



# **Project Connect: A Presentation to the City of Austin's Economic Prosperity Commission by Economic Development**

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# Agenda

- Overview of Project Connect
- Overview of organizations and departments involved
- Discussion of COA EDD work on Project Connect
- Connections to resources





A new transit plan for Austin, **Project Connect** is a community effort that expands transit options throughout the Austin area, with new light rail and more services across the city.

### Rail

- Light rail
- Red line
- Green line

### Bus

- MetroRapid
- MetroExpress

### Additional Projects

- Anti-Displacement Funding
- Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD)
- Pick Up
- Park and rides
- Technology upgrades



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- Day-to-day implementation, planning, financing, execution, and oversight of Austin Light Rail.
- Investing in Anti-Displacement initiatives.
- Community engagement.

- Developed the vision for Project Connect.
- Will take over operations and rider communications as new Pickup zones, rail lines, and MetroRapid Routes are fully designed and built.

- Approved Project Connect transit plan.
- Ordered an election which authorized and funded initial investment (\$7.1B).
- Works closely with ATP and CapMetro to ensure plans are built and implemented with transparency.
- Created an equity tool (ETOD toolkit) to direct the use of \$300M in Anti-Displacement funds.



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