



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Approve amendments to the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee's bylaws related to membership composition, terms of membership, appointment process, staff liaison roles, and meetings, and authorize negotiation and execution of related amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement between the City, the Austin Transit Partnership, and CapMetro.

### **Lead Department**

Project Connect Office, Capital Delivery Services.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

June 6, 2023 - City Council, the Cap Metro Board, and the Austin Transit Partnership Board approved amendments to the Project Connect CAC bylaws to allow a member of the CAC to serve after the expiration of the member's term for up to six months if a replacement has not been appointed.

March 24, 2022 - City Council approved the Project Connect CAC bylaws.

December 18, 2020 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20201218-004 and Cap Metro Board approved Resolution No. AI-2020-1402 to jointly establish the CAC.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The 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 Cap Metro 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 reflected in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) adopted by the three Project Connect partners, and in the CAC bylaws, also adopted by all three parties.

On June 6, 2023, City Council, CapMetro Board, and ATP Board approved an amendment to the CAC bylaws to allow members to remain in place until new members are appointed for a period not to exceed six months. The six-month period ends at the end of 2023, as the current membership was appointed in February 2021 for a two-year term that began July 1, 2021. Since June, joint partnership staff have reviewed the CAC bylaws to identify opportunities to clarify the member appointment and reappointment process, filling of vacancies, membership composition, staff liaison support, and other elements regarding the operation of the CAC. The proposed bylaws amendments addressing those items were presented to the CAC at their Aug. 10 and Sept.

14 meetings for their feedback and approval.

The City, CapMetro, and ATP must all approve amendments to the CAC bylaws and authorize the related amendments to the JPA before the bylaws can be amended. The ATP Board and CapMetro Board will consider the amendments to the CAC bylaws and the JPA at their meetings on Sept. 20 and Sept. 25, respectively.

If approved, joint partnership staff will work to begin the process of appointments and reappointments in an effort to complete that process before current terms expire at the end of 2023.