

PROJECT CONNECT: Program Updates

Urban Transportation Commission

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Recent Project Connect Program Updates:

- **\$2.88 million** Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant for 40-foot electric buses, charging equipment, workforce training, and technical assistance.
- Capital Metro and Austin F.C. approval of a funding partnership agreement for a new **McKalla Station** at Q2 Stadium.
- Launch of Capital Metro's 9th Pickup zone (**North Dessau**) in June. **South Menchaca** zone launches July 27, and **North Oak Hill** in the fall.
- Completion of **15-percent design** drawings for Orange and Blue Line; letters to FTA requesting entry into the **New Starts** capital grant program submitted.
- \$36 million in FTA Small Starts grant funding included in the President's FY2022 budget for MetroRapid **Pleasant Valley** and **Expo** Lines

PROJECT CONNECT PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

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Orange Line – NLTC to Stassney Phase 1 (LRT), Enhanced MetroRapid

Blue Line – Riverside Corridor (LRT)

Gold Line – MetroRapid, NEPA completion for LRT

Downtown Tunnel (Orange, Blue Lines)

MetroRapid – Expo, Pleasant Valley, Burnet to Menchaca/Oak Hill

Green Line to Colony Park – NEPA, Final Design, Construction

Red Line Improvements

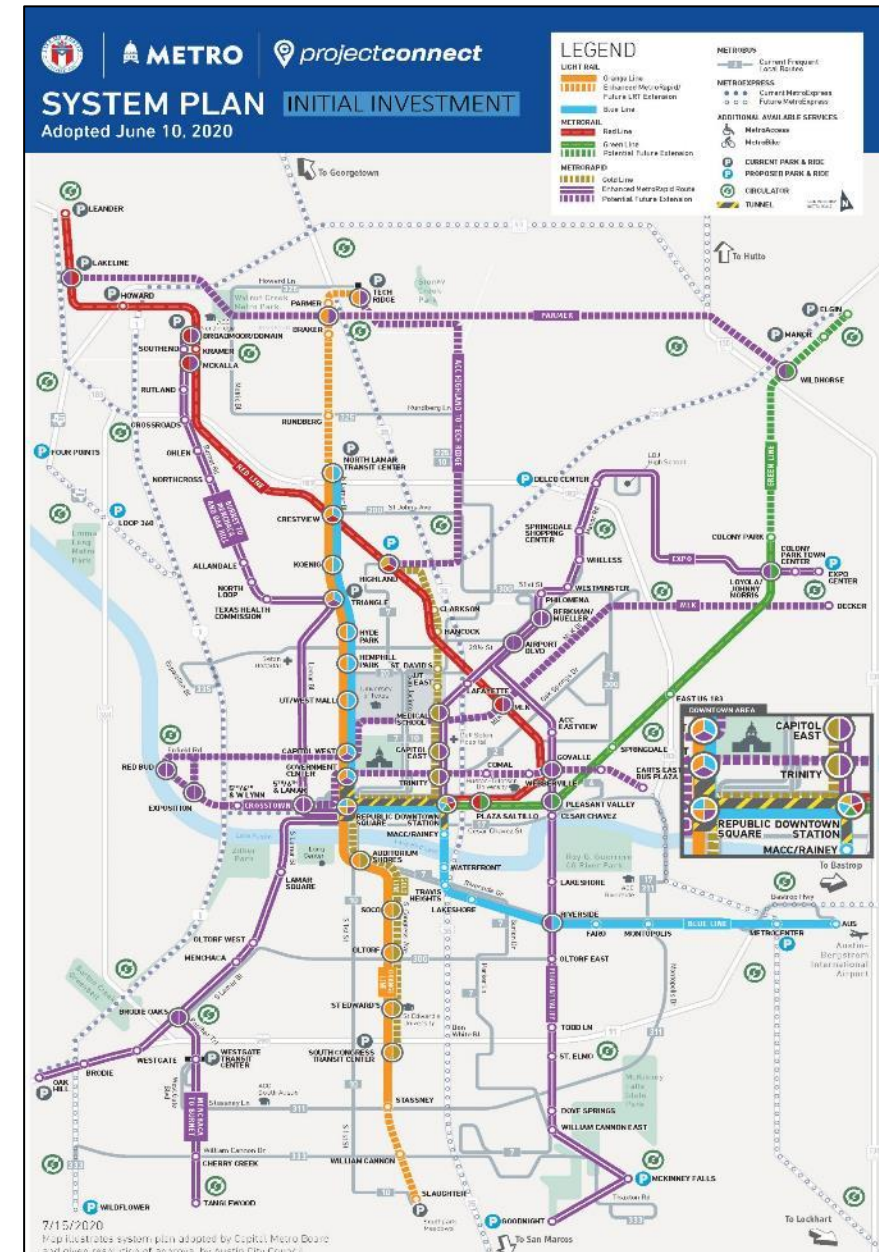
MetroExpress, Park & Rides, Transit Centers (3 New Routes, 9 P&R, 1 TC)

Neighborhood Circulators (15 New Zones / Vehicles)

Maintenance Facility Improvements

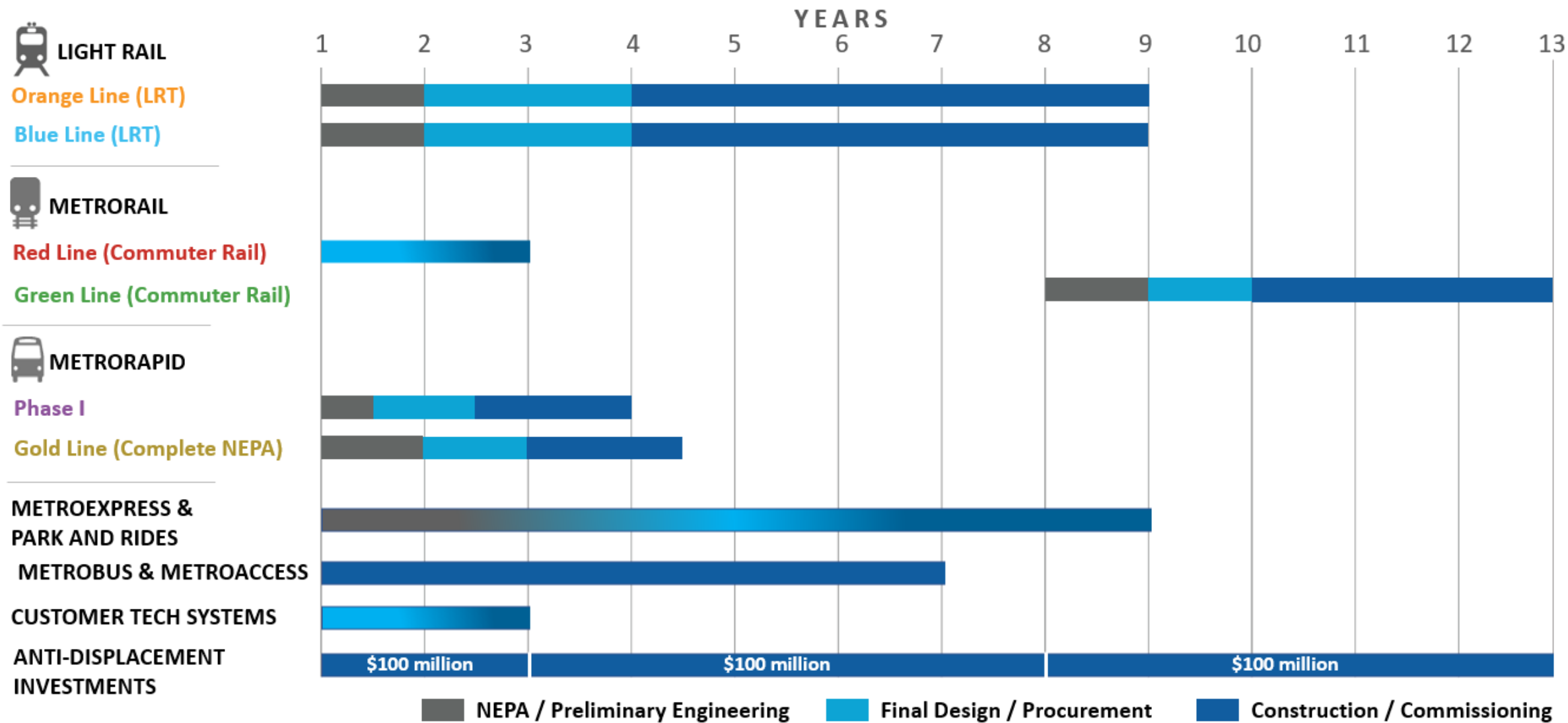
Customer Technology Systems

Anti-Displacement Investments (\$300 million)

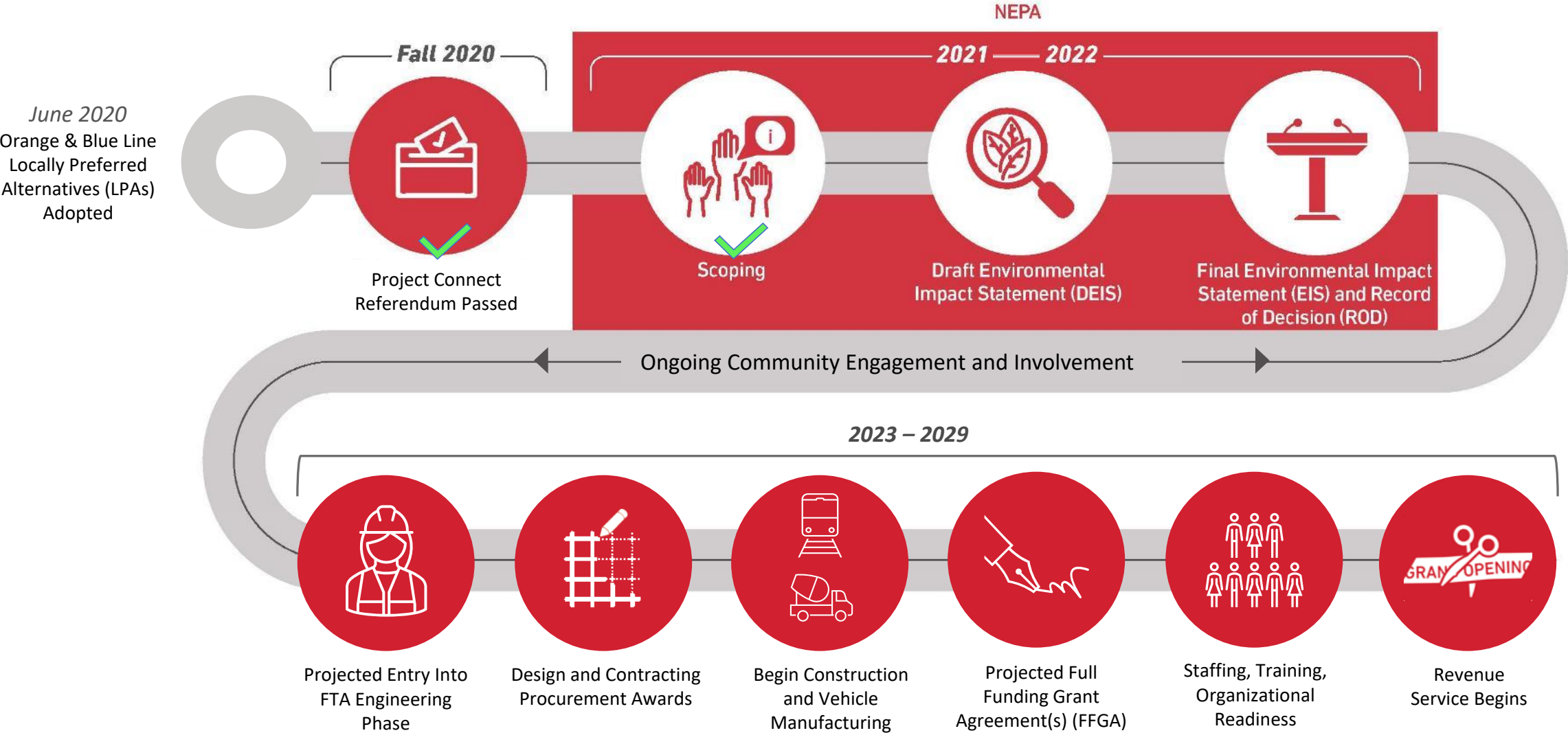


PROGRAM SEQUENCE PLAN

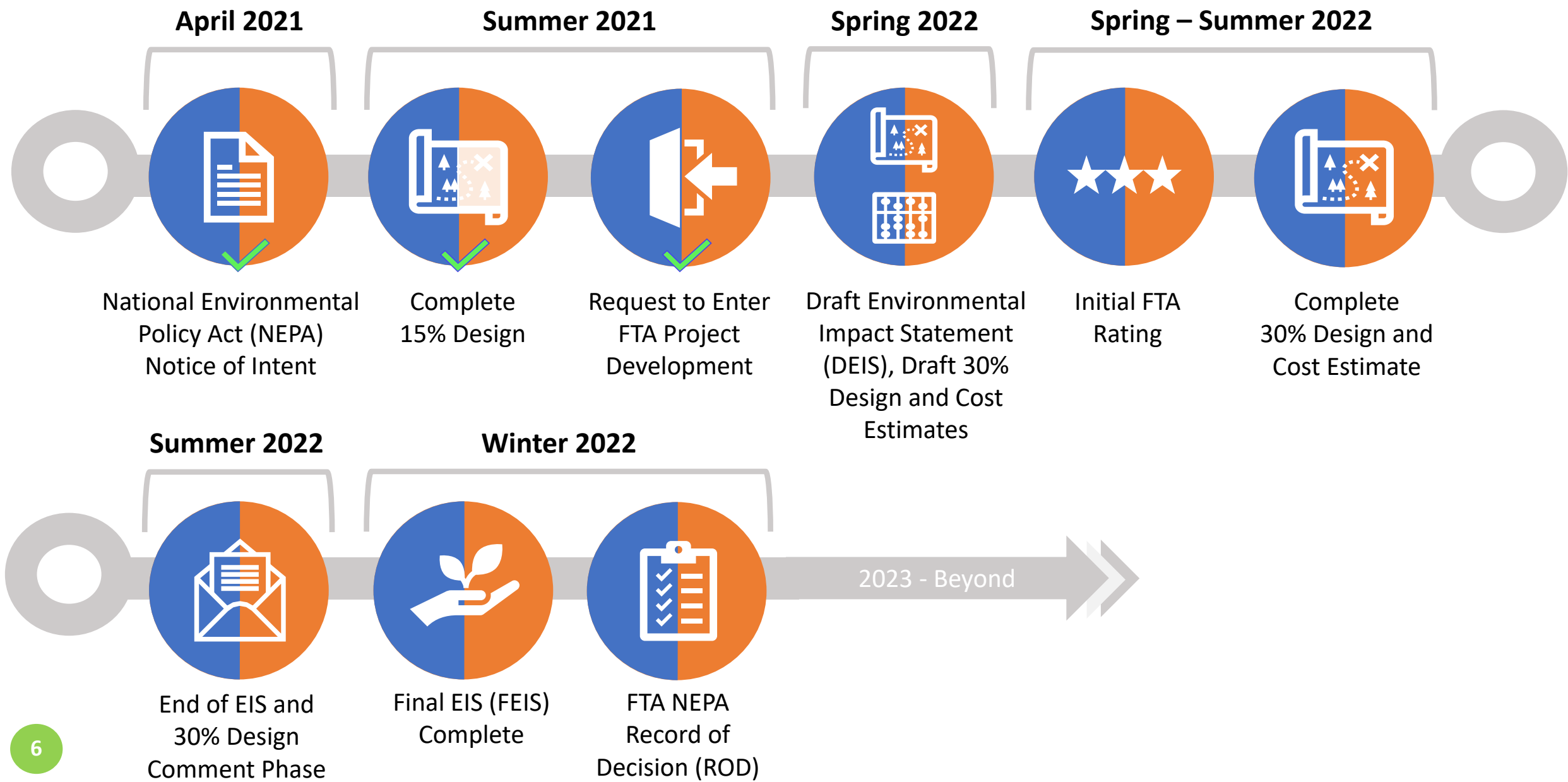
Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals



Orange & Blue Line Projects – Implementation Timeline



Orange & Blue Line Key Milestones (2021 – 2022)



Project Connect MetroRapid Milestones – Expo & Pleasant Valley

April 2021



Complete 30%
Design and
Cost Estimates

Spring – Summer 2021



FTA Categorical
Exclusion (CE)
Approval



Design and
Contracting
Procurement
and Awards



Vehicle
Procurement

Winter 2021 – Spring 2022



Begin
Construction



Small Starts
Grant
Agreement

2023



Vehicle Delivery
Begins



Staffing, Training,
Organizational Readiness



Begin Revenue
Service

JOINT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

Next Steps for Project Connect

Austin Transit Partnership – Joint Venture



Austin Transit Partnership – Integrated Program Delivery



Orange Line
Blue Line
Tunnel
Green Line - Phase 1
Facilities



MetroRapid
MetroExpress
Neighborhood
Circulators (Pickup)
Customer Tech
Red Line - Phase 1



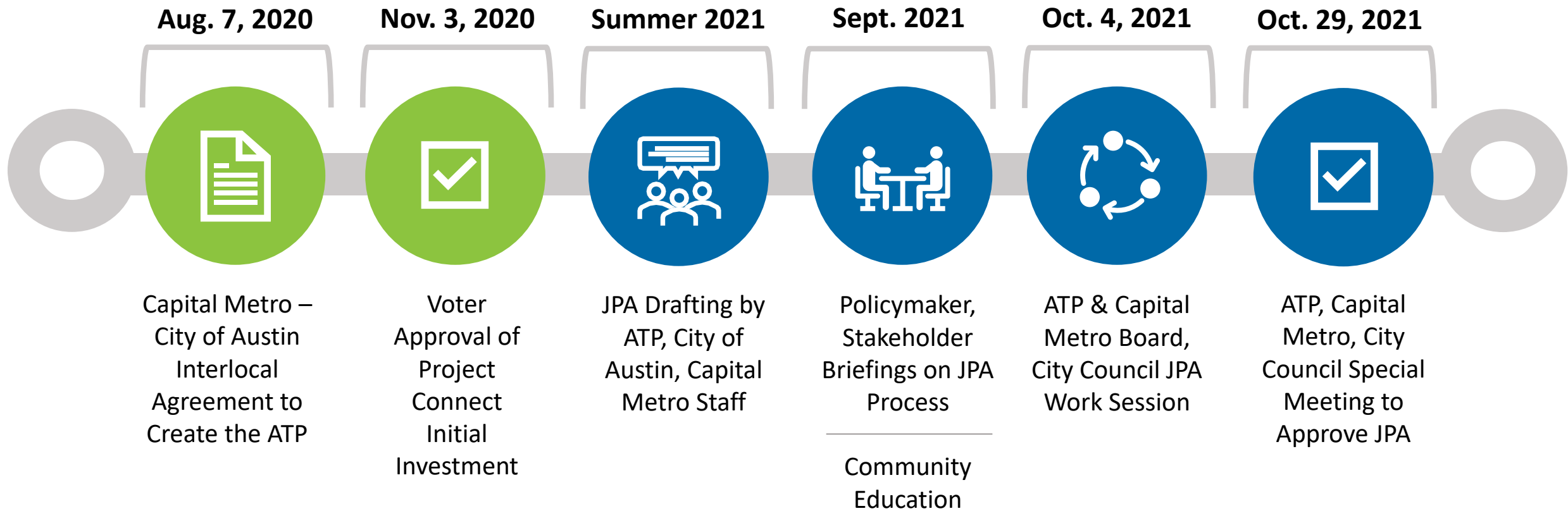
Transit Supportive
Anti-Displacement
Investments
Utilities Relocations
Permitting
Right of Way, etc.

Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) – Triparty Topics

ATP, Capital Metro and the City of Austin will approve a JPA to delineate technical roles, responsibilities and processes for Project Connect implementation

JPA TOPICS	JPA SECTION HIGHLIGHTS
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Good Neighbor business and community assistance program, guidance on public engagement
DESIGN, PERMITTING, UTILITIES & CONSTRUCTION	Design review and permitting, Right of Way (ROW) management, utilities design and relocation
WORKFORCE	Local hire and apprenticeship programs, worker safety and support program
FINANCE, BUDGET & PROCUREMENT	Financial model overview, system sequence plan update process, internal audit, ATP Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program
REAL ESTATE	Process to acquire or sell property, property acquisition processes, development proposals
SUSTAINABILITY	Process to develop sustainability criteria and environmental programs
SAFETY	Process for system safety program oversight certification, testing and training
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	Capital Metro Operations & Maintenance processes, traffic signal coordination, public safety

Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) – Next Steps



Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Blue and Orange Lines 15% Design Community Meetings

- **Virtual Community meetings July 27 – August 5**
 - Two Blue Line virtual meetings with working group breakout discussions
 - Four Orange Line virtual meetings with working group breakout discussions
- **Online Self-Guided meeting on ProjectConnect.com July 27 – August 27**
- **In-person Open House Meeting July 31 at Central Library from 10 am – 2 pm**

Upcoming Fall Engagement

- **MetroRapid**
 - Community meetings for MetroRapid Gold Line and Domain/South Lamar routes – and MetroRapid station design
- **Pickup**
 - Neighborhood outreach for new South Austin service zone
- **MetroRail**
 - Neighborhood outreach on new MetroRail stations



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