



Rapid North

Health Care  
Center

RAPID



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*New Transit Options for a Greater Austin*

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Johnny Morris

Loyola

Wireless

Westminster

Philomena

Berkman/Mueller

Airport Blvd

Lafayette

St Davids

UT East

ACC Eastview

Capitol East

Ormaiztegui

Plaza Saltville

Downtown

Capitol West

WoodrIDGE Square

Republic Square

ACC Highland

Highland

Koenig

North Loop

Texas Health

Commission

Johnny Morris Park (29th)

Hemphill Park (29th)

UT West Mall (24th)



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# Project Connect Progression



Reboot Project Connect 2016- 2018

February 2018 Draft System Map

Joint Capital Metro City Council Work Sessions

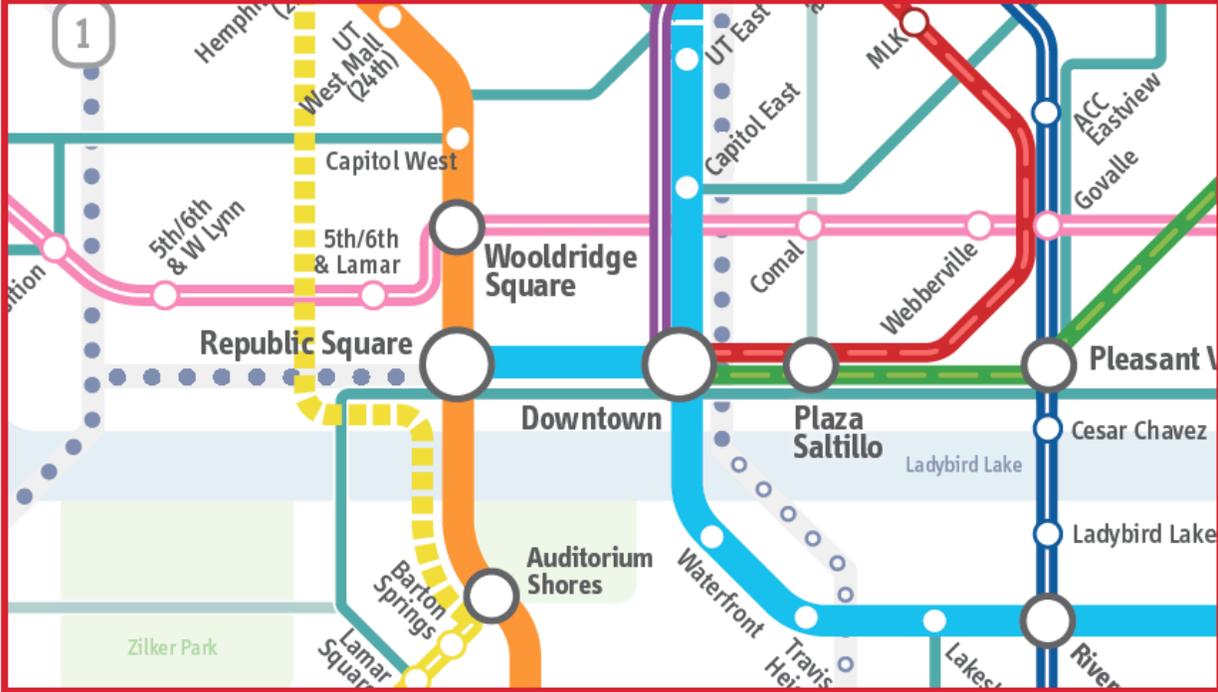
- August 2018
  - Project Connect and the Federal Process
- September 2018
  - Modes and Dedicated Pathways
- October 2018
  - Presentation of Draft Vision Map
- November 2018
  - Community Engagement

Capital Metro Board – December 2018

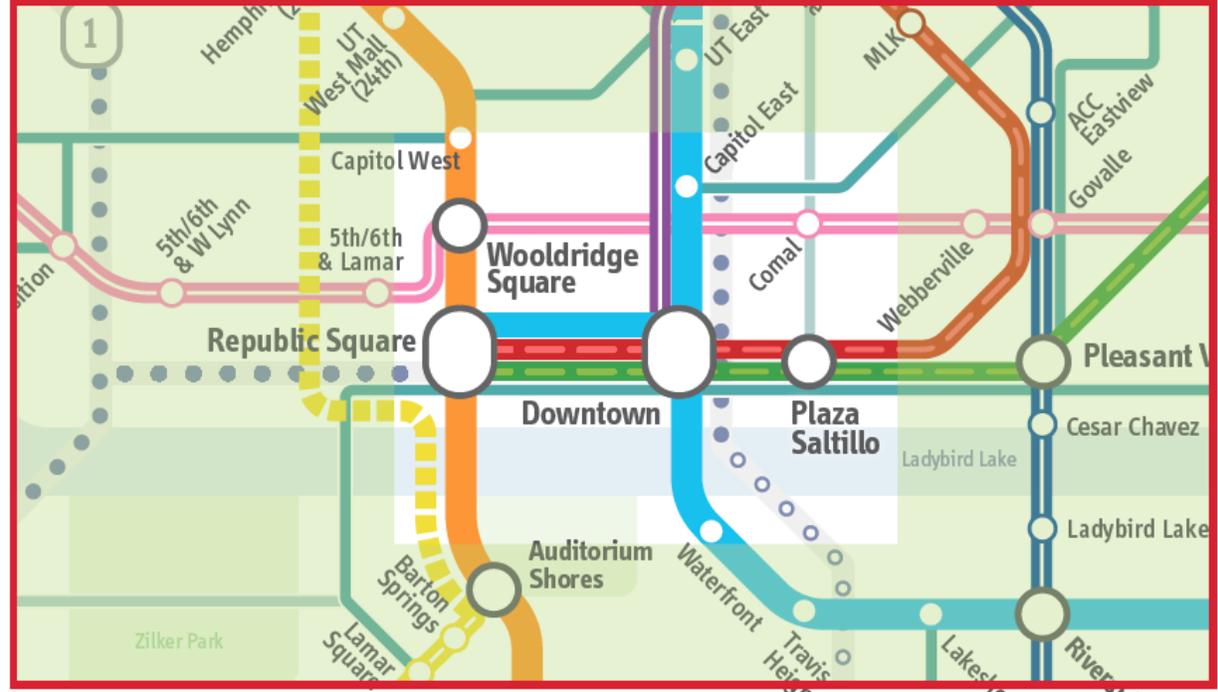
- Updated Vision Presentation with Community Suggestions
- Adoption of Long Term Vision
- Award of Program Management
- Advertise Orange Corridor NEPA and PE contract
- Blue Line – February 2019
- BRT Light – April 2019
- Green Line TOD – June 2019



### Long Term Vision Plan



### Central Austin: Alternative 1



### Long Term Vision Plan



### Central Austin: Alternative 2



# Engineering, Construction and Operation Considerations

- First Street bridge
- New bridge or tunnel crossing of the lake
- Connection of Downtown Station to Republic Square (4<sup>th</sup> Street)
  - Red, Green and Blue
  - Multi-level structure between stations
- TxDOT
- University of Texas
- Rail/Bus maintenance facility
- Real Estate coordination
  - Convention Center
  - Airport

# Next Steps

- Extensive community and stakeholder engagement
- Opening of Downtown Project Connect office
- Selection of alignment on each corridor
- Analysis and selection of mode
  - Light Rail
  - Bus Rapid Transit
  - Autonomous
- Build and unify community support
- Local funding use until full funding grant finalization
- Civil construction timeline
- Vehicle acquisition

QUESTIONS?