



Project Connect

City Council, Capital Metro Board, ATP Board
Joint Meeting
October 29, 2021





Discussion & Action on posted items



October 29 Action Item Summary

Discussion and Action Part 1

City of Austin Action (*City Items 3 and 4*)

- Resolution directing staff regarding permitting and regulations
- Predictability ordinance

ATP Board Action (*ATP Action Item 1*)

- Resolution supporting COA staff direction & Predictability Ordinance

Capital Metro Board Action (*CapMetro Action Item 1*)

- Resolution supporting COA staff direction & Predictability Ordinance

Discussion and Action Part 2

Tri-Party Action (*CapMetro Action Item 2, City Items 2 and 5, ATP Action Item 2*)

- Joint Powers Agreement



Concurrent Items – City Item 3

COA Resolution directs the City Manager to:

- Review the City Code, criteria and permitting procedures to identify impediments to Project Connect
- Develop new regulations and present recommendations to City Council no later than April 2022

Summary of Changes since Oct. 4:

- Added language to expand staff review to consider "implementation and operation" of Project Connect
- Added language recognizing the policy framework established by the Contract with the Voters, Joint Powers Agreement, environmental protections, and other applicable City plans and policies in the development and interpretation of code requirements
- Removed forgoing review by planning commission
- Added language directing staff to follow appropriate procedures to issue any necessary rules related to Code amendments



Concurrent Items – City Item 4

COA Predictability Ordinance

- Provides predictability while staff review is occurring
- Sets Oct. 29, 2021 as the permit application date for all permits and approvals submitted prior to Dec. 31, 2022 required for implementation of Orange and Blue Lines of the Project Connect System Plan
- With approval from the City Manager, allows for the use of updated rules, regulations and ordinances

Summary of Changes since Oct. 4:

- Added language requiring city manager to maintain a record of requests and responses regarding applications to use updated code (Part 2)
- Clarified that all current criteria manuals will continue to apply to permit applications (Part 3)



Discussion & Action Items – Part 1

I. City of Austin

1. COA Agenda Item 3: Approve a resolution relating to the design, construction, and operation of Project Connect and applicable City Code requirements, regulations, and permitting procedures; and potential code amendments.
2. COA Agenda Item 4: Approve an ordinance relating to permits and approvals required to implement Project Connect that sets the permit application date, establishes exceptions, and creates a process to use subsequent changes in City Code, rules, and other regulations.

II. Austin Transit Partnership

1. ATP Action Item 1: Approval of a resolution directing the President & CEO to continue coordination with the City of Austin on opportunities for regulations and procedures that ensure the on time delivery of the Project Connect program.

III. CapMetro

1. CapMetro Action Item 1: Approval of a resolution directing the Executive Director to continue coordination with the City of Austin on opportunities for regulations and procedures that ensure the on time delivery of the Project Connect program.



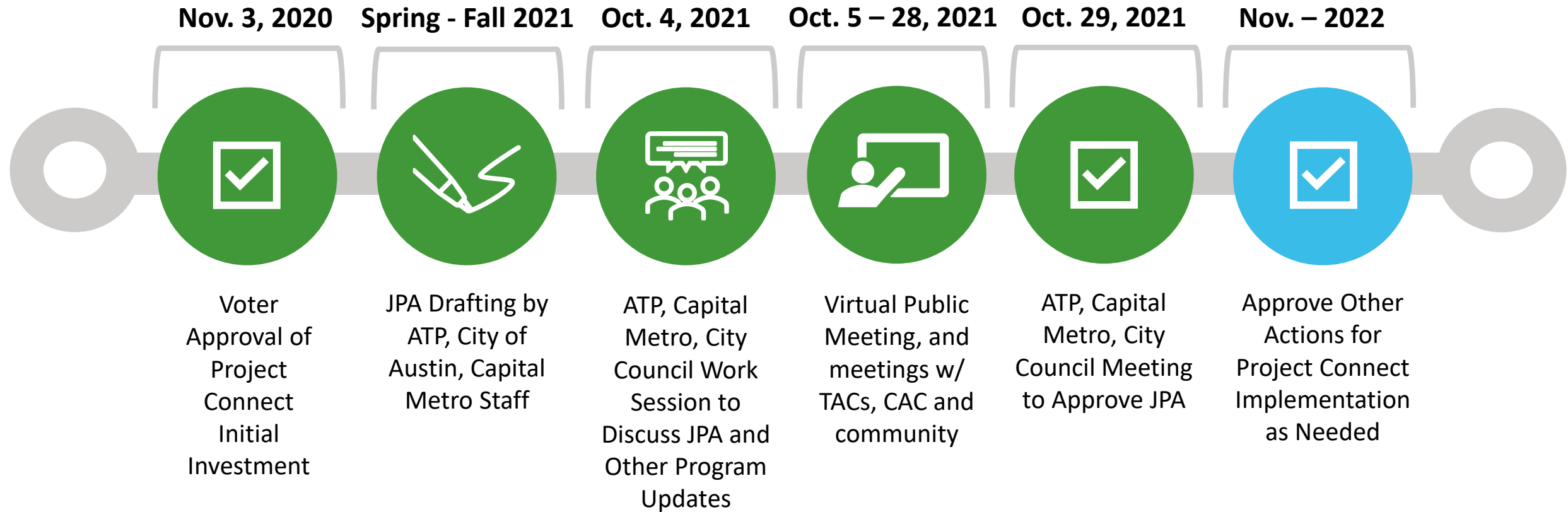
Documents with JPA Direction

As a commitment to the community and the partners, certain documents required elements or terms to be included in a Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and Austin Transit Partnership:

- City of Austin Contract with Voters (Aug. 2020)
- Capital Metro Community Commitment Resolution (Aug. 2020)
- Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Capital Metro regarding ATP (Aug. 2020) and Creation of ATP Resolutions (Dec. 2020)



JPA Timeline



JPA Actions to Date

Date	Purpose	Parties
August 2020	Interlocal agreement committing to the creation of the ATP local government corporation.	Capital Metro & City of Austin
December 2020	Joint resolutions creating the ATP, approving and adopting the corporations Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and appointing the initial Board (Articles of Incorporation were subsequently filed with the Attorney General's Office and Bylaws adopted by the ATP Board).	Capital Metro & City of Austin
December 2020	Amendment to the August 2020 Interlocal agreement related to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.	Capital Metro & City of Austin
January 2021	Interlocal agreement for Capital Metro to provide certain administrative and corporate support functions to ATP, and for Capital Metro to implement certain projects that are part of the Project Connect program.	Capital Metro & ATP
March 2021	Interlocal agreement to transfer funding from ATP to the City of Austin for the City of Austin's support in the implementation of the Project Connect transit program.	ATP & City of Austin
March 2021	Interlocal agreement to transfer funding from ATP to the City of Austin for transit-supportive anti-displacement programs, as required by the Contract with Voters.	ATP & City of Austin
July 2021	Interlocal agreement establishing procedures to transfer Proposition A revenue from the City to ATP to implement Project Connect, as required by the Contract with Voters	City of Austin & ATP



Joint Powers Agreement Highlights

- Commitments of the Parties (3)
 - Commitments regarding delivery of Project Connect in line with governing docs.
 - Joint Commitments to Community Engagement and Inclusion (3.2)
- Roles and Responsibilities of the ATP (4)
 - Commitments of ATP and Workforce and Equity Policies (4.3)
 - Financial Modeling and Planning (4.4)
- Roles and Responsibilities of the City and Capital Metro (5)
 - Joint responsibilities of the Council and CapMetro Board (5.1)
 - City Commitments related to project delivery and City processes (5.2)
 - Capital Metro Responsibilities related to project delivery, FTA processes and operations



Activities since October 4

- Oct. 5 – Virtual Public Meeting: Project Connect Program Update/Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Briefing
- Oct. 6 – Engineering, Architecture and Construction Committee (EAC)
- Oct. 6 – Capital Metro Access Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Oct. 7 – Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Oct. 7 – Planning, Sustainability, Equity & DBE Advisory Committee (PSEC)
- Oct. 13 – Capital Metro Customer Satisfaction Advisory Committee (CSAC)
- Oct. 14 – Project Connect Ambassador Network (PCAN)
- Oct. 19 – Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Oct. 20 – ATP Board w/ action on Workforce & Equity policies
- Oct. 27 – Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Board and Council 1:1s as requested



Key Themes of What We Heard

- Functions and engagement of the Community Advisory Committee
- Establishing a process for the succeeding ATP Executive Director
- Adding transparency around the public process, providing opportunities for community to engage in a meaningful way, including on supplemental agreements
- Highlighting commitment to equity, joint equity analysis tool for entire Project Connect program
- Workforce and procurement policies



Summary of Staff Proposed Redline Changes

See JPA V3 Redline

- Added additional details around the Parties' commitments to and prioritization of equity, including the creation of transit equity goals and metrics (*Sections 3, 4.3, 5.2.1*)
- Added additional details regarding the role of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (*Section 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.2.7*)
- Added flexibility for the Parties to be able to call additional joint meetings and added requirements for the joint annual meeting (*Section 4.2.3*)
- Related to worker safety, added specific language regarding the development of a construction careers (apprenticeship) program, a commitment to providing the higher of living or prevailing wage for workers, and specific requirements related to on-site monitoring (*Section 4.3*)
- Added language regarding the annual review of cashflows to identify opportunities to accelerate transit-supportive anti-displacement dollars while maintaining the transit projects' required cashflow and schedules (*Section 4.4.1*)
- Added language regarding the commitment of ATP to provide funding for the City's Project Connect Office, in accordance with an ILA (*Section 4.4.6*).
- General clean-up of typos and grammatical errors throughout



Discussion & Action – Part 2

I. CapMetro

1. CapMetro Discussion Item 2: Staff briefing and discussion on public feedback received on the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership and on other action items for consideration.
2. CapMetro Action Item 2: Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO to finalize and execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.

II. City of Austin

1. COA Agenda Item 2: Staff briefing and discussion on public feedback received on the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership and on other action items for consideration.
2. COA Agenda Item 5: Authorize negotiation and execution of the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.

III. Austin Transit Partnership

1. ATP Discussion Item 2: Staff briefing and discussion on public feedback received on the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership and on other action items for consideration.
2. ATP Action Item 2: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to finalize and execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.



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