

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM CHAIR

то:	City of Austin Mayor and Council Members
FROM:	Awais Azhar, Chair, Project Connect Community Advisory Committee
DATE:	September 19, 2023
SUBJECT:	Support for Project Connect Community Advisory Committee Bylaw Amendments

On September 14, 2023, the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) voted unanimously to approve changes to its bylaws to be forwarded to the Austin City Council (the City), Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) Board, and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro) Board for approval and making related amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement. As Chair of the CAC, I wanted to express my full support for these changes and share that they have been reviewed by the full committee.

The Governance Working Group of the CAC worked closely with staff from all three parties to shape these amendments in order to best support the work of the CAC and establish streamlined processes for its work. These changes relate to membership composition, terms of membership, the appointment process for members, staff liaison roles, and other critical changes. Together, these bylaw amendments will allow the CAC to better perform its duties and for CAC members to be appointed with relative ease.

I want to thank the City staff for working closely with the CAC throughout the amendment process and for addressing any concerns. I also want to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of the CAC and its efforts. If you have any questions, you can reach out to me at <u>bc-awais.azhar@austintexas.gov</u>.

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