



## **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

### **Urban Transportation Commission**

#### **Recommendation Number 20200310-02C: Complete Access to Project Connect**

WHEREAS, Capital Metro, City of Austin staff, and citizens of Austin have worked toward a comprehensive high-capacity transit vision and plan, known as Project Connect;

WHEREAS, Project Connect and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan envision a “comprehensive multimodal transportation plan” in which people on foot, in strollers, on bikes, scooters, and wheelchairs are treated equally, to create a system in which a full 50% of mobility does not occur in single-occupancy vehicles;

WHEREAS, A high-capacity system is a network which is entered by people not in cars, and therefore must have access which is amenable and useful access for people not in cars,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council adopt the Project Connect preferred plan with the following advice:

1. Include as an additional referendum item, or as part of a single referendum, funding for historic investments in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to enable all-age and all-ability access to Project Connect’s assets.
2. Create policies and funding to preserve land for below-market housing preservation and development near stations and along primary transit corridors at densities which will support high-capacity transit.
3. Create and adopt a Comprehensive Tree and Shade Master Plan which encourages people to use transit, including development of humane bus stops, shaded and safe pedestrian, bike, wheelchair and micro-mobility access to high-capacity transit.

Date of Approval: March 10, 2020

Record of the vote: 7-0 with Hennessey, Runas, Somers, and Wilfley absent

Attest:

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