

# JOINT MEETING

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**Austin City Council / Capital Metro Board of Directors**  
**December 18, 2020**



# Agenda

- **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- PROJECT CONNECT PROGRAM UPDATE
- UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- EQUITY ASSESSMENT TOOL UPDATE

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- CREATION OF THE AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP (ATP)
- AMENDMENT TO THE ATP ILA REGARDING A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- RECOMMENDATION REGARDING UTILIZING COMMUNITY EXPERTISE

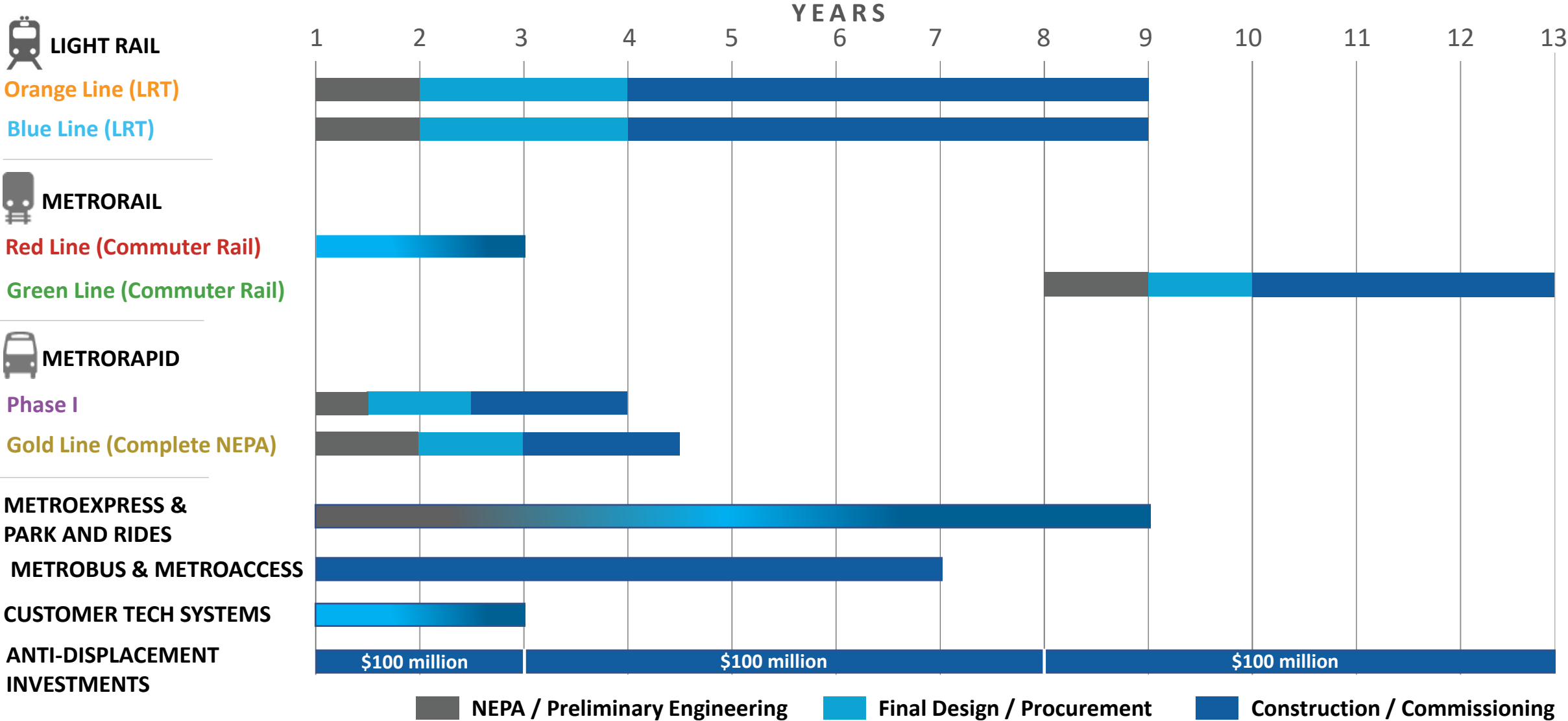
# PROJECT CONNECT

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## Program Process Update

# Approved Project Connect Program Sequence Plan

Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals



# Project Connect Program – Next Steps

## December – January

Initiate BCG Strategic Program Delivery Risk Analysis and ATP Roadmap

Initiate development of ATP Community Advisory Group

Initiate Broadmoor Station Red Line construction, McKalla station design

Launch Mobile App Fare Capping pilot, Cash-to-Mobile App at Retail Outlets

**12/18:** Joint Capital Metro Board - City Council meeting:

- Approve articles of incorporation, bylaws
- Approve ATP Board bylaws
- ATP Board selected

**1/20:** First ATP Board meeting:

- Adopt bylaws, initial budget, elect officers

## February – May

Initiate ATP Board hiring of independent auditor

Initiate Orange, Blue Line NEPA virtual community meetings

Initiate MetroRapid Expo, Pleasant Valley and Gold Line community engagement

CapMetro app integration with Pickup for fare payment and trip planning

Community engagement on new Pickup zones

Federal Notice of Intent for Orange, Blue Lines

## June – September

Approval of Anti-Displacement Program Funding Grant Agreement

Approval of triparty Joint Powers Agreement between City of Austin, Capital Metro, ATP; incorporation of implementation and support ILAs

Continuing Orange, Blue Line NEPA virtual community meetings

Continuing community development of new Pickup zones

Initiate Red Line double tracking construction between Leander and Lakeline Stations

Initiate rail program best practices review and intercity site visits

## October – January

Initiate construction on MetroRapid Expo and Pleasant Valley lines

Launch of new Full Account-Based Fare System

- Fare Capping
- Smart Card
- Virtual Card program

Annual City of Austin, Capital Metro, ATP triparty meeting with management and independent audit reports

Continuing Orange, Blue Line NEPA virtual community meetings

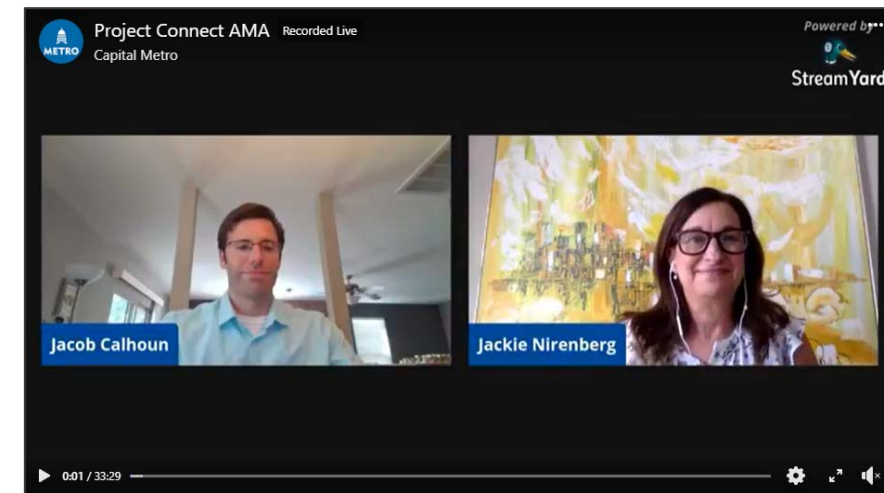
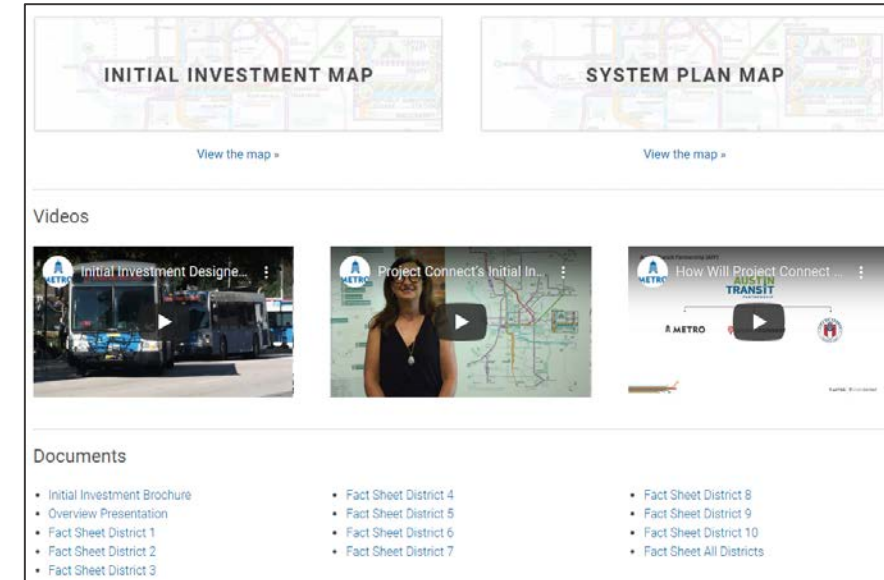
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**Upcoming Community Engagement Opportunities**

# Community Engagement Opportunities

- **Engagement on Scoping for Orange and Blue Lines**
  - Virtual Community Meeting - January 25
  - Self-guided Virtual Open House - January 25 through February 24
- **Engagement on Expo and Pleasant Valley MetroRapid Lines**
  - Online survey in January
  - At-stop survey opportunities
  - Ongoing outreach to neighborhood groups
- **New Pickup Zone Engagement**
  - Online survey in February
  - In-zone survey opportunities
  - Ongoing outreach to neighborhood groups
- **“Accelerate” Industry Day Event – February 11**



# EQUITY ASSESSMENT TOOL

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## Engagement and Development Update



# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (August 2020)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to include in the Joint Powers Agreement with Austin Transit Partnership and Capital Metro, a provision to provide a total of **\$300,000,000** of the **Project Connect Tax Revenue, in accordance with the Implementation Sequence Plan** as shown in Exhibit A, to Austin Transit Partnership for the purpose of **(1) acquiring real property, and (2) financing tools and other anti-displacement strategies related to the implementation of Project Connect.**

The following two Be It Resolved clauses provide direction for the expenditure of these funds.

# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

**Regarding the use of funding for the acquisition of real property related to the Project Connect anti-displacement strategies,** the City Manager is directed to include in the Joint Powers Agreement with Austin Transit Partnership and Capital Metro a provision that the **funds may be used to acquire real estate for transit supportive development that will preserve and/or increase the amount of affordable housing proximate to transit corridors.**

**Austin Transit Partnership should prioritize land banking for future affordable housing.** The real property acquired for these purposes should be acquired in accordance with the policy objectives approved by the City Council as documented in the **Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint or subsequent policy.** The real property acquisition should also be compliant with Capital Metro's Transit Oriented Development Policy and Guidelines. The real property acquired **should be an FTA-compliant investment,** eligible for federal matching funds, when possible.

# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Regarding the use of funding for financing tools and other anti-displacement strategies related to the implementation of Project Connect, the City Manager is directed to **include in the Joint Powers Agreement with Austin Transit Partnership and Capital Metro, a provision that documents a procedure to create neighborhood level tools and strategies with the community.**

These tools and strategies may include the construction or development of new affordable housing; preservation, repair, and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing; financial assistance for home ownership; home repair; rental subsidies; right-to-return assistance that grants current tenants of affordable housing the option to lease a unit of comparable affordability and size following completion of rehabilitation of affordable housing; or other strategies that build economic mobility opportunities for residents along the transit corridors and increase transit-supportive economic development and ridership.

# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (Continued)

The City Manager is directed to **include in the Joint Powers Agreement** provisions for **the roles and responsibilities for the financing tools and other anti-displacement strategies** related to the implementation of Project Connect as follows. **The City shall:**

- **within six-months of voter approval, provide a process for the creation of neighborhood-level strategies with community members and organizations; and**
- **create an Equity Assessment Tool** as outlined in the Response to Resolution No. 20200423-038 specific to Project Connect and the City in order to analyze, on a neighborhood level, both **(1) potential, unintended, or undesirable effects of the transit investment** that contribute to difficulties for people to remain living in an area, such as gentrification and displacement, and **(2) opportunities to make investments to build economic mobility for residents along the transit corridors;**

# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (Continued)

...and **create with the community**, neighborhood-level prevention and mitigation strategies based on the Equity Assessment Tool, including (1) **recommendations that leverage other programs** managed by the City, other local governments, and community organizations, **to create a connected effort for anti-displacement strategies**, and (2) recommendations for funding proposals and implementation of identified strategies; and

- provide the **professional services of representatives from City departments**, which may include employees from Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Austin Transportation Department, Equity Office, Innovation Office, Sustainability Office, **or other employees to Austin Transit Partnership to assist with developing proposals**, as described below, for approval by City Council and the Capital Metro Board
- **make publicly available a performance dashboard** to track progress on strategies identified for implementation for each neighborhood that is frequently updated.

# Equity Assessment Tool Updates

## ➤ Contract with the Voters (Continued)

### **Capital Metro shall:**

- Serve as the FTA Project Sponsor and conduct an environmental justice analysis as required under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for each eligible project and provide any recommendations to Austin Transit Partnership for financing tools and strategies based on the NEPA review.

### **Austin Transit Partnership shall:**

- Develop proposals on an ongoing basis, based on the recommendations from the City and Capital Metro, and provide a budget for approval by City Council and the Capital Metro Board;
- Enter into interlocal agreements and/or grant agreements with the City to timely develop and implement anti-displacement strategies.

# PREVIOUS ACTIONS RECAP

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**Approved Documents and ATP Board Appointments**

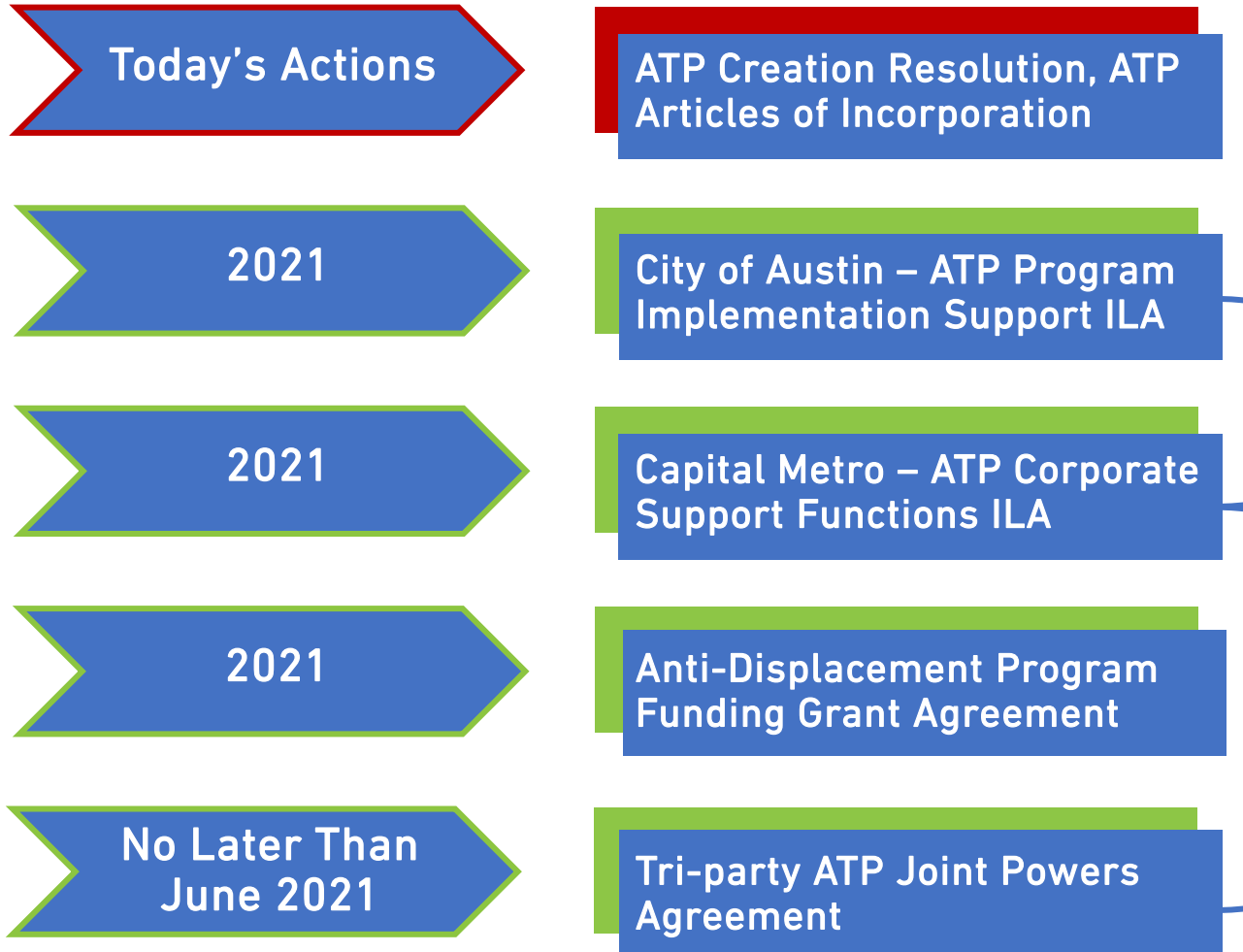
# Austin Transit Partnership Document Sequence



- Unanimous approval by the Capital Metro Board and Austin City Council support of the Project Connect System Plan
  - Austin City Council resolution in support of the Locally Preferred Alternatives, direction to amend the ASMP
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- Austin City Council direction to include Project Connect in the FY2021 tax rate
  - Capital Metro Board direction to fund Project Connect projects in FY2021 agency budget
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- Capital Metro Board commitment of agency funds, including the Capital Expansion Fund, to the ATP
  - Commitment to anti-displacement investment strategy
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- City of Austin commitment to implement the Project Connect program
  - Commitment of \$300,000,000 for anti-displacement investments as part of the program
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- Commitment to create ATP, implement program
  - Draft Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation
  - Commitment to Anti-Displacement Investment



# Austin Transit Partnership Document Sequence



- Resolution creating the ATP, approval and adoption of the ATP Articles of Incorporation, appointment of initial board
  - Resolutions regarding community advisory committees
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- Commitment to program implementation
  - Coordination of resources via new Project Connect Program Office
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- Commitment to program implementation
  - Cost-sharing agreement for corporate functions, including Finance, HR, IT, Finance, Safety, Planning
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- Agreement to implement anti-displacement strategies including real estate acquisition, financing tools and affordable housing near transit corridors
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- Agreement between Capital Metro, City of Austin and ATP for program implementation and support functions
  - Includes utilities, right of way, traffic control and all other program needs not included in previous ILAs

# ATP Board Appointment Process - Recap

## » BOARD COMPOSITION



## » APPLICATION PROCESS

- Resumes and letters of interest submitted via [AustinTransitPartnership.org](https://AustinTransitPartnership.org). Applications were due by December 2.
- 36 applications received for three Community Expert positions.
- Experience, qualifications and substitute experience will be independently verified and provided to the joint Capital Metro-Austin City Council nominating committee.
- Nominating committee interviews candidates and recommends board member slate, to be jointly appointed by Capital Metro Board and Austin City Council.
- Inaugural ATP Board will meet January 20 to approve bylaws, elect officers and adopt an interim budget.

# ACTION ITEMS

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# NEXT STEPS

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