



# Project Connect. A Transit Plan Designed for Austin.

**INITIAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**



# Project Connect & How It All Came Together

A comprehensive transit plan that would include multiple services to run simultaneously – that would create more frequent transit options for customers across the region.

The result of:



## You, The Public

The product of **60,000+** conversations with Austin residents – **17,000** from virtual engagement in May, June, and July 2020.



## Community Leaders

Engaged with more than **150** community organizations and stakeholders.



## Partnerships

Collaboration with dozens of local cities, counties, transportation agencies, and many others.



## Stakeholders

Extensive outreach through neighborhood meetings, corridor working groups, and small-group presentations.

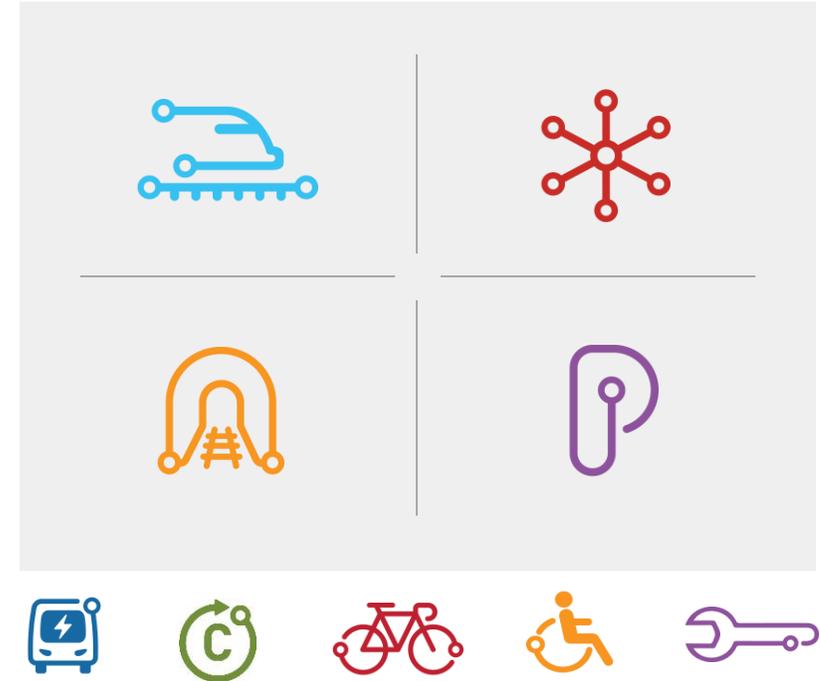


# Project Connect: A Comprehensive Transit Plan

The **System Plan** includes all elements of the transportation expansion plan that were adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on June 10, 2020.

The **Initial Investment** was adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on August 7.

The Initial Investment includes the portions of the System Plan to be advanced for development through proposed local and federal funding. A ballot measure for the Initial Investment will be on the November 2020 ballot.



# Initial Investment Plan



## New Rail System

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Additional **27** miles & **31** stations



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# Light Rail Transit

Conceptual Illustration



# New Rail System

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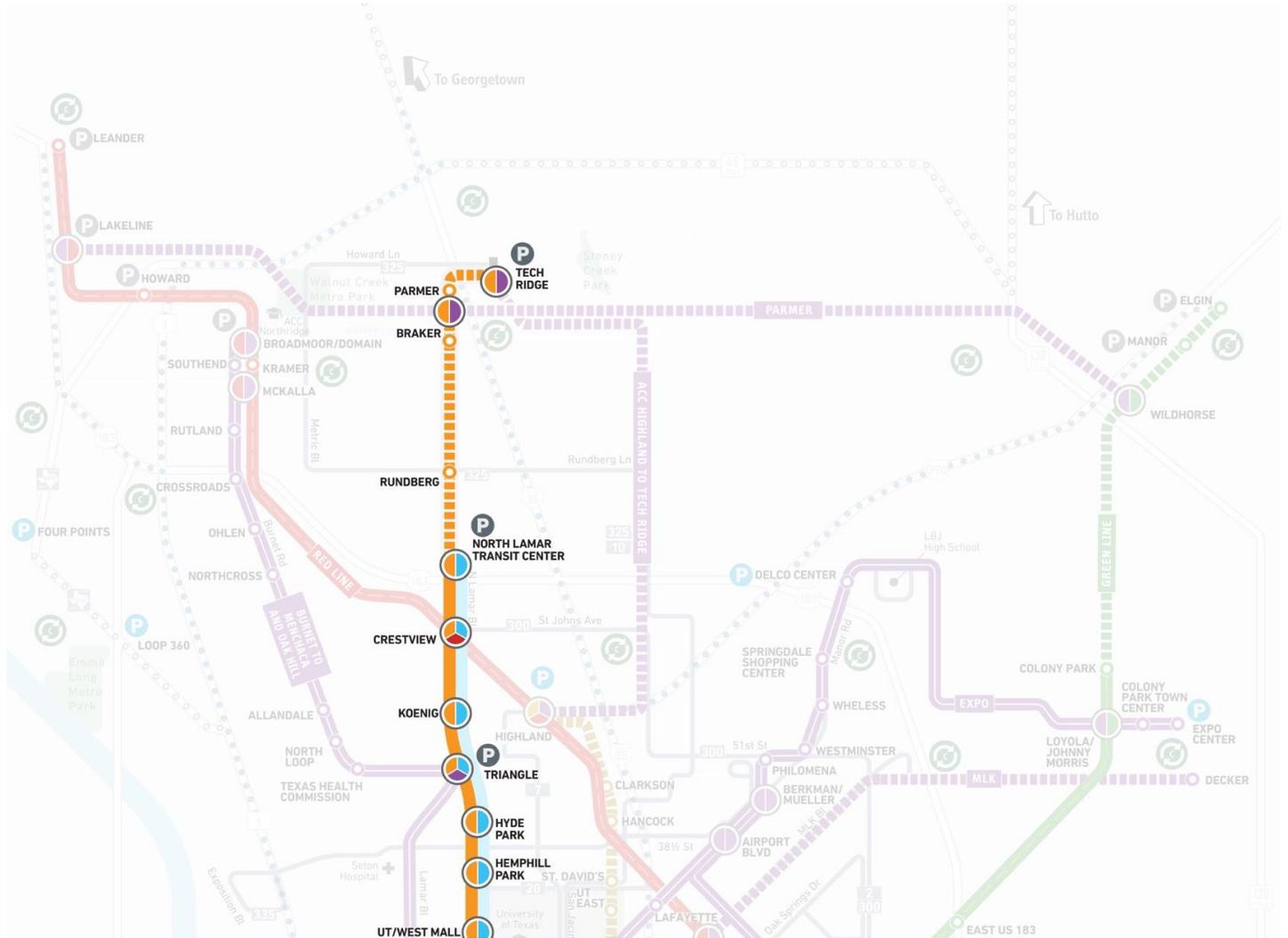


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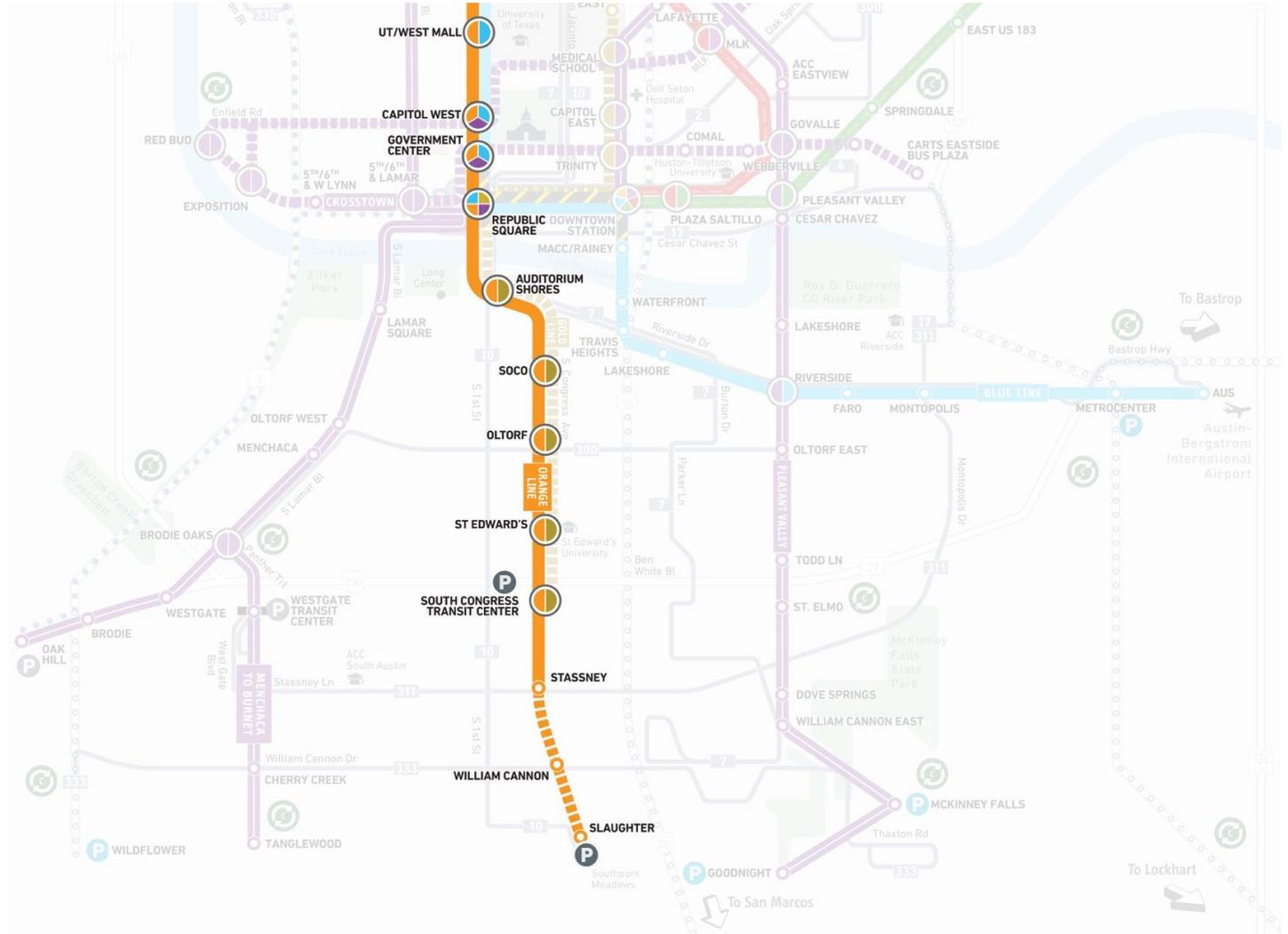


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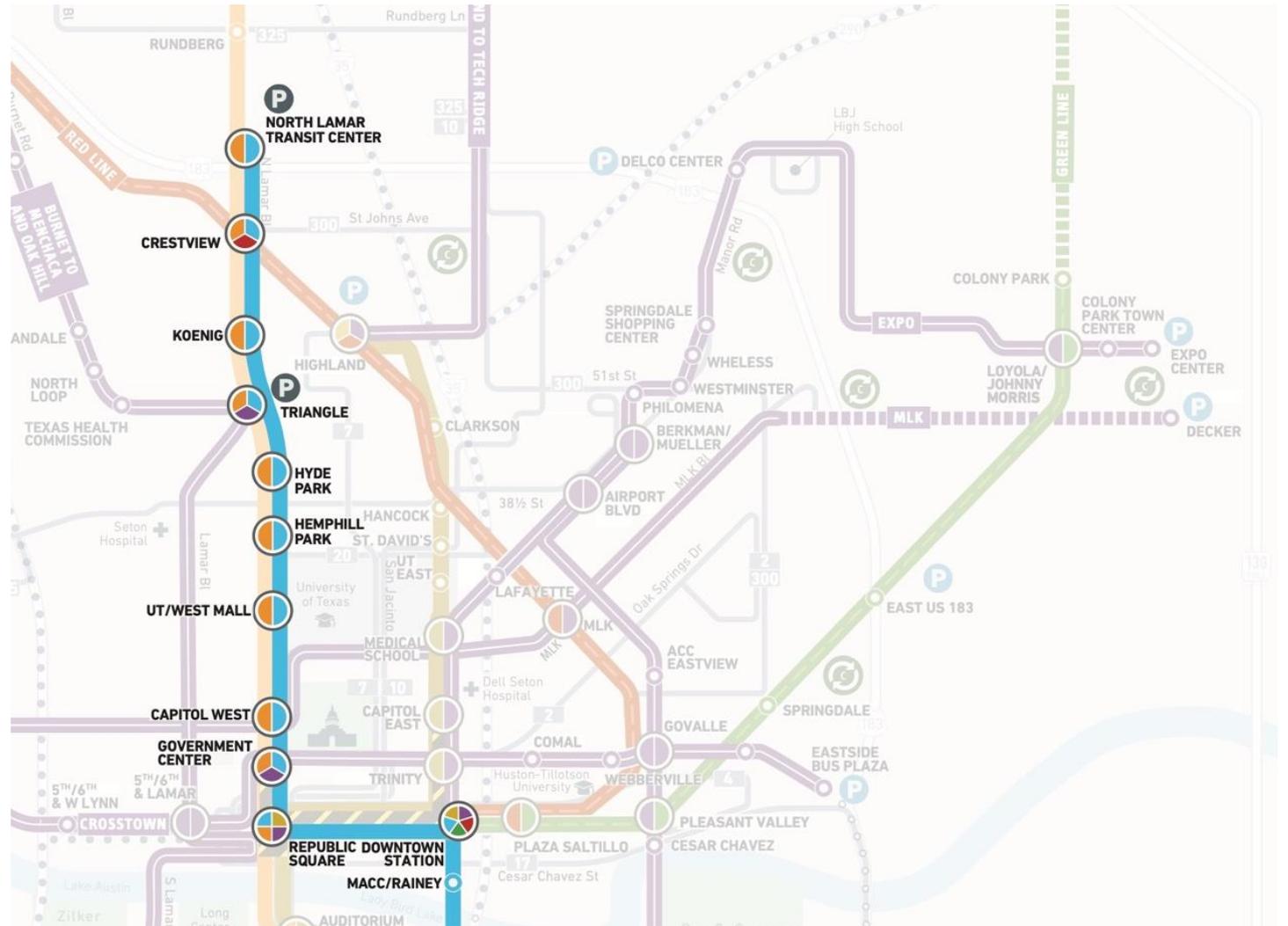


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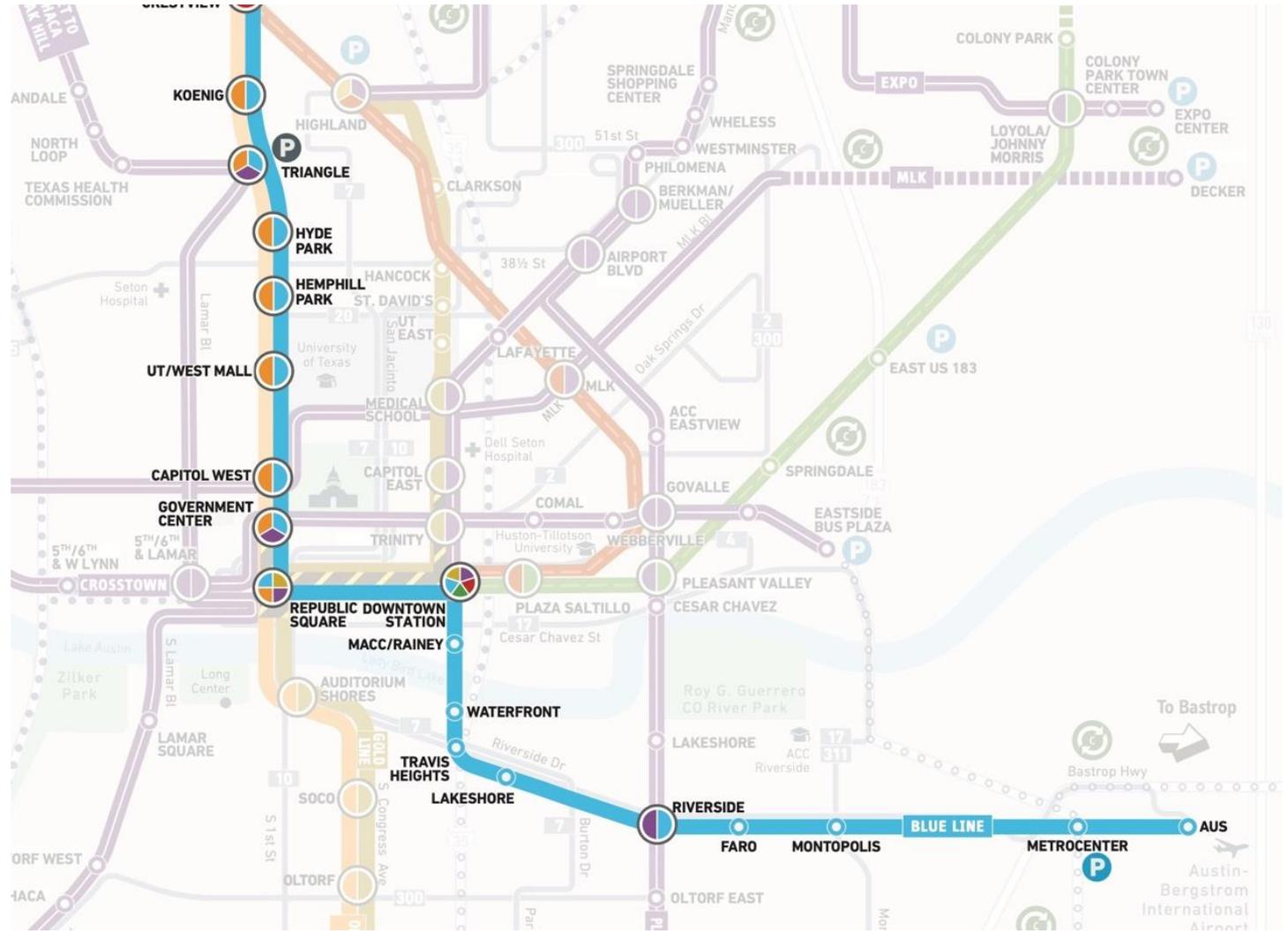


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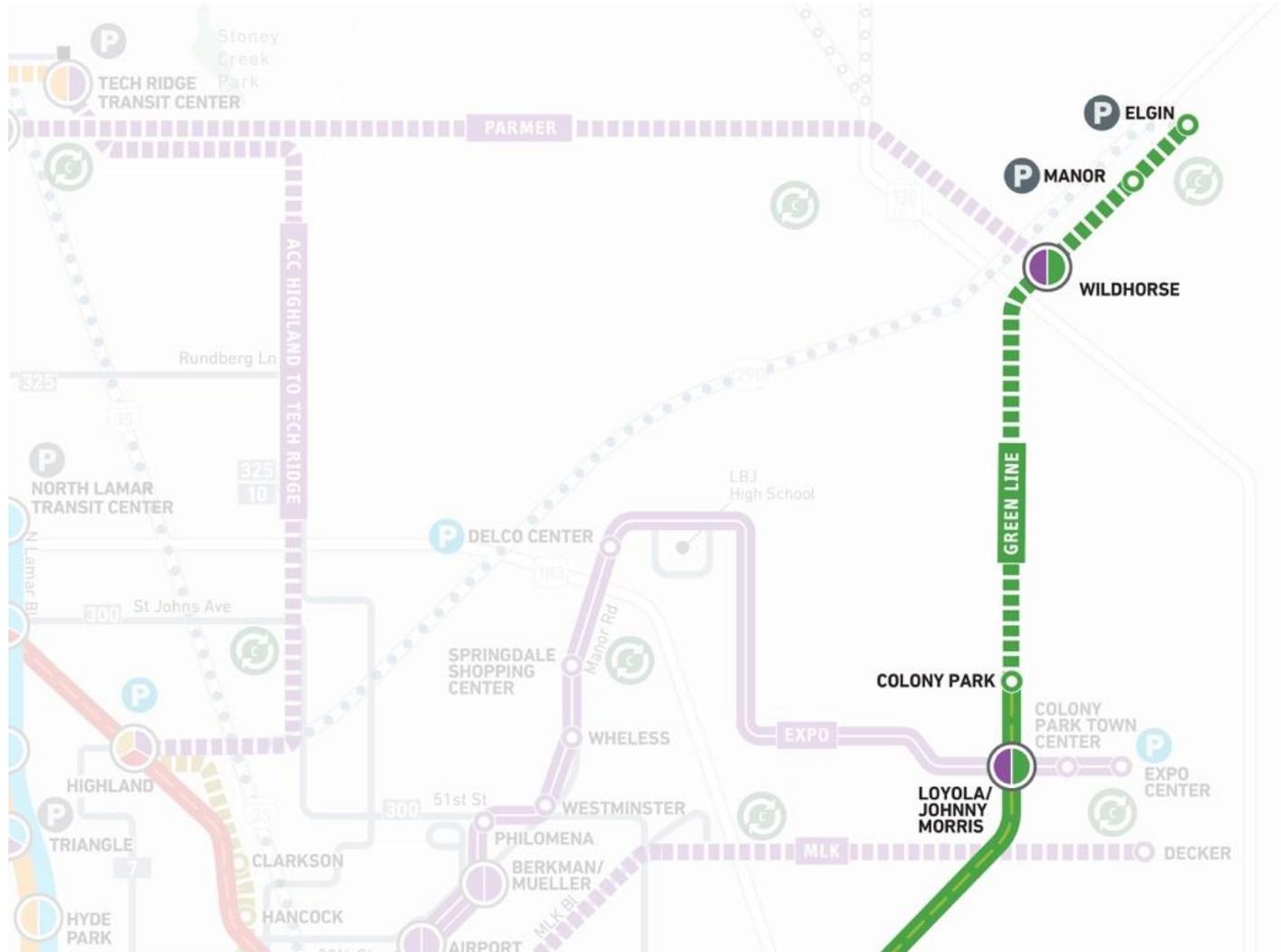
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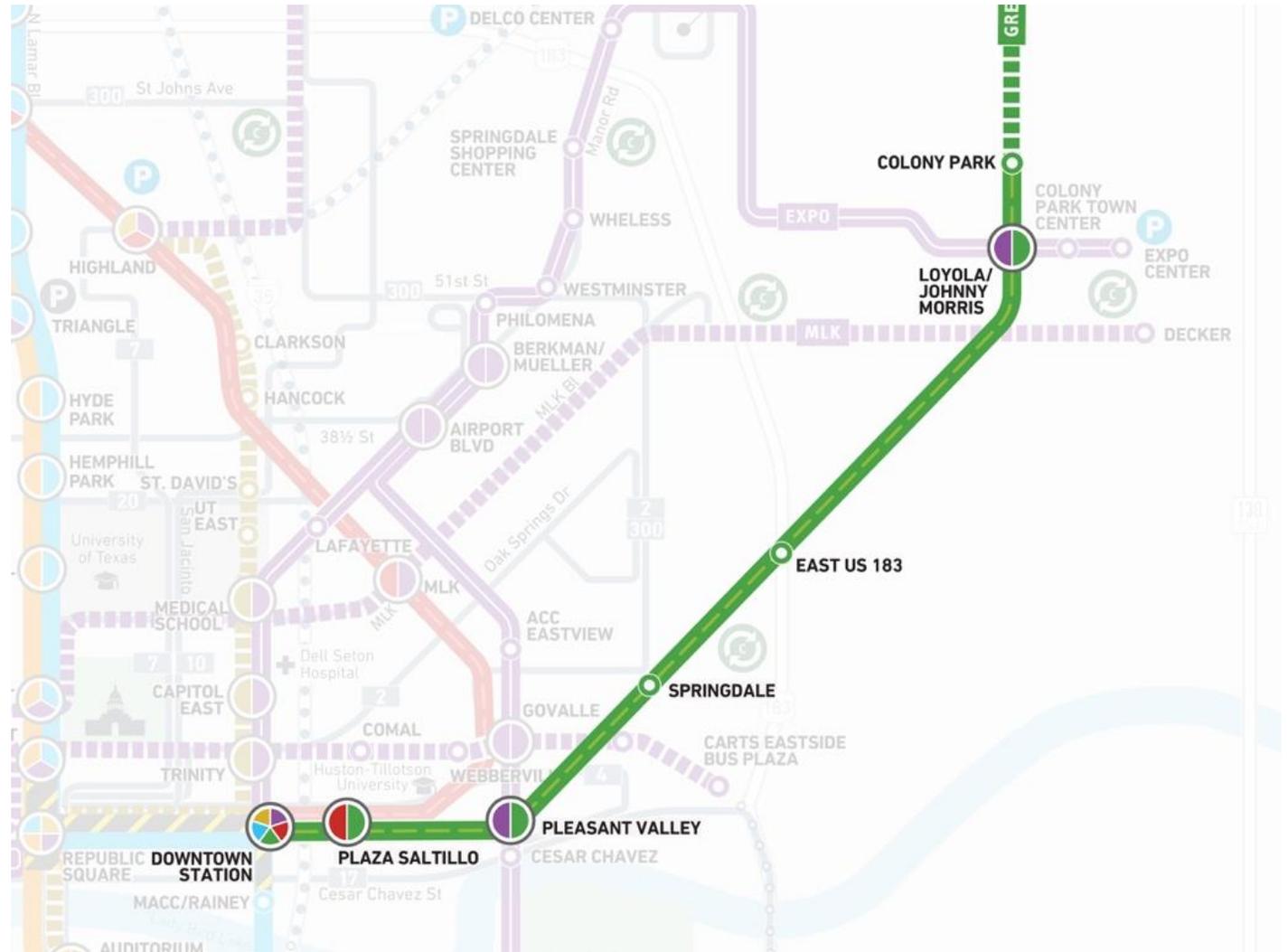
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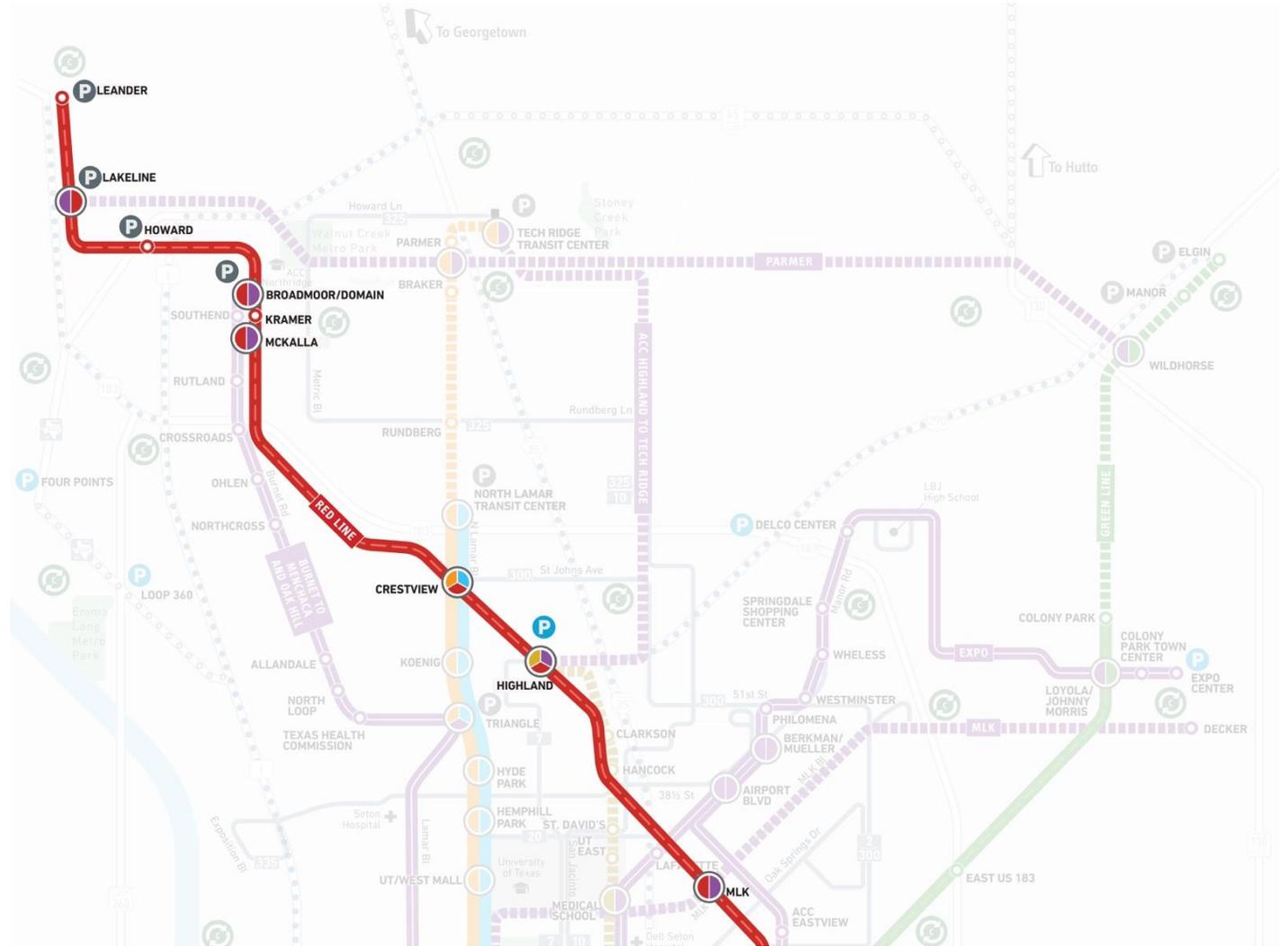
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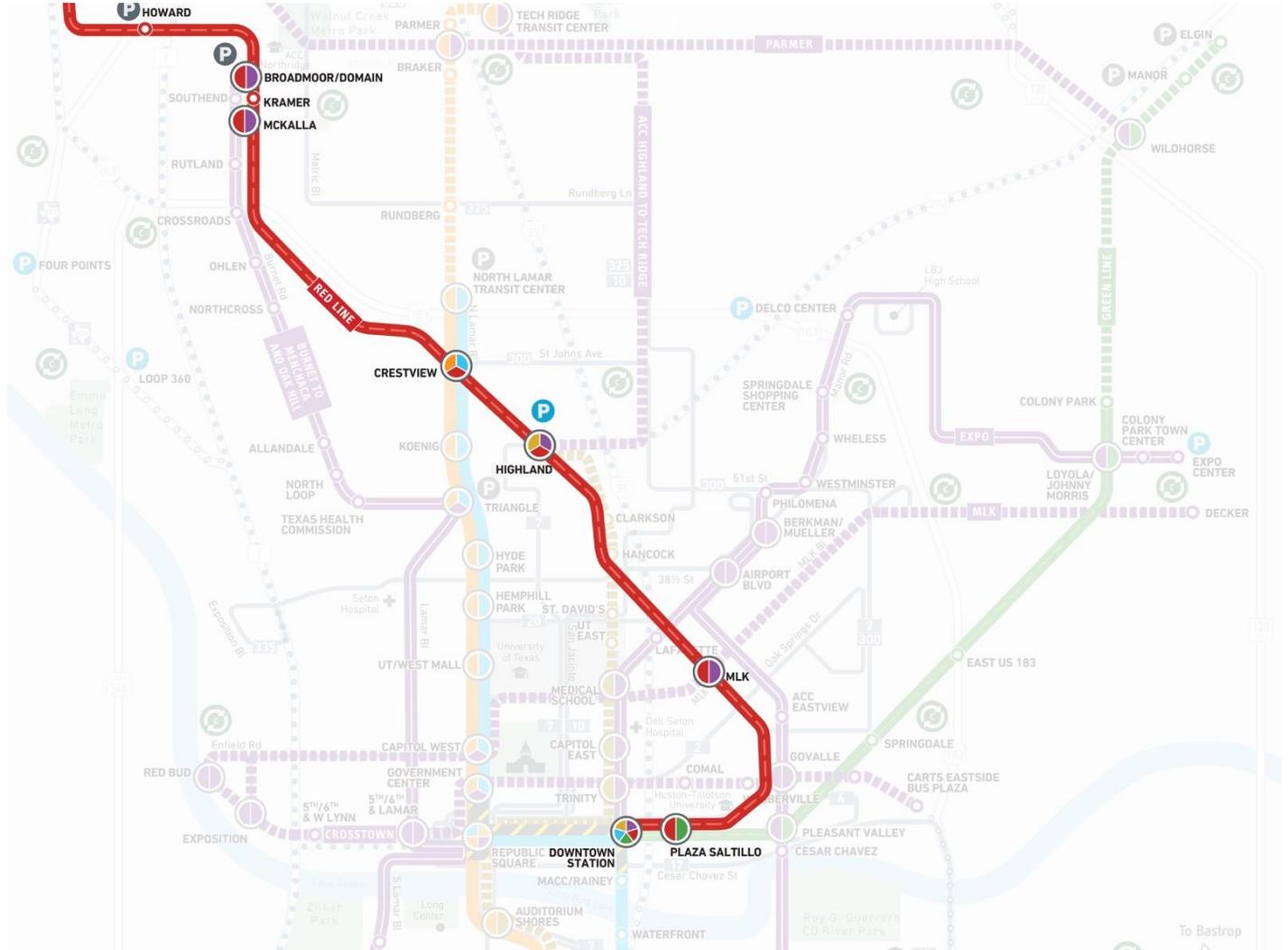
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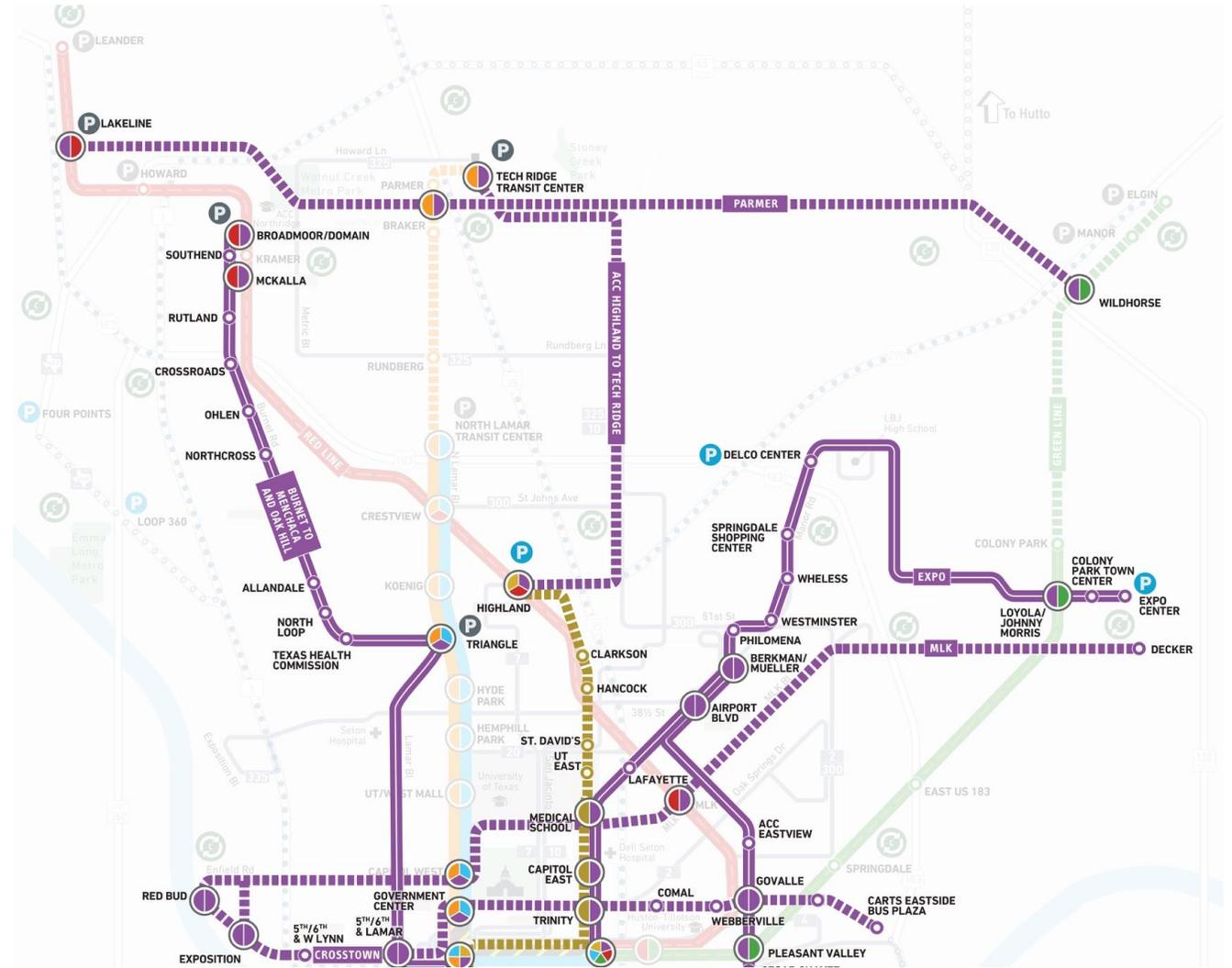
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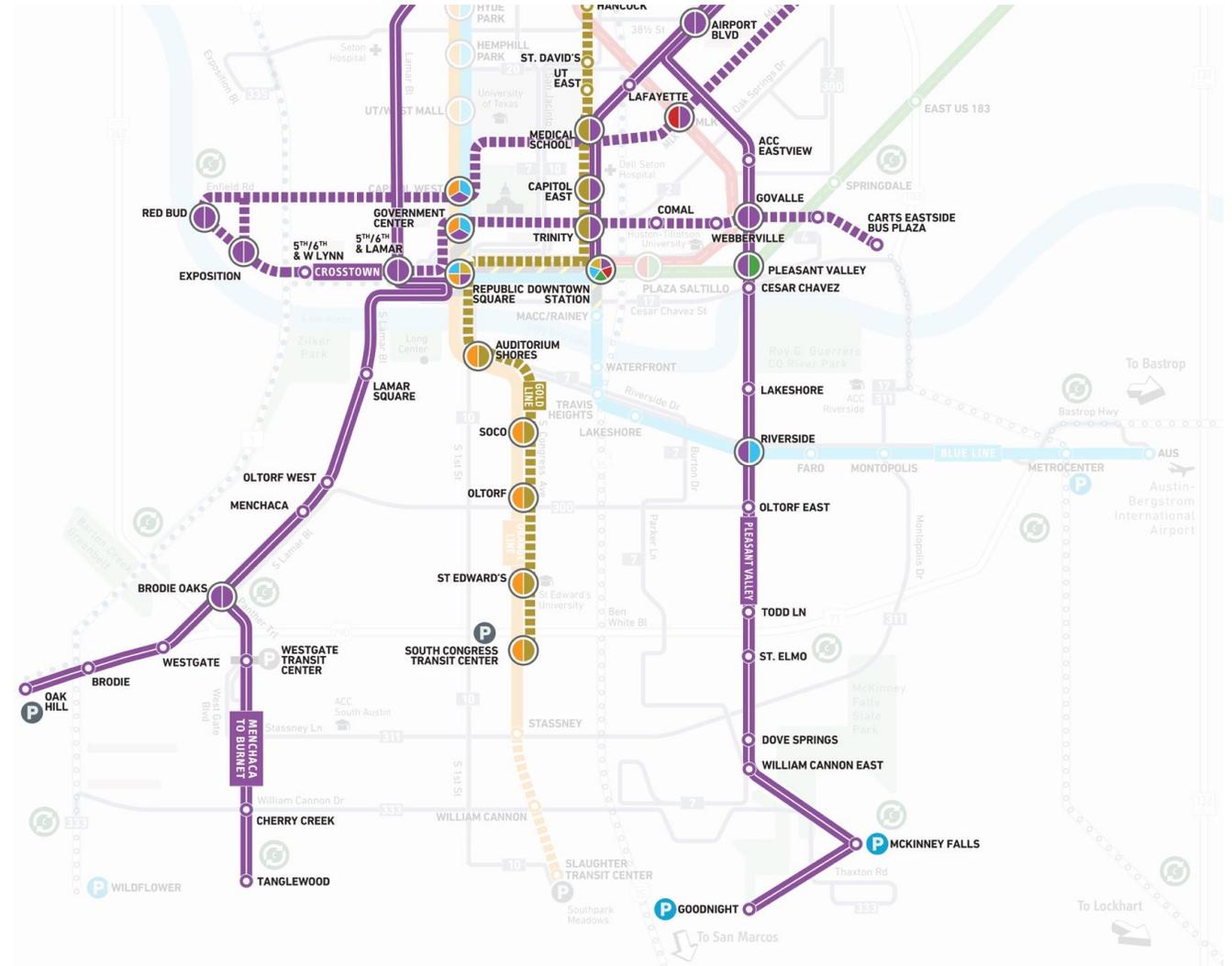
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# Park & Ride Station

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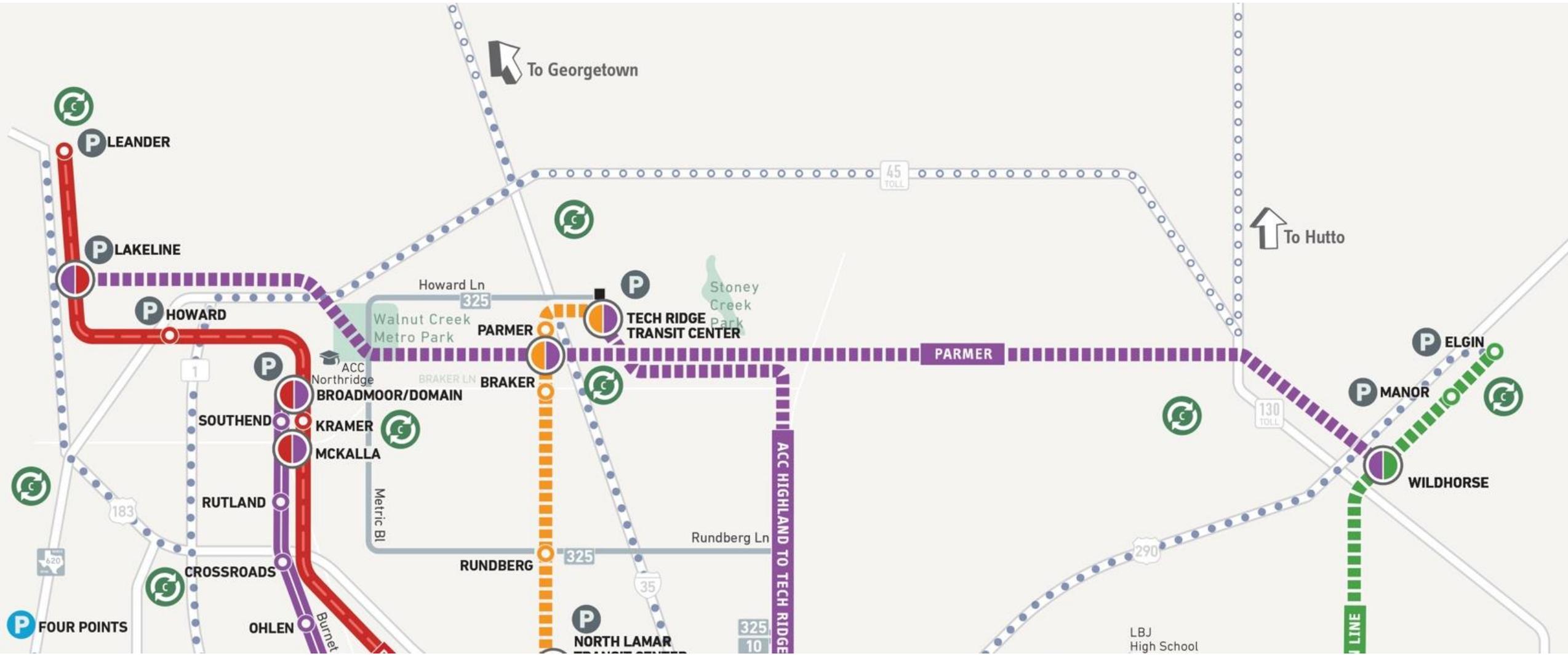


# Regional Transportation Center

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# Initial Investment Plan







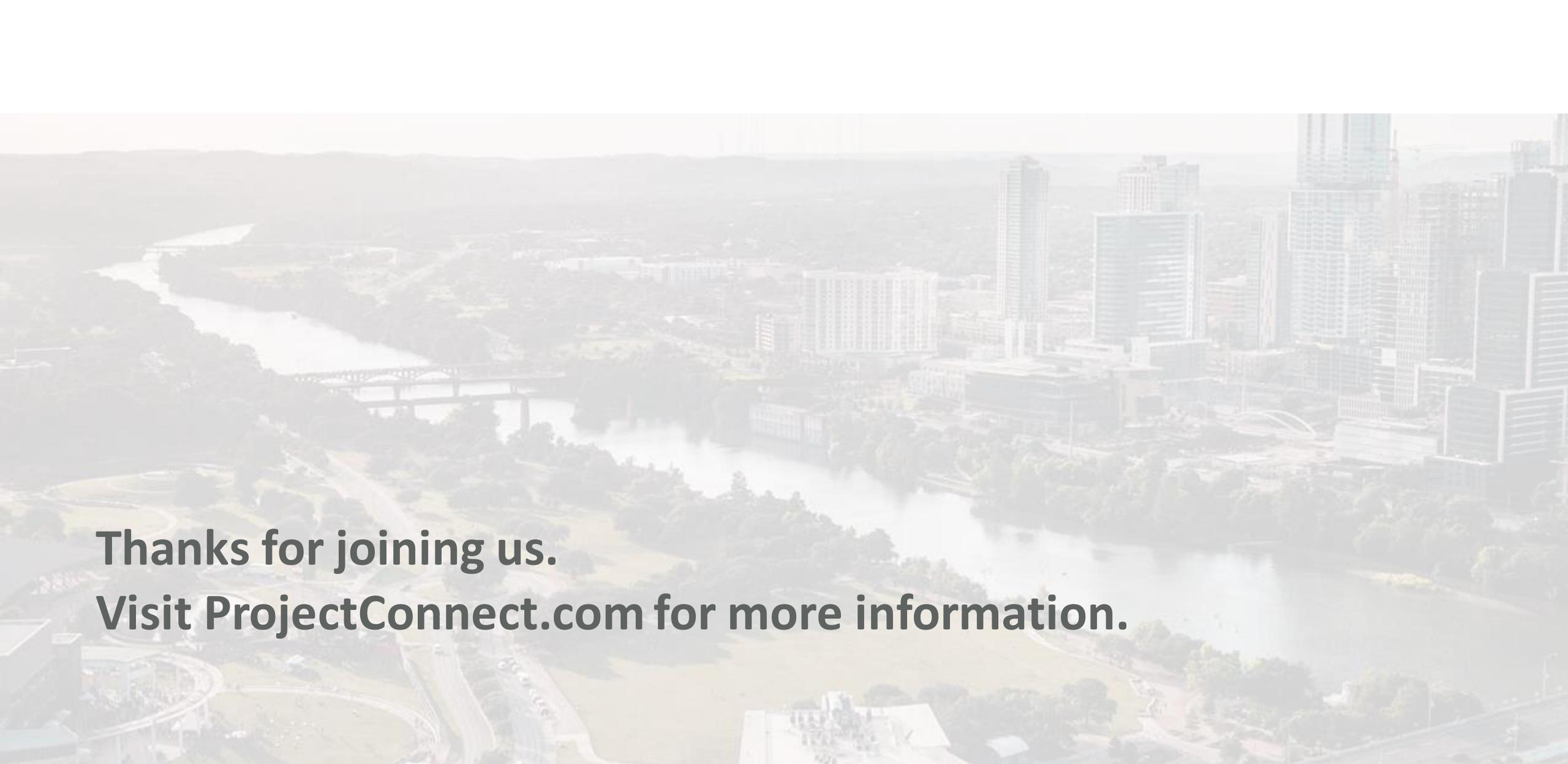
# Funding & Governance Video



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# Additional Slides

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# Austin Transit Partnership (ATP)



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## Austin Transportation Partnership Responsibilities

- Quarterly reports to Austin City Council and the Capital Metro Board
- Annual comprehensive report to City Council and the Capital Metro Board, participation in annual joint meeting
- Independent auditor
- Manages day-to-day Project Connect implementation and execution of design and construction
- Ensures close alignment with Capital Metro operations

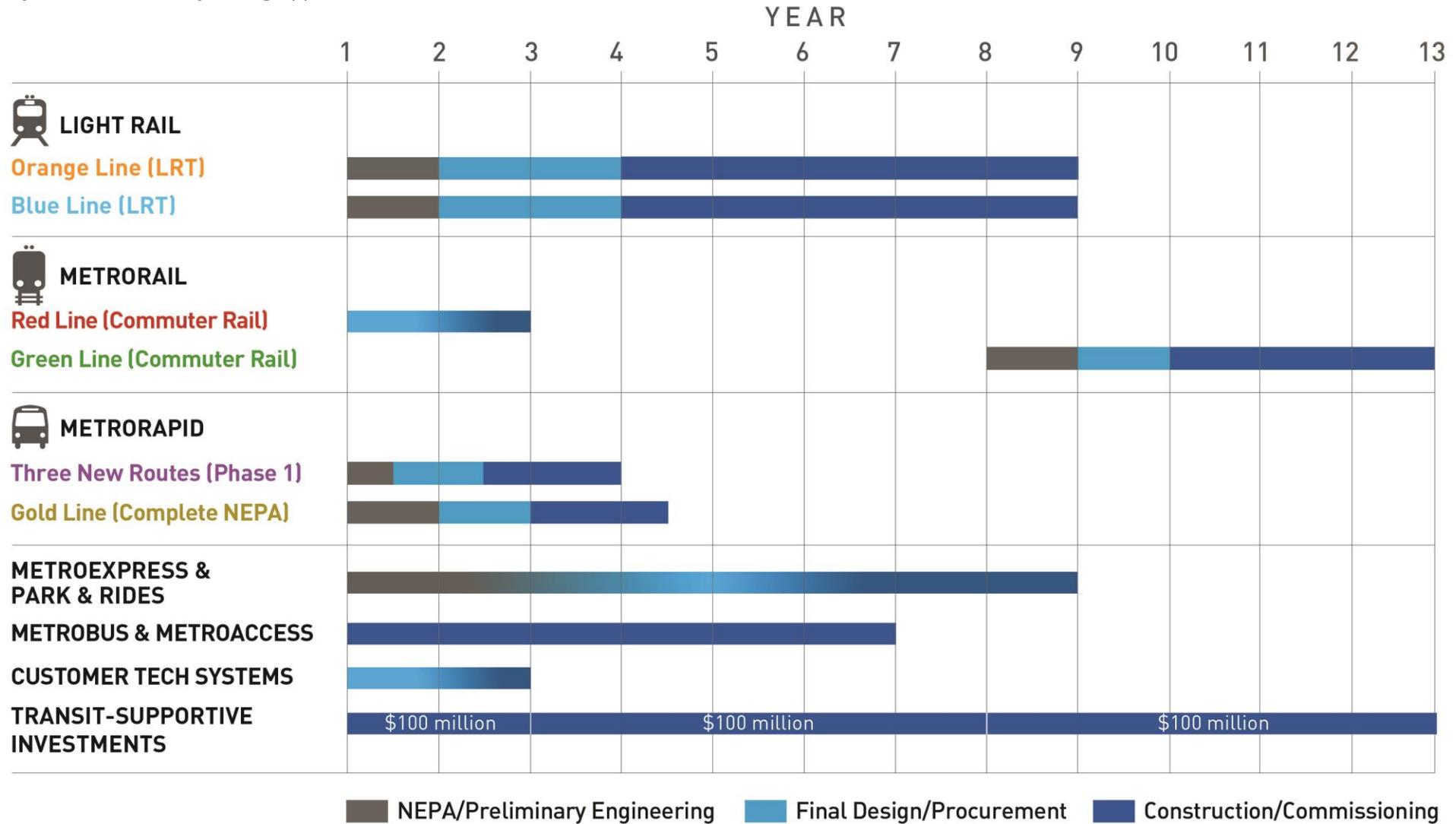
## City/Capital Metro Responsibilities

- Approves Project Connect System Plan and policies
- Forms ATP, establishes policies, selects members
- Annually allocates funding to ATP.



# Initial Investment Sequence

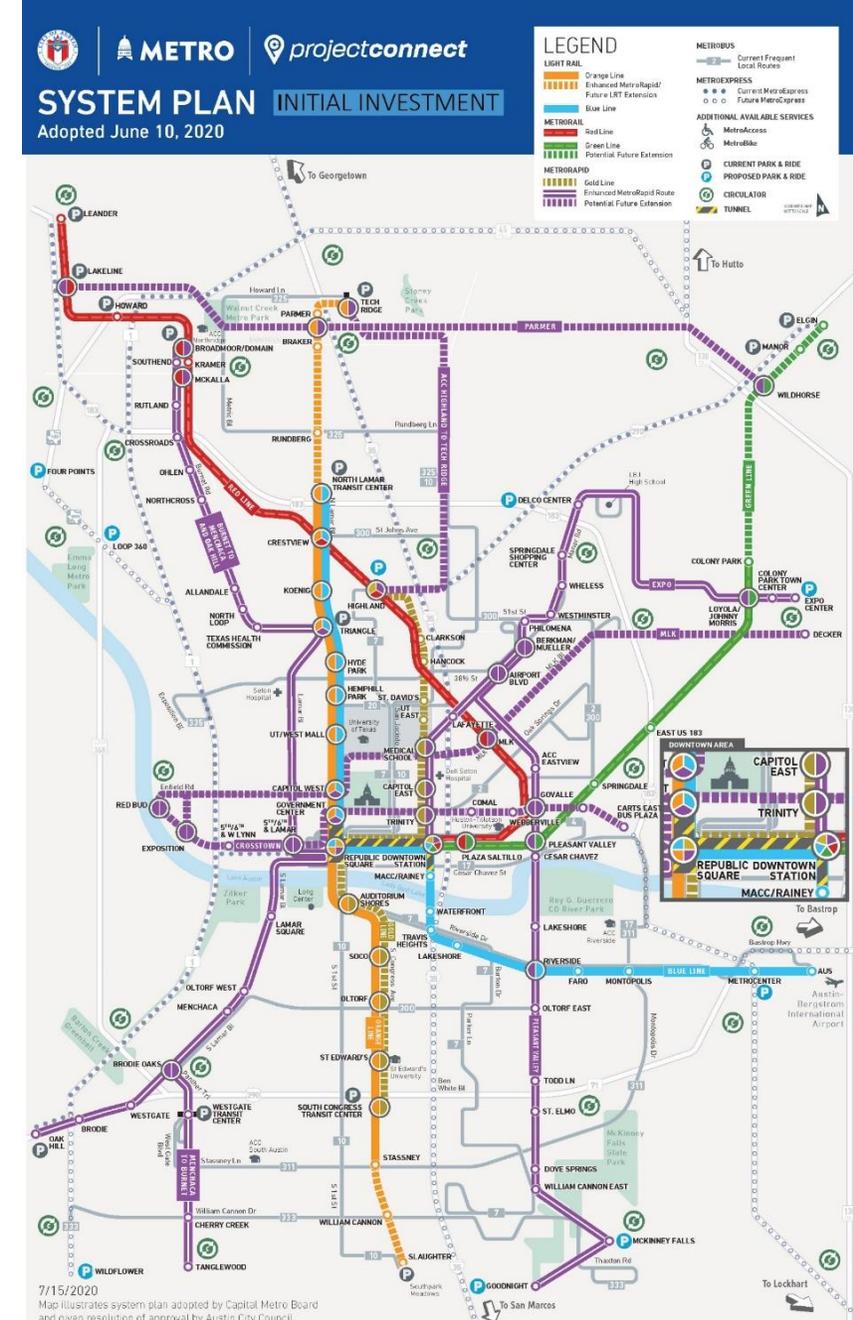
Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals



# Initial Investment Plan

## PROJECT CONNECT PROGRAM COMPONENTS

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Orange Line – NLTC to Stassney Phase 1 (LRT), Enhanced MetroRapid	\$2.5B
Blue Line – Riverside Corridor (LRT)	\$1.3B
Gold Line – MetroRapid, NEPA completion for LRT	\$50M
Downtown Tunnel (Orange, Blue Lines)	\$2.0B
MetroRapid – Expo, Pleasant Valley, Burnet to Menchaca/Oak Hill	\$120M
Green Line to Colony Park – NEPA, Final Design, Construction	\$370M
Red Line Improvements	\$25M
MetroExpress, Park & Rides, Transit Centers (3 New Routes, 9 P&R, 1 TC)	\$60M
Neighborhood Circulators (15 New Zones / Vehicles)	\$1.5M
Maintenance Facility Improvements	\$300M
Customer Technology Systems	\$30M
Transit Supportive Investments	\$300M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7.1B</b>
45% Federal	\$3.19B
Initial Package Local Commitment	\$3.91B



# Approved System Plan



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## Expanded Bus Service

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**74 miles, 193 stations**

**8** new MetroExpress commuter routes,  
**5** outside service area



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# Side By Side

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	Downtown Transit Tunnel	Downtown Transit Tunnel
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	<b>3</b> new MetroExpress commuter routes	<b>8</b> new MetroExpress routes, <b>5</b> outside service area
	<b>9</b> new Park & Rides, <b>1</b> new Transit center	<b>24</b> new Park & Rides, <b>1</b> new Transit center
	<b>15</b> new Neighborhood Circulators	<b>30</b> new Neighborhood Circulators
	MetroBike integration	MetroBike integration
	MetroAccess service improvements	MetroAccess service improvements
	New Maintenance Facilities	New Maintenance Facilities

