



Project Connect. A Transit Plan Designed for Austin.

BACPAC

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Project Connect & How It All Came Together

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

The result of:



The Public

The product of over **70,000+** 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.



Initial Investment Plan



New Rail System

LIGHT RAIL

ORANGE LINE



BLUE LINE



COMMUTER RAIL

RED LINE



GREEN LINE



Downtown Transit Tunnel



All-Electric Bus Fleet



15 new neighborhood circulator zones with on-demand pick-up



MetroBike integration



Expanded Bus Service

4 new MetroRapid routes; high-frequency bus service with priority treatments.



42 miles, 65 stations

10 new stations, with planned conversion to Light Rail

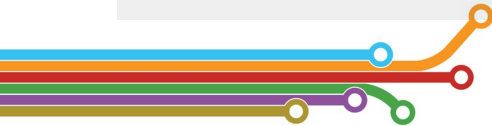
GOLD LINE



3 new MetroExpress commuter routes



9 New Park & Rides and 1 New Transit Center



Light Rail Transit

Conceptual Illustration

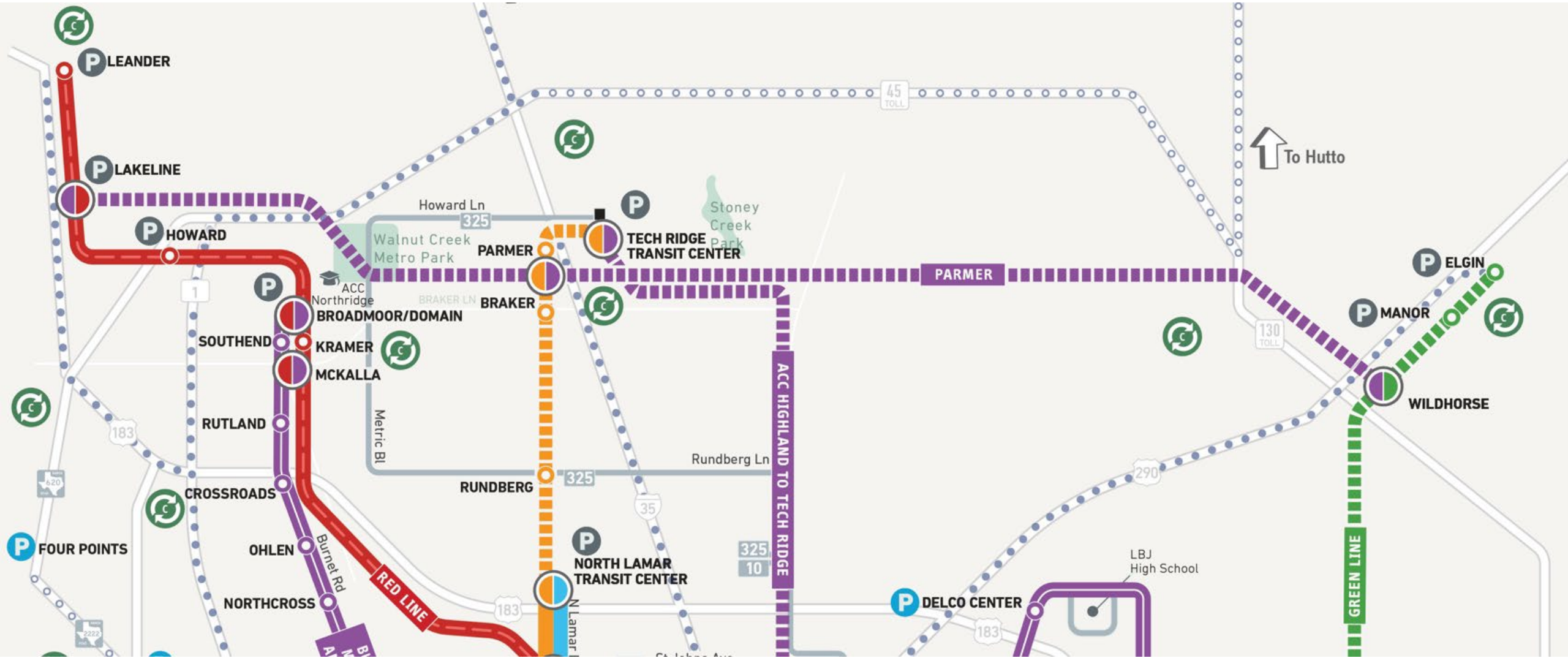


Park & Ride Station

Conceptual Illustration



Initial Investment – Adopted July 27, 2020

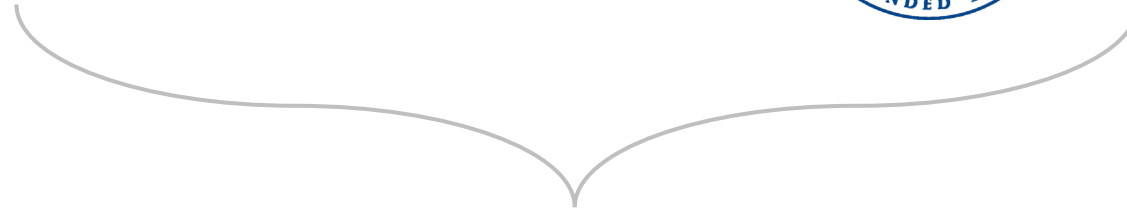


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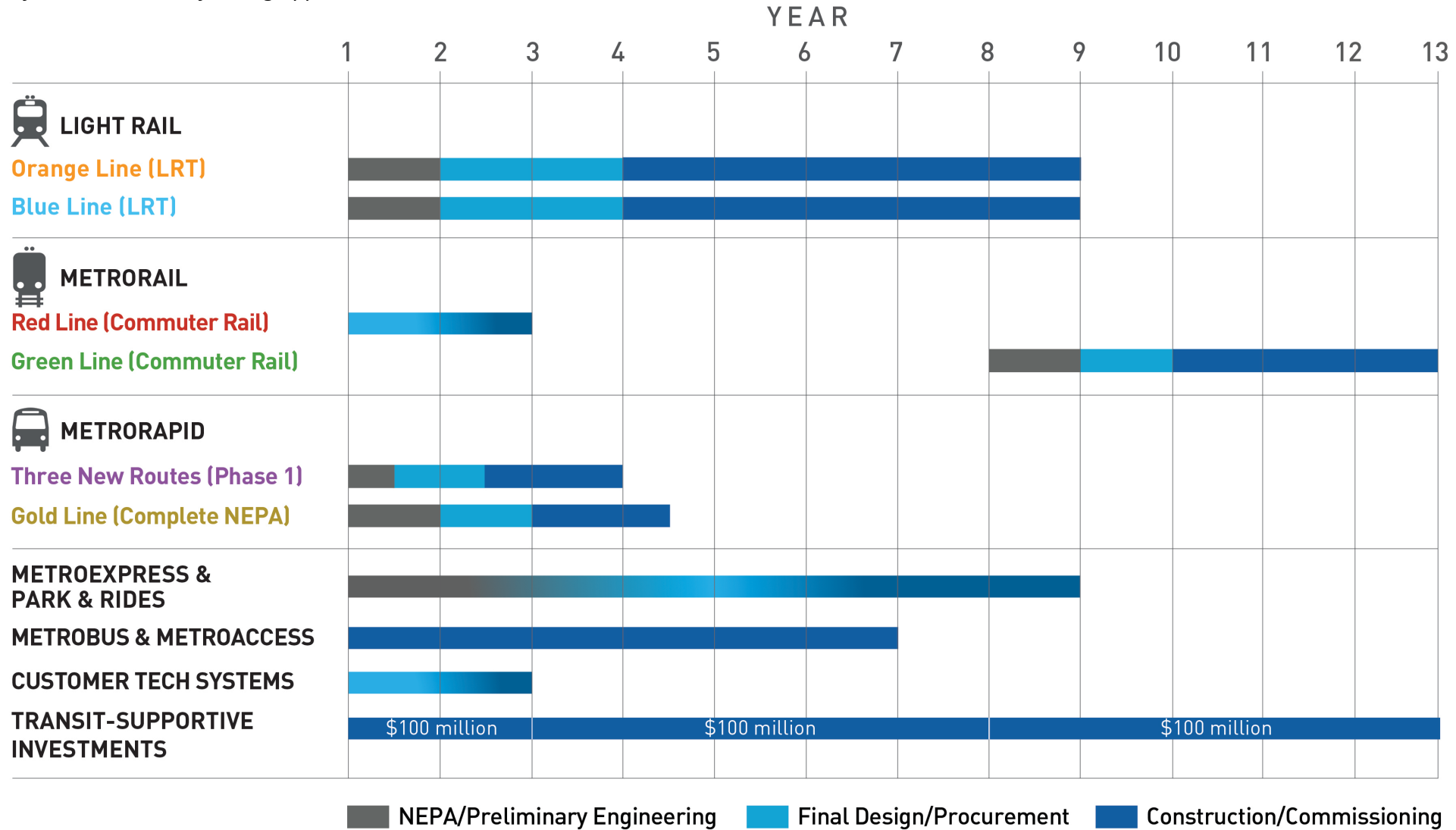


AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP



Initial Investment Sequence

Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals



Community Engagement

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Examines potential environmental impacts of the program, including physical, human and cultural impacts, with particular focus on low-income individuals and communities of color

- **NEPA Scoping meetings for Orange and Blue Lines**
 - Virtual Community Meetings - January 25-29 (Spanish and English)
 - Month-Long Self-Guided Virtual Open House - January 25-March 12
- **MetroRapid Meetings and Station Amenities Survey**
 - Virtual Community Meetings – February 2-4 (Spanish and English)
 - Month-Long Self-Guided Virtual Open House – February 2-March 19
 - Ongoing outreach to neighborhood groups

