 4th	Streetch to that the	<b>ជជជជជជ</b>	<b>አ</b> ልልልል	<b>ል</b> ልልልል	<b>ል</b> ልልልል
Noise/vibration/between CC & Hilton (Imation between CC & Hilton	राजी क्षेत्रक दि	<b>አ</b>	ជជជជ	<b>ជជជ</b> ជ	ជជជជជ
Consider ongoing operations & maintenance funding for park/plazacefunding	or particle strong	ជជជជជ	<b>ជ</b> ជជជ	<b>ል</b> ልልል	☆ ☆
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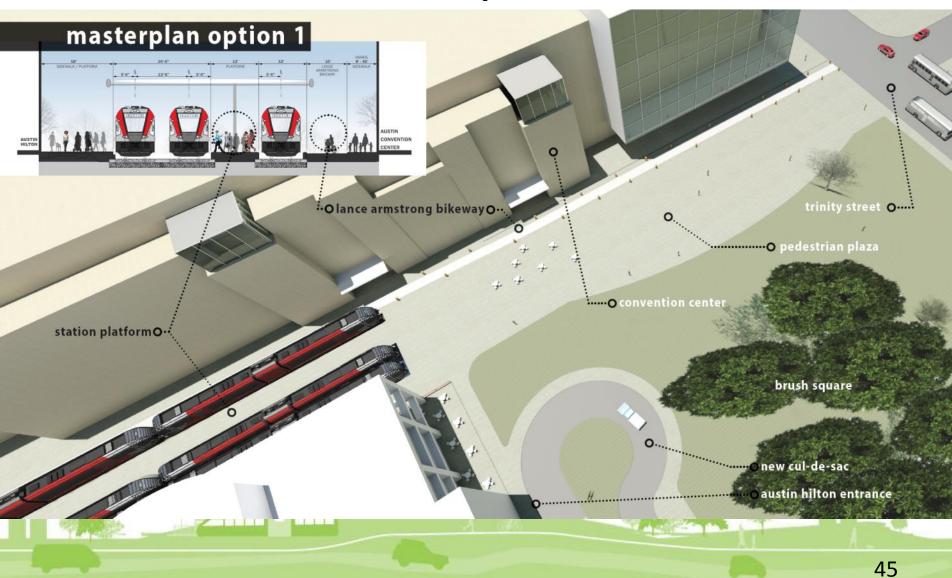


Elements of Concepts 3 and 4 address the stakeholder-defined criteria best and will be advanced to the next phase

## Upcoming Design Phase - Technical Evaluation

- Engage the public and additional stakeholders
- Identify any fatal flaws
- Incorporate stakeholder feedback as appropriate
- Develop detailed design (30% level)
- Environmental review and approval as needed
- Develop cost estimates and confirm meets budget

## Concept "3"

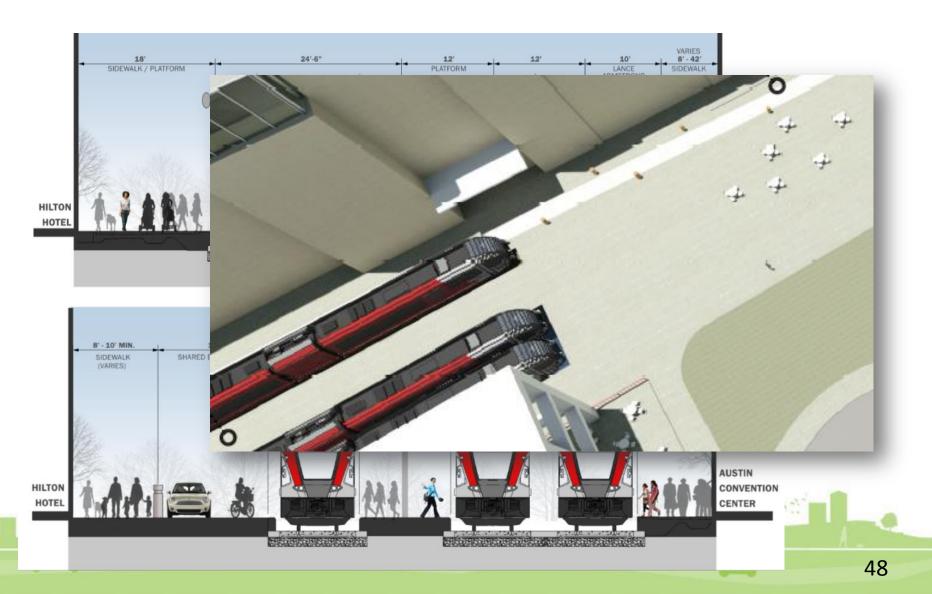


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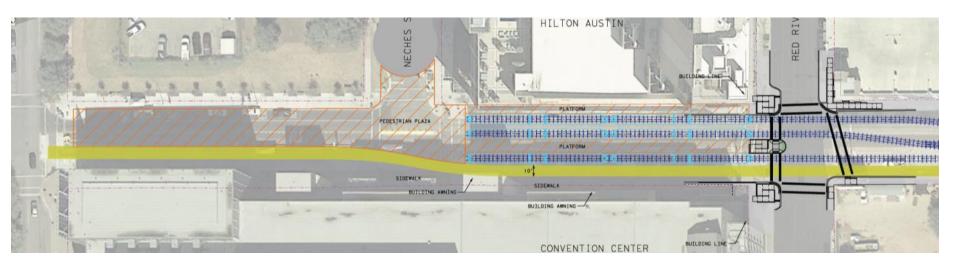


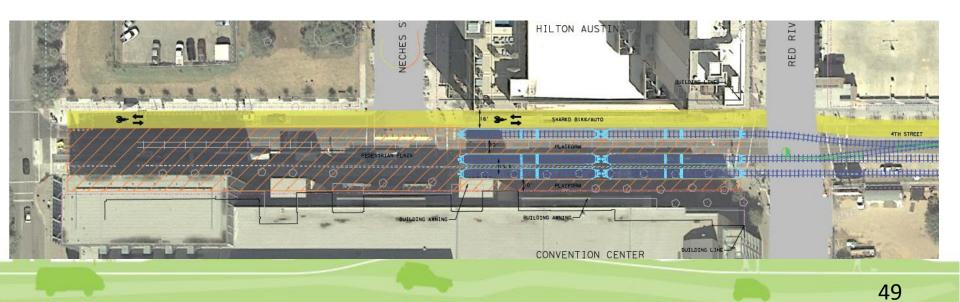
#### **DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

# Details – Lowering tracks

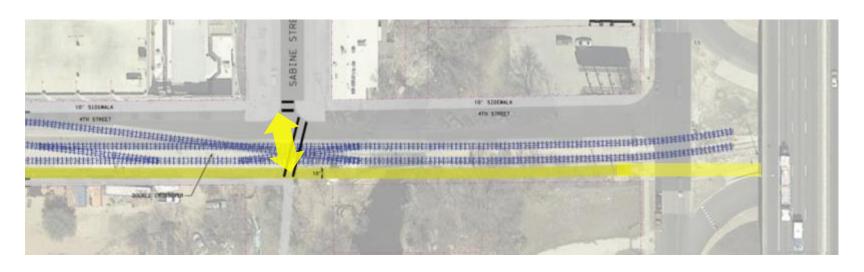


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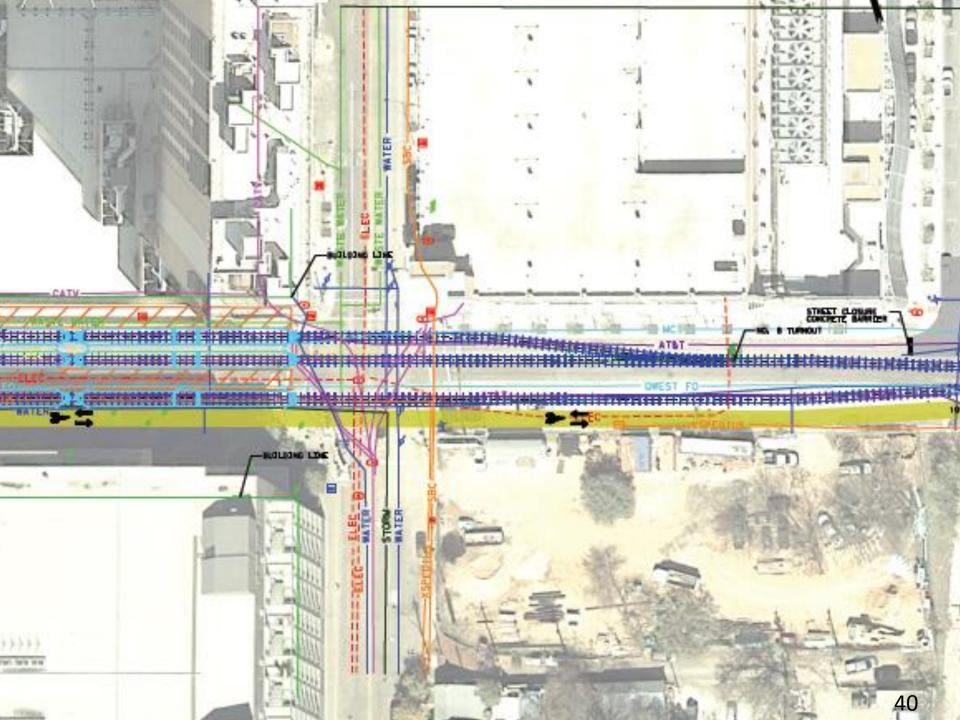


### Details – Waller Creek & Sabine

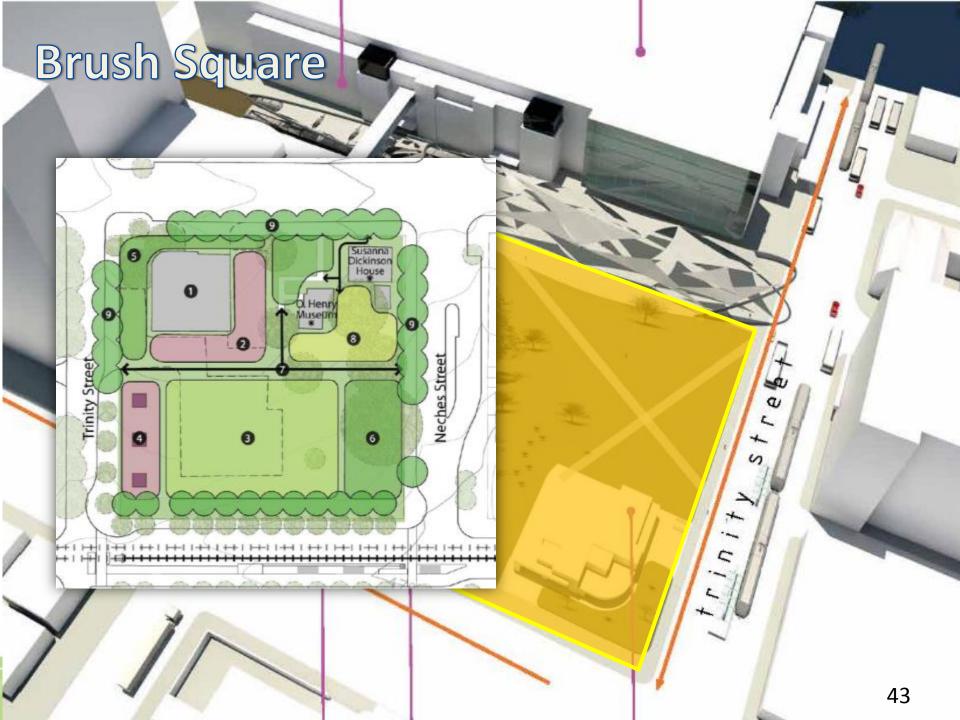
- Existing rail bridge can remain as part of a phased approach
- R/W width is sufficient to add new bridge for 2<sup>nd</sup> track, roadway lane, and sidewalk
- Future phase of work could replace old rail bridge and L.A.B. bridge
- Sabine/4<sup>th</sup> Rail-Trail crossing practice warning devices

#### **Details - Utilities**

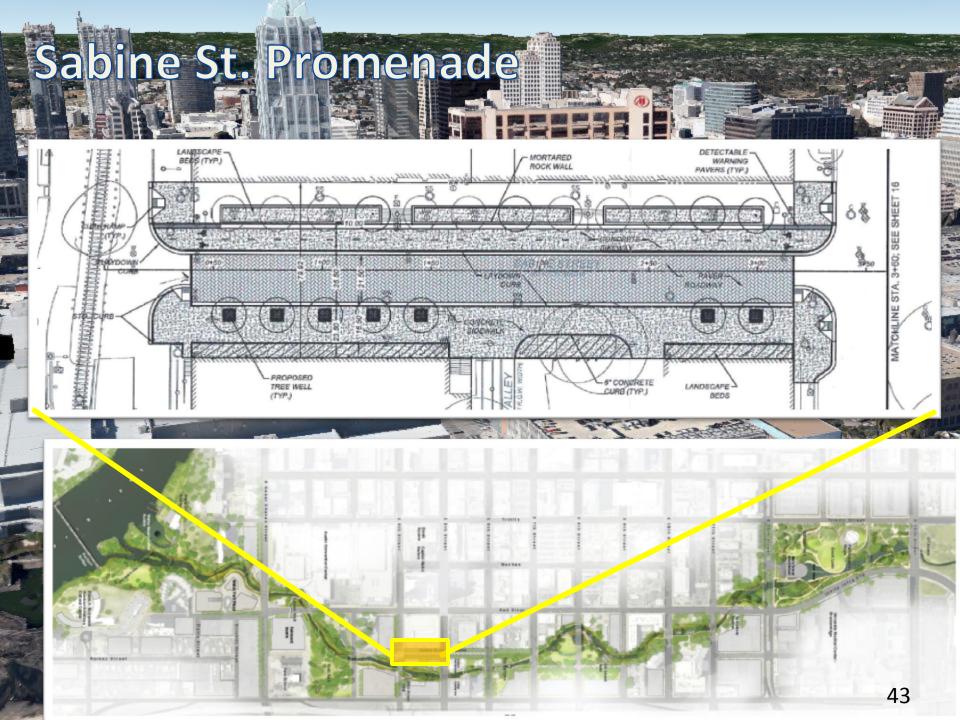
- To define magnitude cost allowance
- Records research & Austin Utility Location Coordination Committee (AULCC)



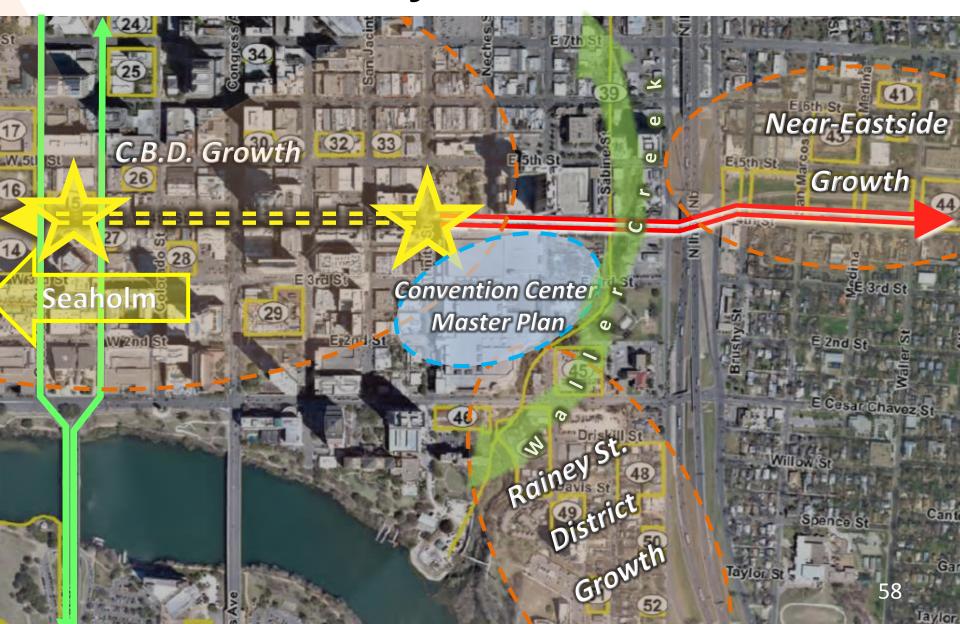




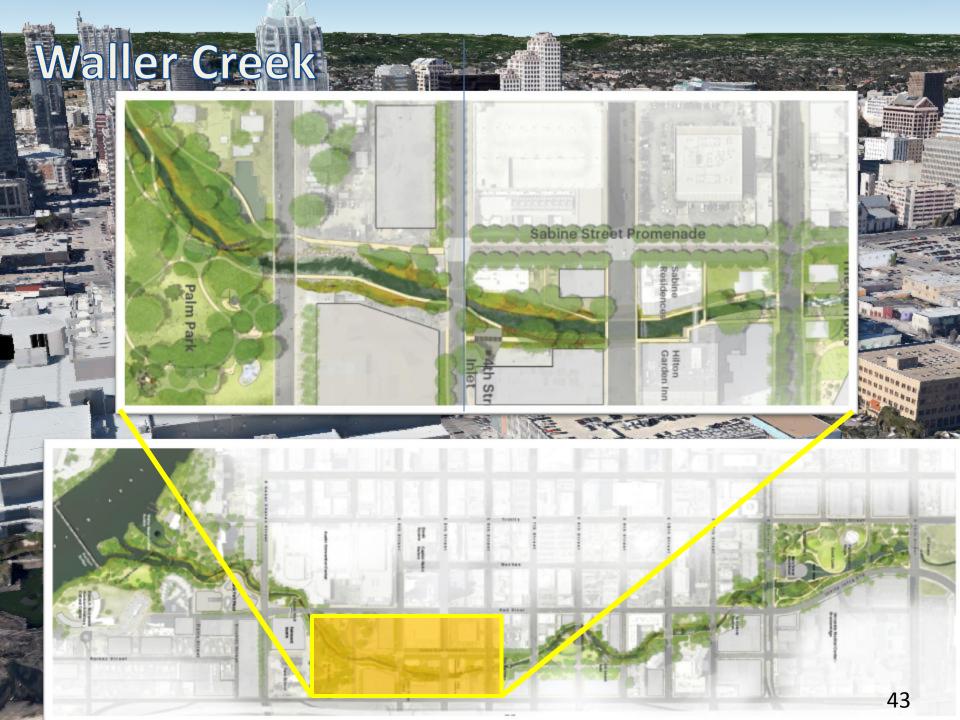




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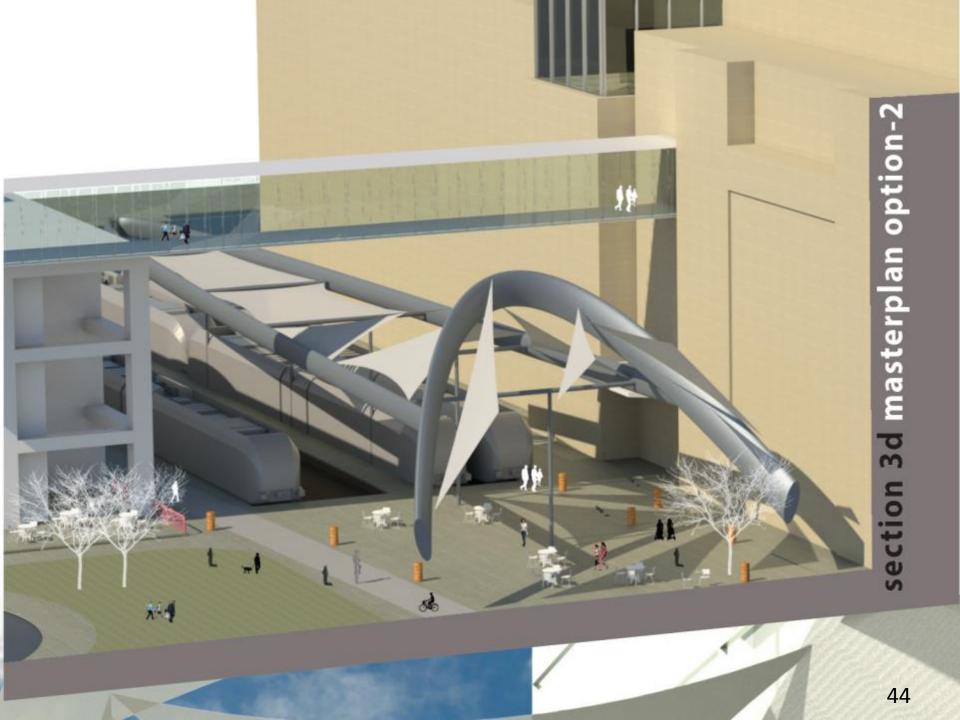


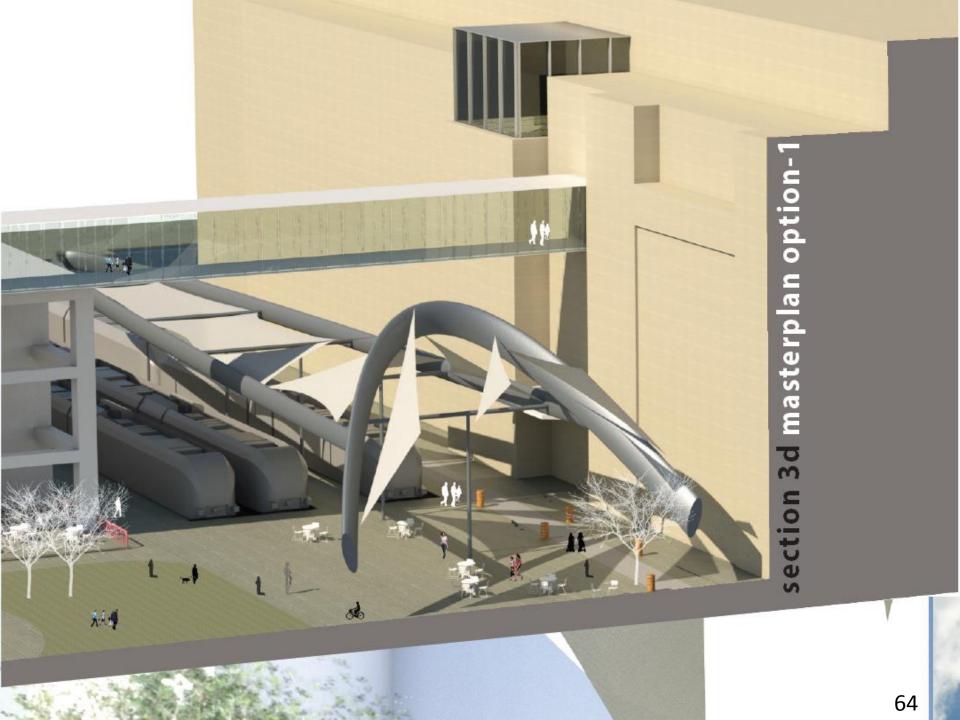












# What other items should be considered during next design phase?

# Implementation Timeline

PC - MetroRail / Downtown Station - Gateway Initiative **Preliminary Time Line & Expenditures** 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 Q3 Q2 **Q3 Q4 Q1** Q2 **Q4 Q1** Q2 **Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1** Q2 **Q3** 10 % Project Definition - 197 K 30 K Public Outreach - 30 K 90 K 10 K A&E / Procurement - 10 k (Design Competition) - 90 K 40 K 40 K Environmental Review (CE) - 80 K Public Outreach - 30 K 300 K 600 K 700 K 800 K March/April - 2018 100 K 300 K Final Design - 2.8 M 3.5 M 2 M 4.5 M 3 M 4.5 M Station Construction - 22.2 M 2 M 2.5 M 3 M 2 M Transit Plaza - Place Making 600 K 600 K

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# Thank you!





#### 2015 Meeting Schedule for the Design Commission

The Commission shall meet monthly as specified below. All regular meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month beginning at 6:00 PM in the Boards and Commissions Room 1101 at City Hall 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701 unless specified otherwise.

MEETING DATES*	CANCELLED DATE
January 26, 2015	
February 23, 2015	
March 23, 2015	
April 27, 2015	
May 26, 2015** May 27, 2015**	May 25, 2015
June 22, 2015	
July 27, 2015	
August 24, 2015	
September 28, 2015	
October 26, 2015	
November 23, 2015	
December 14, 2015**	December 28, 2015

<sup>\*</sup> All backup materials are due ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

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