



Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation 20181113-04B: Project Connect

WHEREAS, Capital Metro's Project Connect system plan was recently changed from a "draft plan" to a "vision plan" with a process to include 18 more months of development before implementation can be considered;

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Commission recognizes the authority and responsibility of Capital Metro officers and directors to present the most qualified plan for development and implementation, but fails to understand the deficiencies or missed opportunities within the draft plan;

WHEREAS, in order to build a strong public consensus to increase the likelihood of Austin choosing to develop a system of high-capacity transit in a public vote, it is required that the process and data by which modes and alignments are selected be trusted;

WHEREAS, the Urban Transportation Commission has repeatedly affirmed its support for a light rail system throughout the Capital Metro service area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council and the Capital Metro Board of Directors ensure that Project Connect's study and analysis of modes, prior to any final selection or vote,

1. Prioritize, where possible, dedicated right of way throughout the Project Connect System Vision,
2. Be made publicly available,
3. Indicate both the acceptance criteria and the supporting evidence for final selections, and
4. Comply with Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964: "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Date of Approval: November 13, 2018

Record of the vote: 8-1 with Hosek voting nay, Weatherby abstaining, and Johnson absent

Attest:

Jim Dale, executive staff liaison