

# PROJECT CONNECT: COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



# Background

- City Council, Capital Metro Board created framework for the “Project Connect Community Advisory Committee”
- The committee will advise the City and ATP on \$300M anti-displacement investments, equity assessment tool, equity key performance indicators, and Equitable TOD study
- Recommendations by the Advisory Committee must be heard by either the City, Capital Metro, or Austin Transit Partnership



# Membership Considerations

- 11 community members
  - 6 community members appointed by an open application process
  - 5 community members appointed from within existing City and Capital Metro Boards and Commissions
- Members must be a resident of Austin or the Capital Metro Service area and they cannot have a contract for property, goods or services with the City, Capital Metro or Austin Transit Partnership
- Membership term is 2 years, with anticipated monthly meetings



# Open-Application Seats

- Application open to the public February 5 – March 5
- Council and Board want a diverse group of participants from a wide array of topic areas, and representing many different communities and demographics in Austin
- Nominating Committee reviewed applications and made a recommendation to the full Council and Board for consideration



# Current Membership

## Open Application Nominees\*

Susana Almanza

Awais Azhar

Joao Paulo Connolly

Jeremy Hendricks

Gretchen Flateau

Theodore Fong

Renee Lopez

Brianna Snitchler

Ex Officio Member: Alex Karner

## Existing Commission & Committee Appointments

COA Urban Transportation Commission - *tbd*

COA Mayor's Committee for People  
with Disabilities – *tbd*

COA Community Development  
Commission - Alberto Mejia

CapMetro Access  
Advisory Committee - Otmar Foehner

CapMetro Customer Satisfaction  
Advisory Committee – David Shapiro

*\*Note: must be confirmed by both Council  
and Capital Metro Board*



# Timeline

- ✓ Public application for open seats – February 5 through March 5
  - Appointments from the three City of Austin Boards and Commissions, and two Capital Metro Committees has begun already and is ongoing
- ✓ Nominating Committee reviews applications and conducts interviews, if needed, between March 1 - 19
- ✓ Nominating committee makes recommendation to Council and Board for appointment by March 22
  - ✓ March 25 City Council Meeting
  - March 29 Capital Metro Board Meeting

This timeline allows the first meeting of the committee to occur in April 2021



# Additional Information

- Webpage: [ProjectConnect.com/Community-Advisory-Committee](http://ProjectConnect.com/Community-Advisory-Committee)
- Please share!
  
- Questions?

