



Capital Metro – Project Connect Update
Austin City Council Mobility Committee
April 17, 2018





The benefits of regional transit investments

Affordability



Health



Neighborhoods



Economy



Safety



Environment

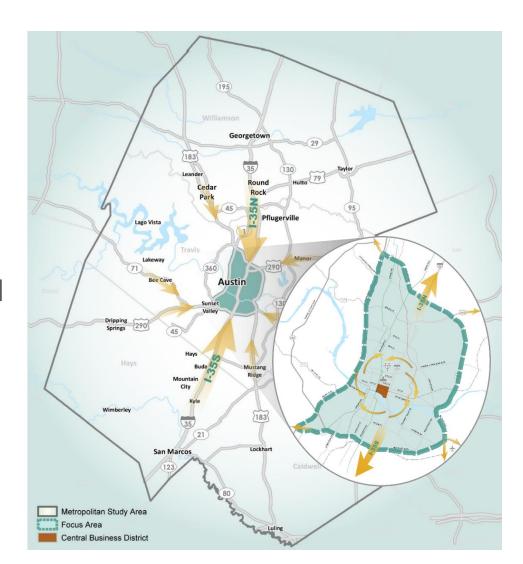






Project Connect is a ...

- Regional mobility vision
- Multigenerational investment
- Plan to improve existing, and build new, services with greater people-moving capacity
- Network that <u>connects</u> people and places across Central Texas





Addresses regional & local needs

Vehicle travel in the region may double while roadway capacity will only increase by

an estimated

Explosive growth

Limited ability to build more roads Issues of affordability & cost of living

The

percentage of

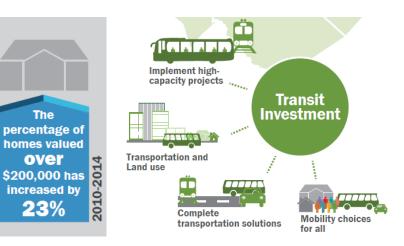
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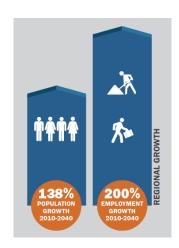
over

The percentage of homes valued under \$200,000 has decreased by 27%

YEAR 2040

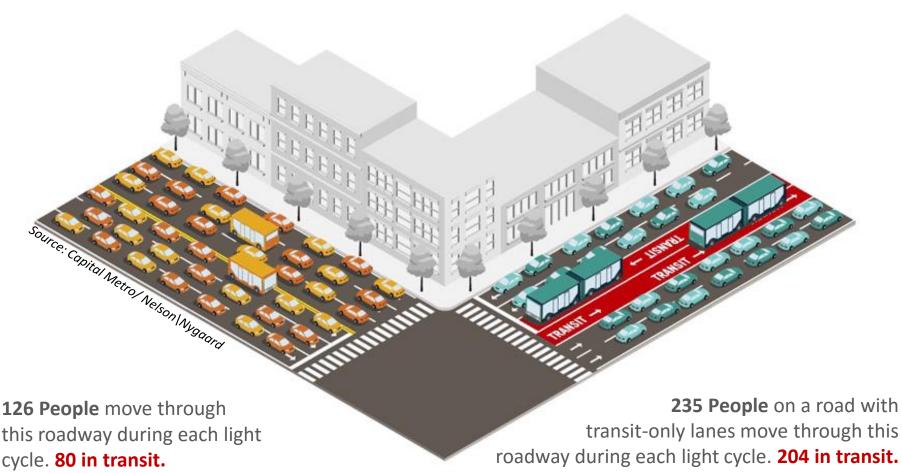
A regional transit system is needed



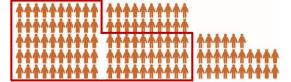




Moving people, not just cars



this roadway during each light



transit-only lanes move through this roadway during each light cycle. 204 in transit.





Project Connect's outcome



Short-Term Investments

Short-term improvements to existing services to keep Austin moving.









MetroRail MetroExpress

Long-Term Investments

Long-term projects to support our future.







Commuters Connectors Circulators





PROCESS & RESULTS



Local approach to project development

Step 1
Big Ideas,

Bold Start

(Mar '16 – May '17)

Feasibility Analysis

- Corridor-based
- Mode neutral
- Based on previous plans and studies

Step 2

Real Solutions for Real Problems

(Jun '17 – Jun '18)

System Plan Analysis

- Link corridors
- Define right-of-way requirements
- Identify demand and costs

Step 3

Path to Implementation

(Jul '18 – Sep '18)

Finalizing Program of Projects

- Phasing and prioritization
- Funding opportunities

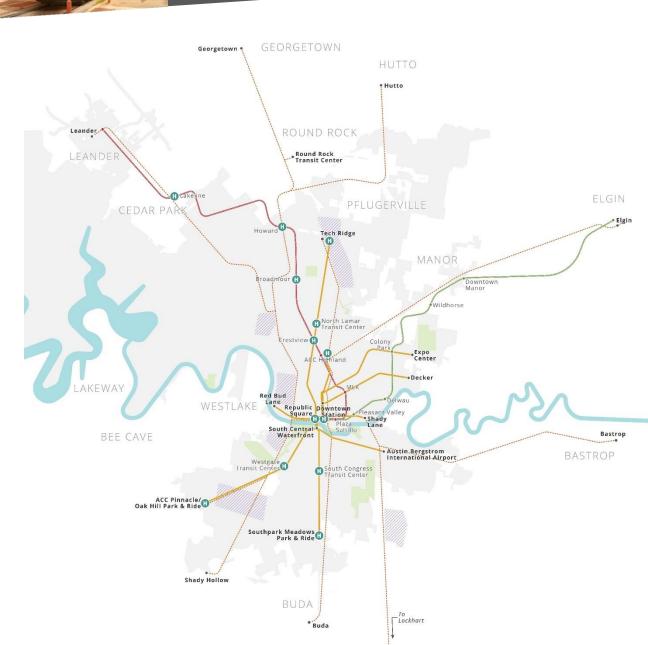
Public Involvement



Project Connect's potential: The regional perspective

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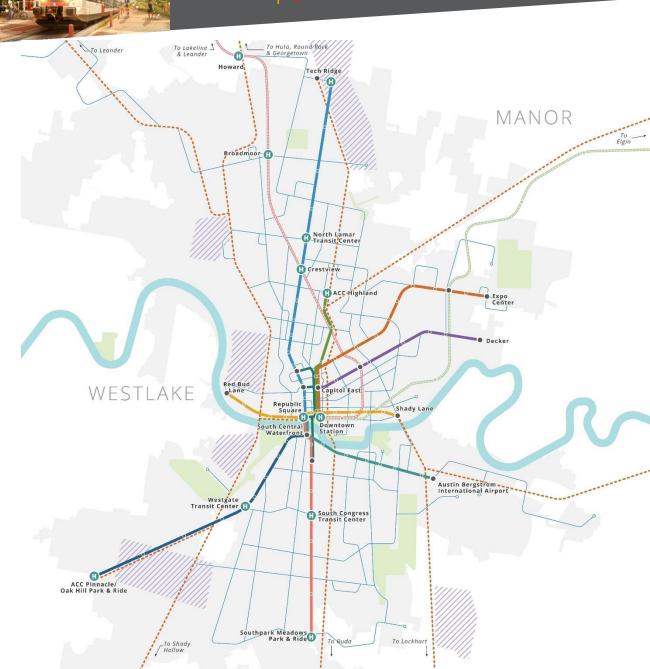




Project Connect's potential: The urban perspective

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Project Connect's potential: The downtown perspective

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Connector Route

MetroRail

MetroExpress

Cap Remap Bus Route

Mobility Hub

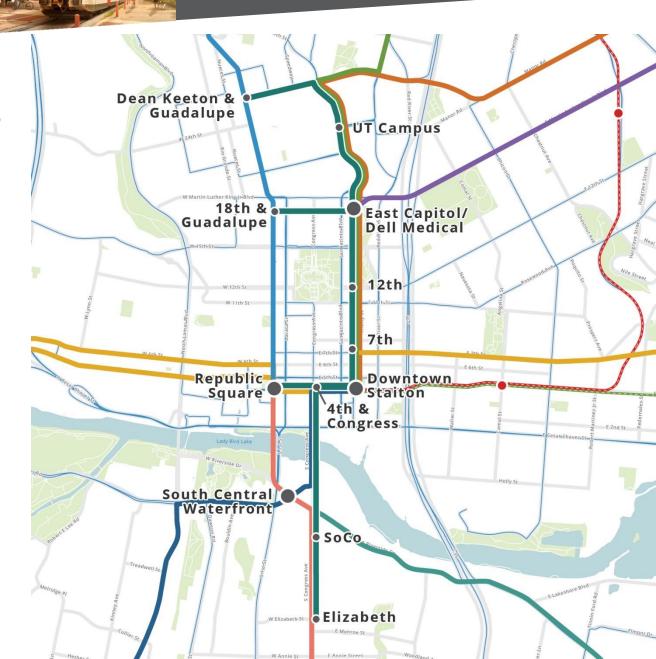
Major Station

Mobility Innovation Zone

Water

Parks & Green Space

City of Austin



Project Connect Draft System Plan





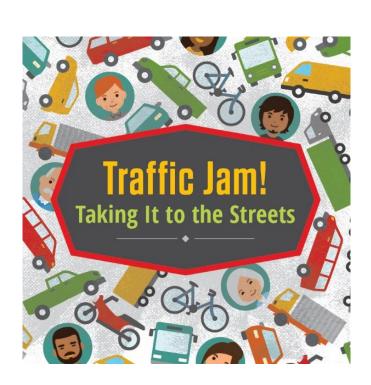
NEXT STEPS





Upcoming community involvement events

- Traffic Jam: Taking it the Streets
- March 28, 4-8 at Central Library
- Six "Mini" Traffic Jams
- April 18, 6:30-8 at Turner **Roberts Recreation Center**
- Other meetings in April/May





Multiple feedback opportunities



- Online survey through <u>projectconnect.com</u>
- Telephone survey
- Door-to-Door outreach
- "Join the Movement" bus at over 30 locations



Ongoing partner coordination

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP)

- Meet bi-weekly since summer 2016
- **3** Traffic Jams
- 6 MCAC meetings
- Co-present at neighborhood meetings

- Corridor Program Office (2016 Mobility Bond)
 - Meeting since spring 2017
 - **5** Cost & risk assessment meetings

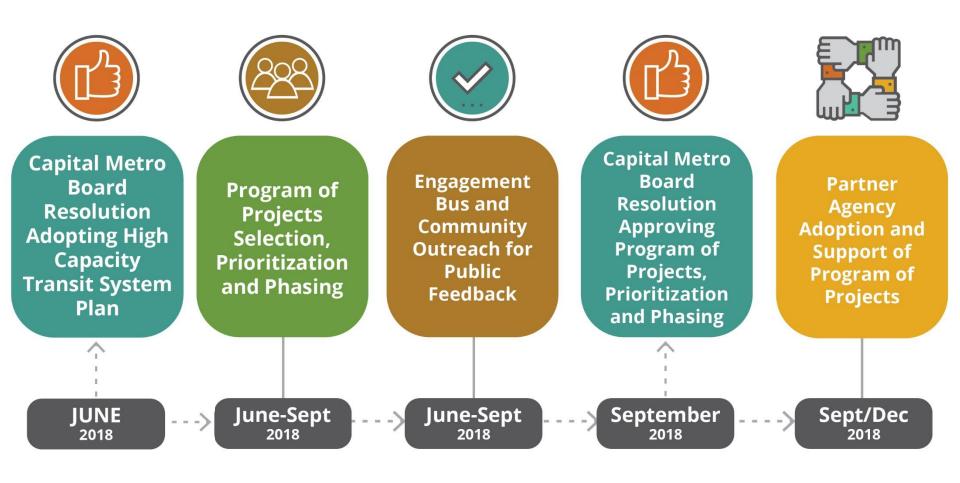






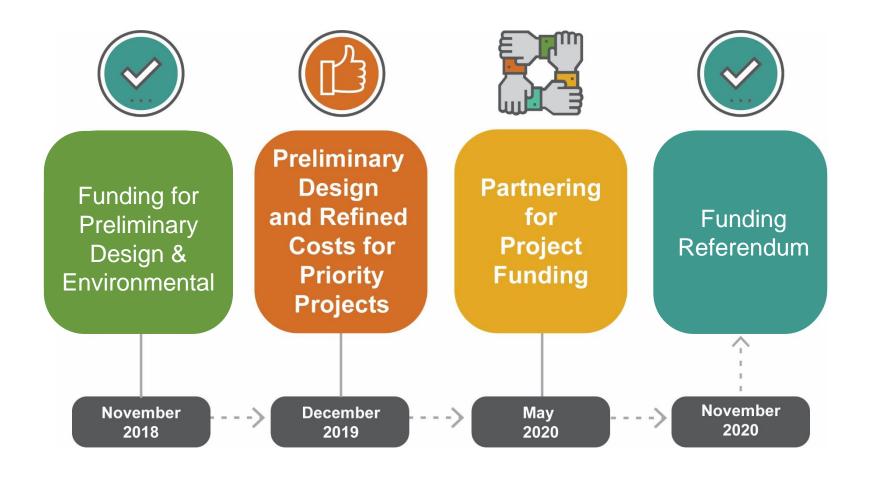


Getting to 2020: Program of projects, phasing & prioritization





Getting to 2020: Building community support





Thanks for your time and feedback!