



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Approve amendments to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) bylaws to allow a member of the CAC to continue to serve after the expiration of the member's term for up to six months if a replacement has not been appointed.

Lead Department

Project Connect Office, Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was jointly established by the Austin City Council (Resolution No. 20201218-004) and CapMetro Board of Directors (Resolution No. AI-2020-1402) in December 2020 to assist the Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) Board, City Council, and CapMetro Board in "engaging the community and advising on anti-displacement and equity matters related to Project Connect as well as to assist the community and the City Council in the creation and evaluation of neighborhood-level anti-displacement strategies and priorities, and the identification of key performance indicators related to equity and displacement and triggers thereof." The resolution creating the CAC is also reflected in the Joint Powers Agreement adopted by the three Project Connect partners, and in the CAC Bylaws, also adopted by all three parties.

The CAC is composed of at least 11 members; eight or more of the members are jointly appointed by the City Council and CapMetro Board following the application requirements as stated in the governing documents, and the other five are appointed from five existing CapMetro or City advisory groups. The current membership was appointed in February 2021 for a two-year term that began July 1, 2021. There is one vacancy on the CAC as of May 4, 2023. The governing documents do not provide guidance on reappointing existing members, nor do they provide for members to "holdover" beyond the end of their term if new members have not yet been appointed.

For the last several months, partnership staff and the CAC have been focused on supporting the ongoing work of the program, including, in particular, Austin Light Rail, CapMetro Rapid, and anti-displacement initiatives. On June 30, 2023, the terms of the existing CAC members expire, and it will take a few months to recruit and replace or reappoint members with the existing process. The Project Connect partnership staff therefore recommend amending the CAC Bylaws to add a provision that allows members to remain in place until new members are appointed for a period not to exceed six months.