



Project Connect. A Transit Plan Designed for Austin.

INITIAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW



Project Connect & How It All Came Together

A comprehensive transit plan that would include multiple services to run simultaneously – that would create more frequent transit options for customers across the region.

The result of:



The Public

The product of **60,000+** conversations with Austin residents – **17,000** from virtual engagement in May, June, and July 2020.



Community Leaders

Engaged with more than **150** community organizations and stakeholders.



Partnerships

Collaboration with dozens of local cities, counties, transportation agencies, and many others.



Stakeholders

Extensive outreach through neighborhood meetings, corridor working groups, and small-group presentations.



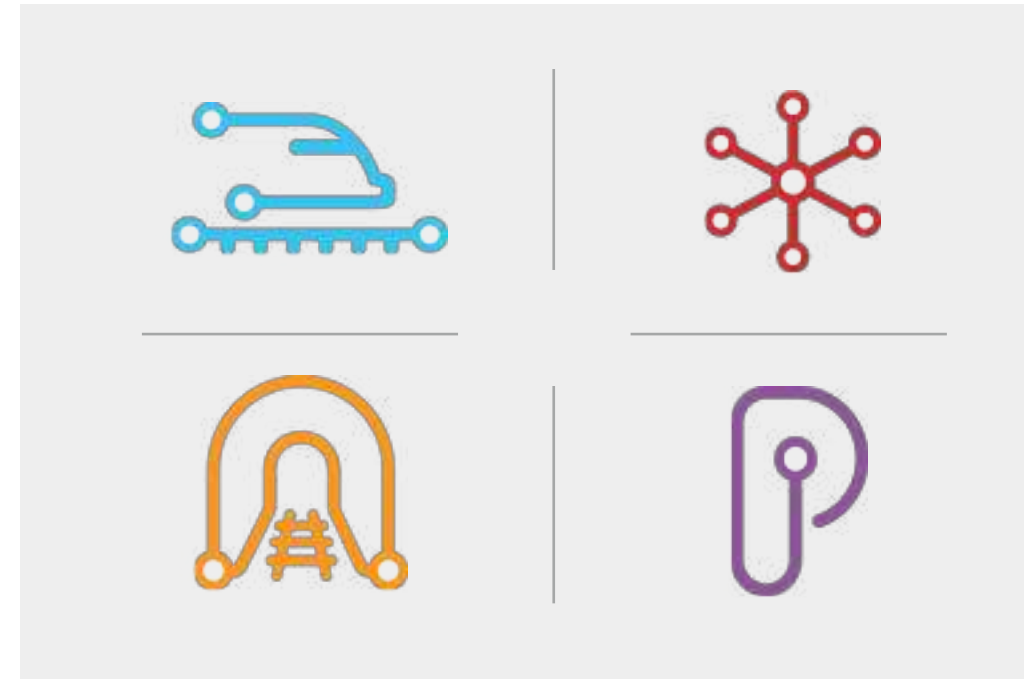
Project Connect: A Comprehensive Transit Plan

The **System Plan** includes all elements of the transportation expansion plan that were adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on June 10, 2020.

The **Initial Investment** was adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on August 7.

The **Initial Investment** includes the portions of the System Plan to be advanced for development through proposed local and federal funding.

A ballot measure for the Initial Investment will be on the November 2020 ballot.



Project Connect: Making Connections Video



Initial Investment Plan



New Rail System

Serving Austin's north, south and neighborhoods east of Austin with routes to the airport, downtown, Austin FC's Stadium, The Domain and Colony Park.

Additional **27** miles & **31** stations



Expanded Bus Service

4 new MetroRapid routes; high-frequency bus service with priority treatments.

42 miles, **65** stations

10 new stations, with planned conversion to Light Rail

3 new MetroExpress commuter routes



Downtown Transit Tunnel

Separate light rail from street traffic, enabling faster, safer and more reliable travel through downtown.



9 New Park & Rides and 1 New Transit Center

Residents of the greater Austin area and nearby cities could connect into the transit system.



All-Electric Bus Fleet



15 new neighborhood circulator zones with on-demand pick-up



MetroBike integration

All-electric bike fleet available for rent at transit hubs



MetroAccess

On-demand services and system-wide accessibility



Maintenance Facilities

Light Rail Transit

Conceptual Illustration



New Rail System

ORANGE LINE



Light rail is planned to connect north and south Austin.

Operating from North Lamar and U.S. 183 and extending to Stassney Lane.

Destinations include:

- North Lamar Transit Center
- Crestview
- UT
- Republic Square
- Auditorium Shores
- The SoCo District



New Rail System

BLUE LINE



Light rail is planned to offer service to the airport.

Operating from North Lamar and U.S. 183 to downtown and directly to the airport.

Destinations include:

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Lakeshore Drive
- Convention Center
- Rainey Street
- UT
- Crestview
- North Lamar Transit Center



New Rail System

GREEN LINE



New commuter rail service planned to connect downtown to East Austin's Colony Park.

Destinations include:

- East Austin
- Springdale
- U.S. 183 Park & Ride
- Colony Park



Rail System Expansion

RED LINE



Expanded commuter rail stations serving The Domain and Austin's FC Stadium.

Destinations include:

- Leander
- The Domain
- McKalla Place
- Crestview
- ACC Highland
- MLK
- Saltillo
- Downtown



MetroRapid Overview

4 new MetroRapid routes would provide frequent service with a limited number of stops.

New corridors would include:

- **Gold Line** from ACC Highland to South Congress and Ben White

Gold line would begin as a MetroRapid service from ACC Highland to Republic Square and is planned for conversion to Light Rail as a part of the full System Plan

- **Expo Center** | from east Austin to UT and downtown
- **Pleasant Valley** | from Mueller to the Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride
- **Burnet** | from The Domain to Manchaca & Oak Hill



Downtown Transit Tunnel: Republic Square Station

Conceptual Illustration



Downtown Transit Tunnel: Republic Square Station

Conceptual Illustration



Park & Ride Station

Conceptual Illustration



Regional Transportation Center

Conceptual Illustration



Initial Investment – Adopted July 27, 2020



Project Connect: Funding & Governance Video



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