Annual Joint Partnership Meeting

November 30, 2022

Updated Light Rail Implementation Plan: *Recap*

- July & August 2022:
  - Addressed rising light rail costs
  - Briefings to ATP Board, COA Mobility Committee, and Capital Metro Joint Committee

- September through present:
  - Developed and advancing a new workplan to determine phasing options for the light rail project

Need to align program scope and sequencing to available funding

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Workplan

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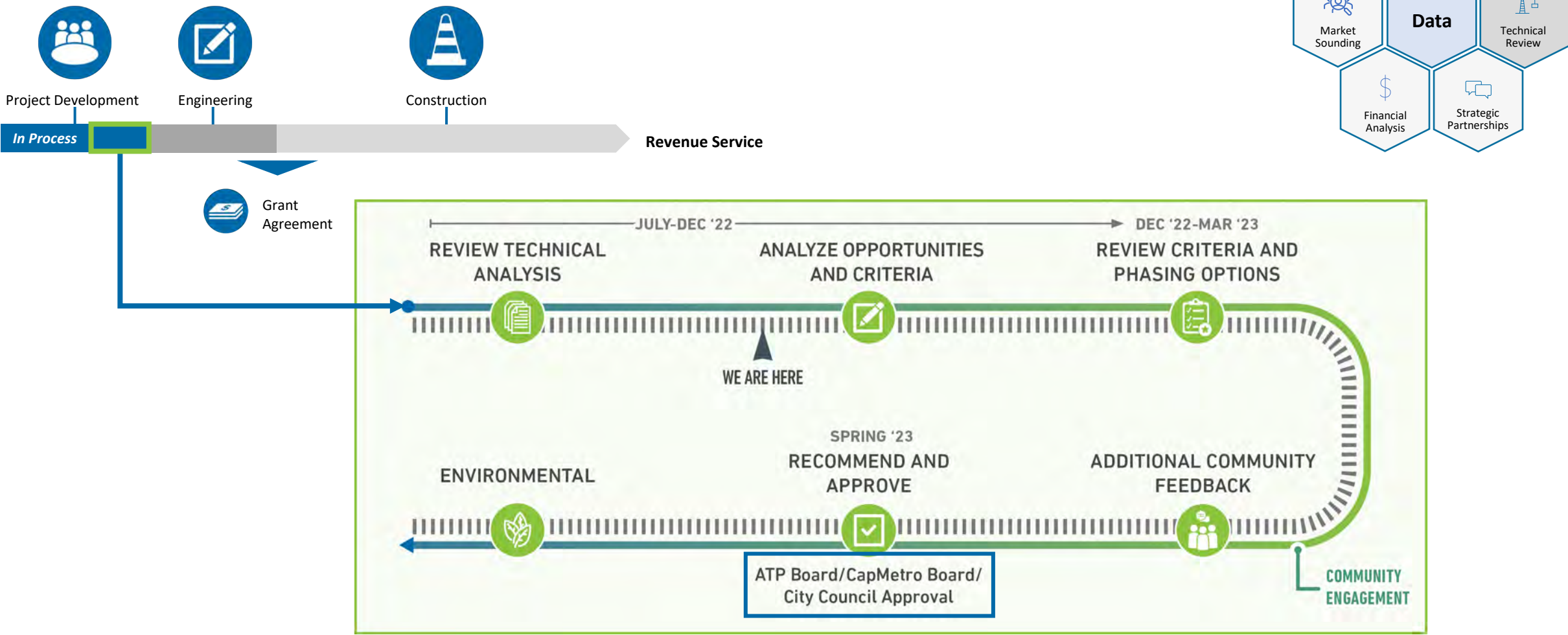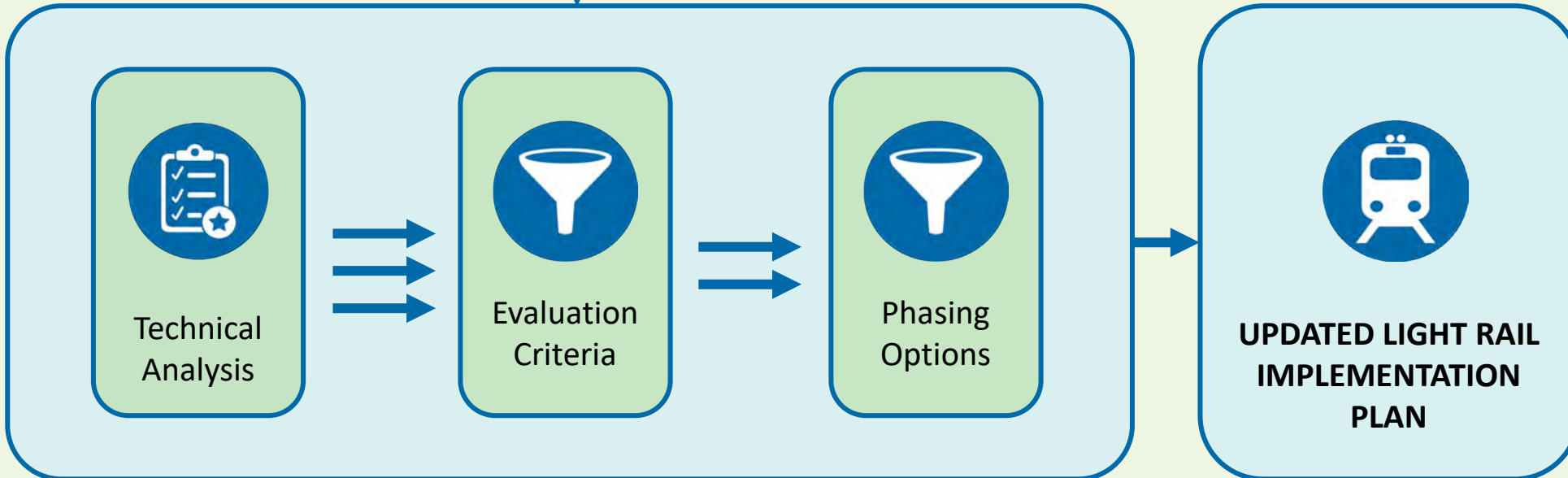
Objective:

- Develop technical solutions that are aligned with our funding capacity and reflect our community values and aspirations

- **Spring 2023:** Determination of Light Rail scope and phasing

Federal Grant Process & Workplan

Project Development

Engineering

Construction

In Process

Revenue Service

Grant Agreement

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JULY-DEC '22

REVIEW TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

ANALYZE OPPORTUNITIES AND CRITERIA

WE ARE HERE

DEC '22-MAR '23

REVIEW CRITERIA AND PHASING OPTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL

SPRING '23

RECOMMEND AND APPROVE

ATP Board/CapMetro Board/ City Council Approval

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Evaluation Process

Applying Equity & Sustainability

How will Project Connect:

Impact core riders and transit-dependent riders (*e.g., access, reliable service*)

Preserve or enhance community character and community values (*e.g., placemaking*)

Bring co-benefits to transit riders (*e.g., shade, health equity*)

Technical Analysis: *Critical Inputs*

Technical Analysis: System Optimization Opportunities

- Analyzing end points for community and multi-modal connectivity

- Identified additional Maintenance Facility sites

- Balancing vehicle length and systems technology with requirements and budget

- Analyzing simplified underground, at-grade and elevated vertical alignments

End Points

Maintenance Facility
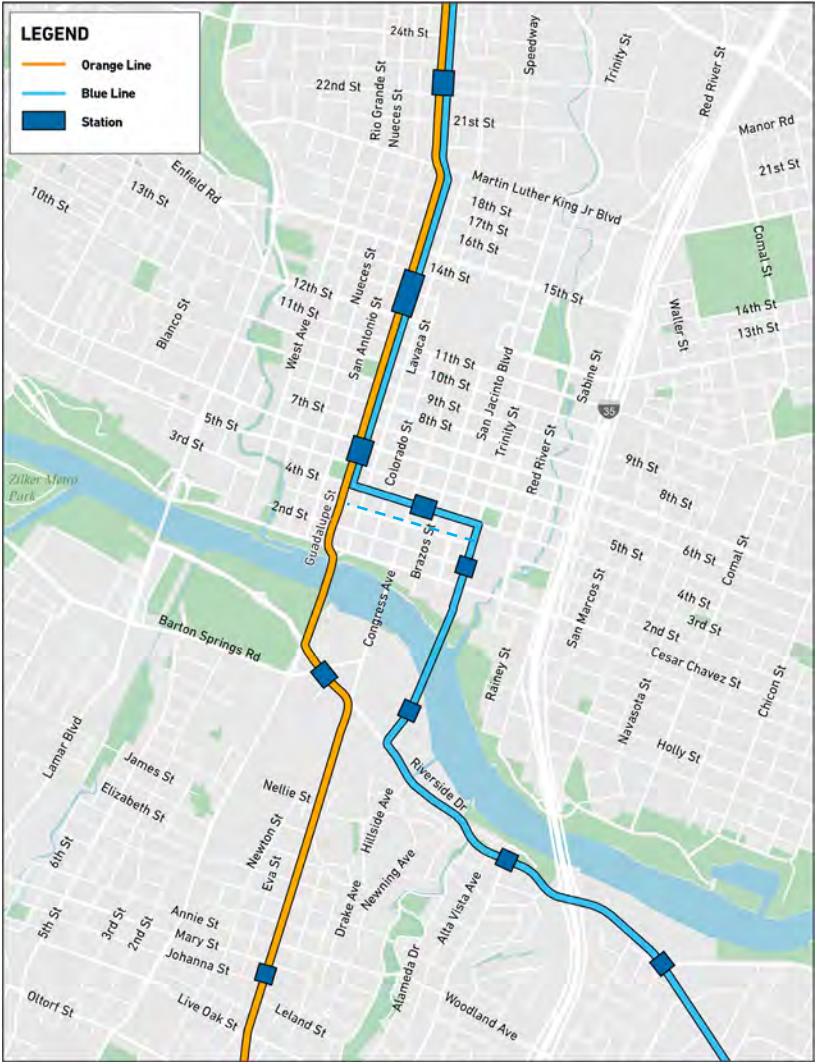
Systems & Vehicles

Vertical Alignment

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Planning: *Criteria for Decision-Making*

FTA Grant Competitiveness

Community Values Criteria

FTA Criteria

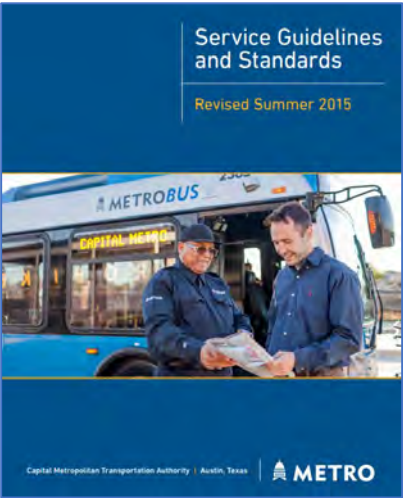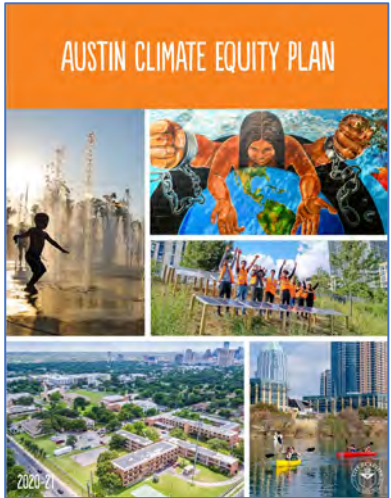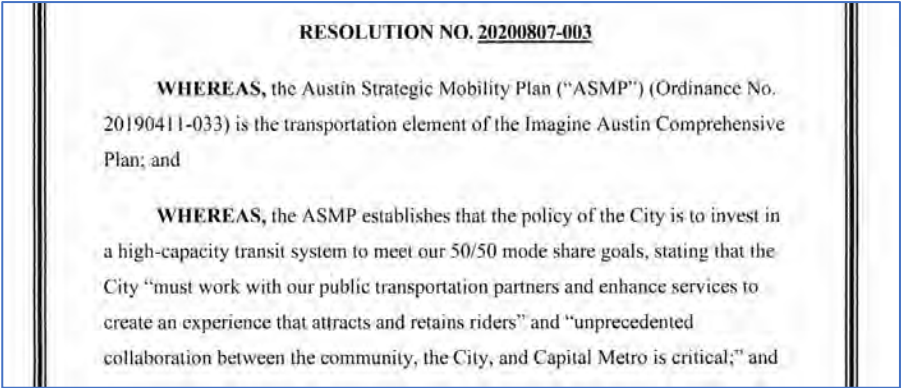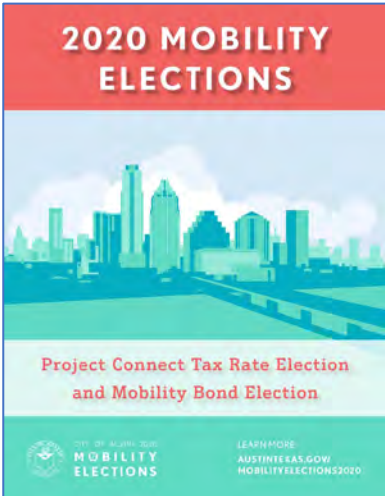**FTA Grant Competitiveness Evaluation:**

Mobility Improvements	**Cost-Effectiveness**	**Environmental Benefits**	
Congestion Relief	**Land Use**	**Economic Development**	**Financial Plan**

Community Values Criteria: *Project Roots*

RESOLUTION NO. 20200807-003

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan ("ASMP") (Ordinance No. 20190411-033) is the transportation element of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the ASMP establishes that the policy of the City is to invest in a high-capacity transit system to meet our 50/50 mode share goals, stating that the City "must work with our public transportation partners and enhance services to create an experience that attracts and retains riders" and "unprecedented collaboration between the community, the City, and Capital Metro is critical;" and
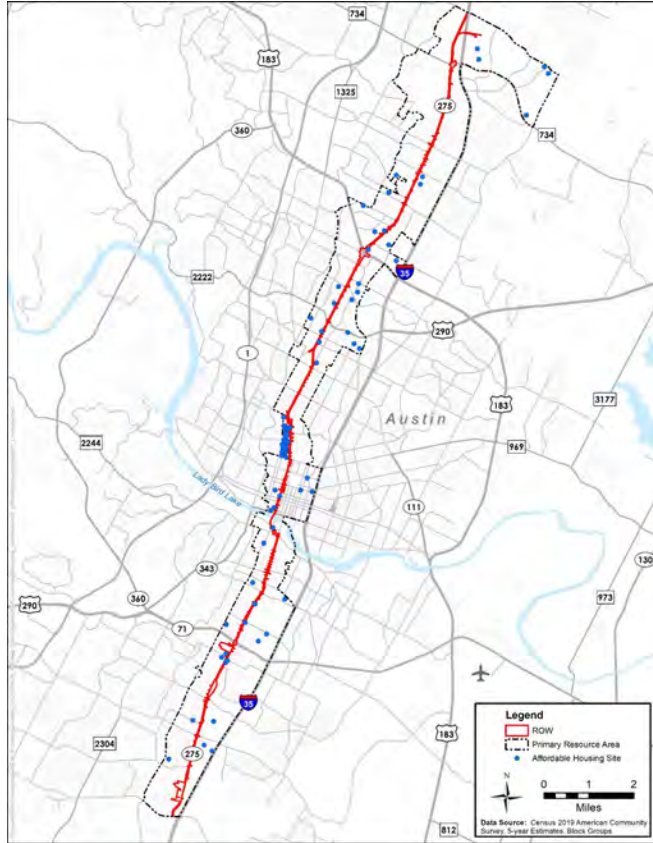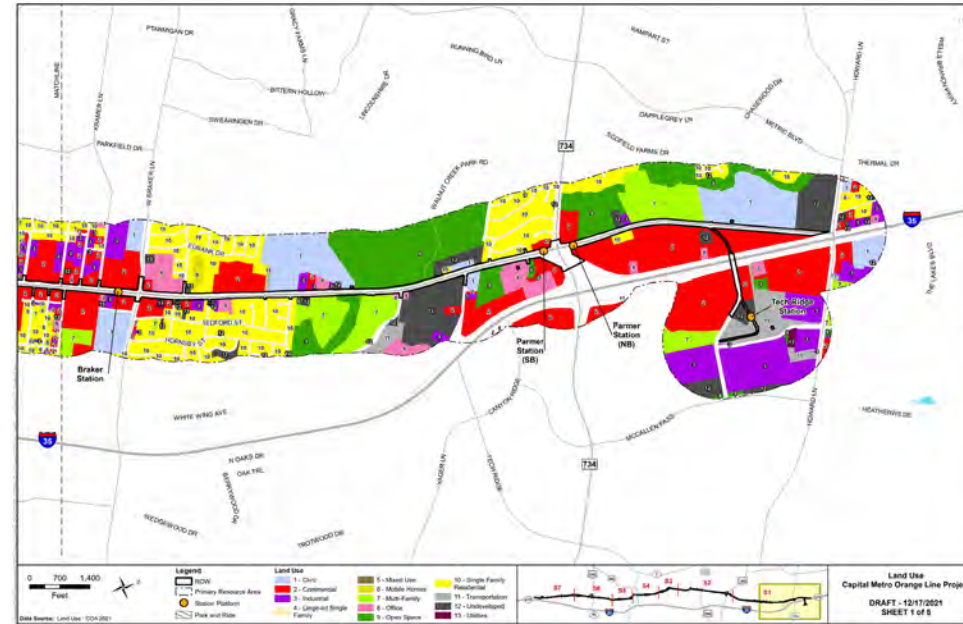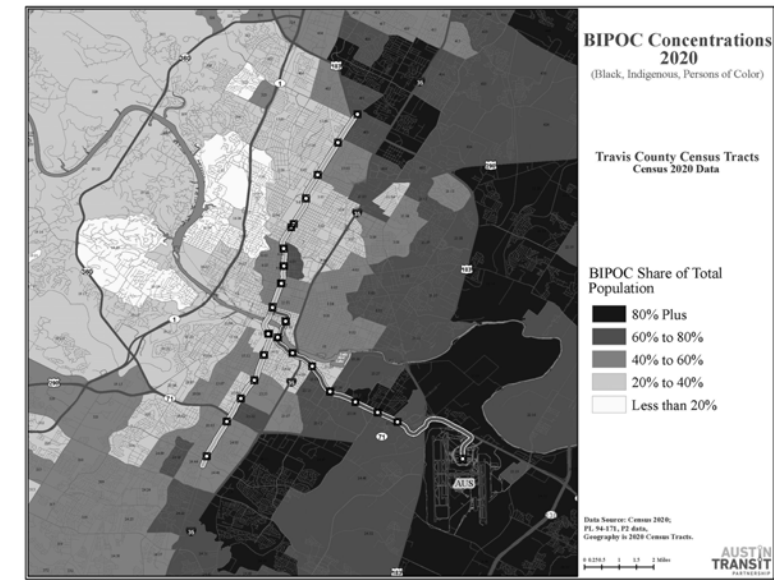
Community Values Criteria: *People & Places*

Affordable Housing

Transit Supportive Land Use

Demographics

Community Values Criteria

COMMUNITY

Mobility and Customer Experience

Access to Opportunities

Environmental Benefits

Land Use and Housing

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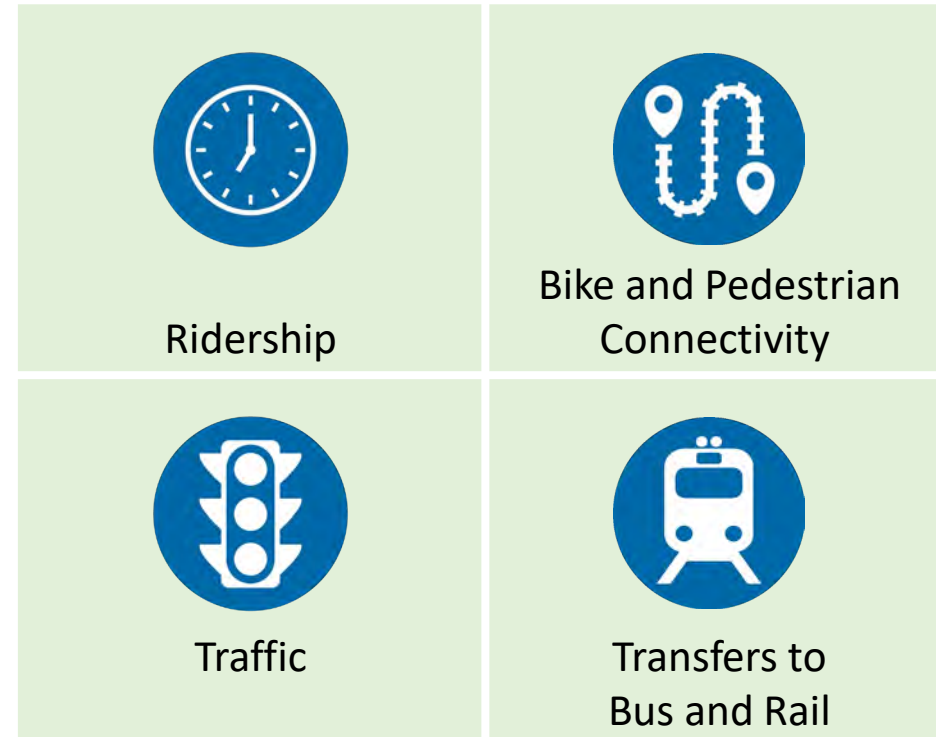
Process and Purpose:

- Validate and refine criteria through community engagement

- Identify key community priorities to inform decision-making about light rail scope and phasing

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Environmental Benefits

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- **Environmental Benefits**
- Land Use and Housing

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Evaluate:

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Impacts on Community Resources and Amenities*

Water Resources and Floodplain Impact
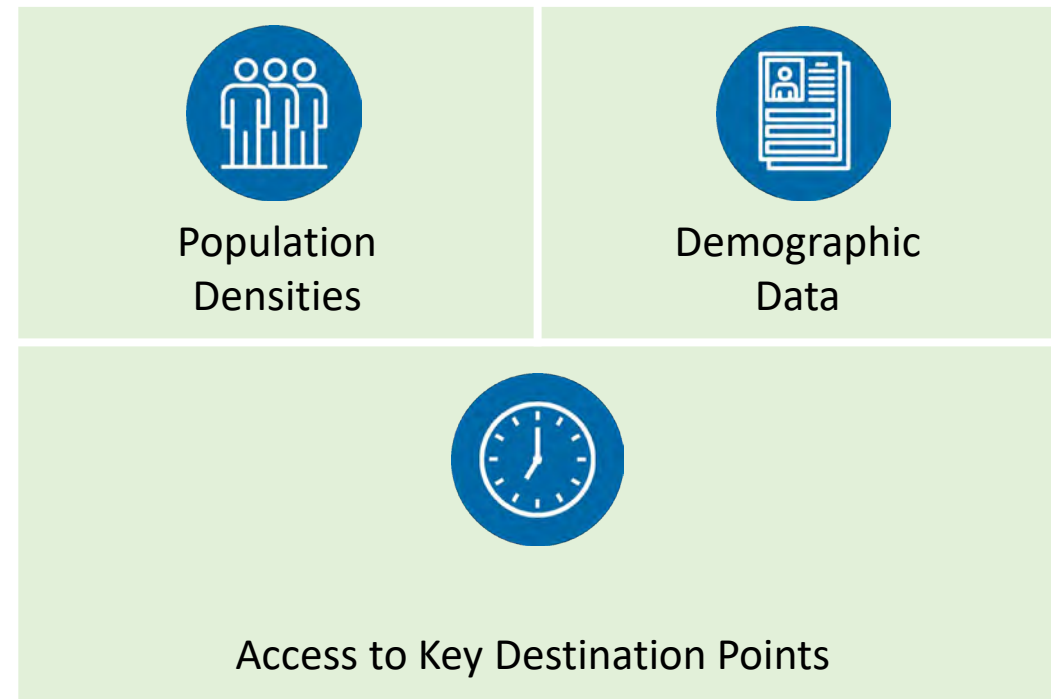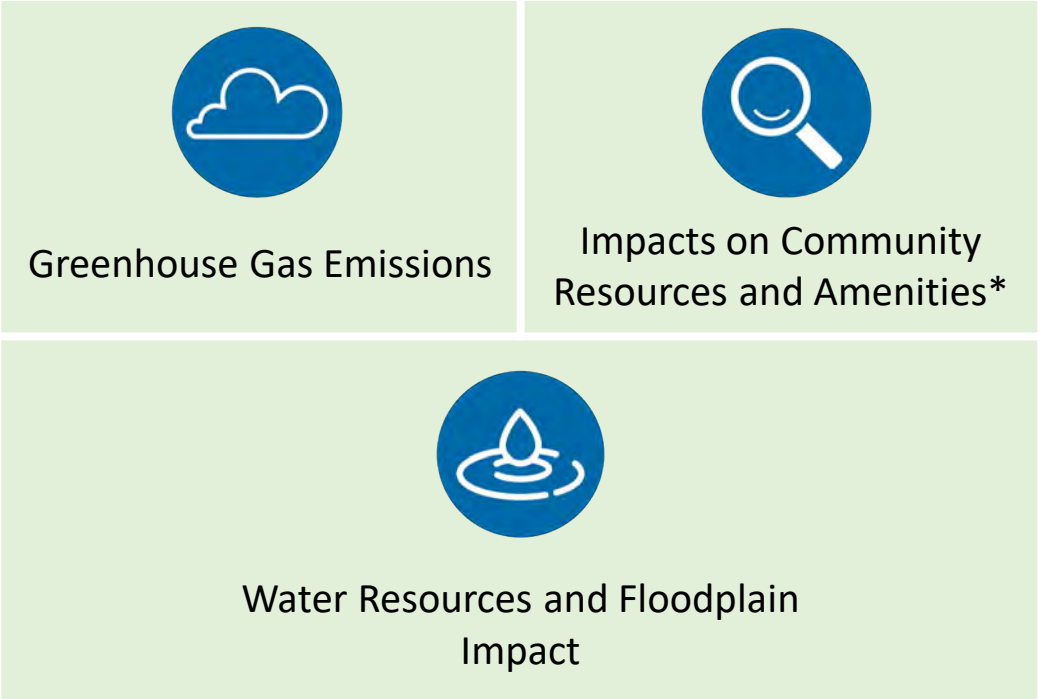
E.g., parkland, historic squares, public spaces, trees.

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Land Use and Housing

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Evaluate:

Affordability Benefits	Current Housing and Future Growth Opportunities
Support Anti-Displacement and ETOD Initiatives	

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Criteria Development: *Community Engagement*

Objectives

- Connect with, and receive input from, priority communities
- Collect feedback to inform and prioritize evaluation criteria
- Build trust and demonstrate transparency

Tools

- Focus Groups for Priority Populations
- Roundtable Discussions
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Technical Advisory Committees (TACs)
- Project Connect Advisory Network (PCAN)
- Elected Leaders
- Business Community Outreach
- Pop-Ups and At-Stop Outreach
- Social Media and Earned Media

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Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Helping shape Community engagement & Design principles