

Project Connect MetroRapid Update

March 2023

Project Connect Program History

Project Connect Program

- \$7.1 B investment in Transit
- Includes a variety of services
 - Light Rail
 - MetroRapid
 - MetroRail
 - Pickup

MetroRapid Service

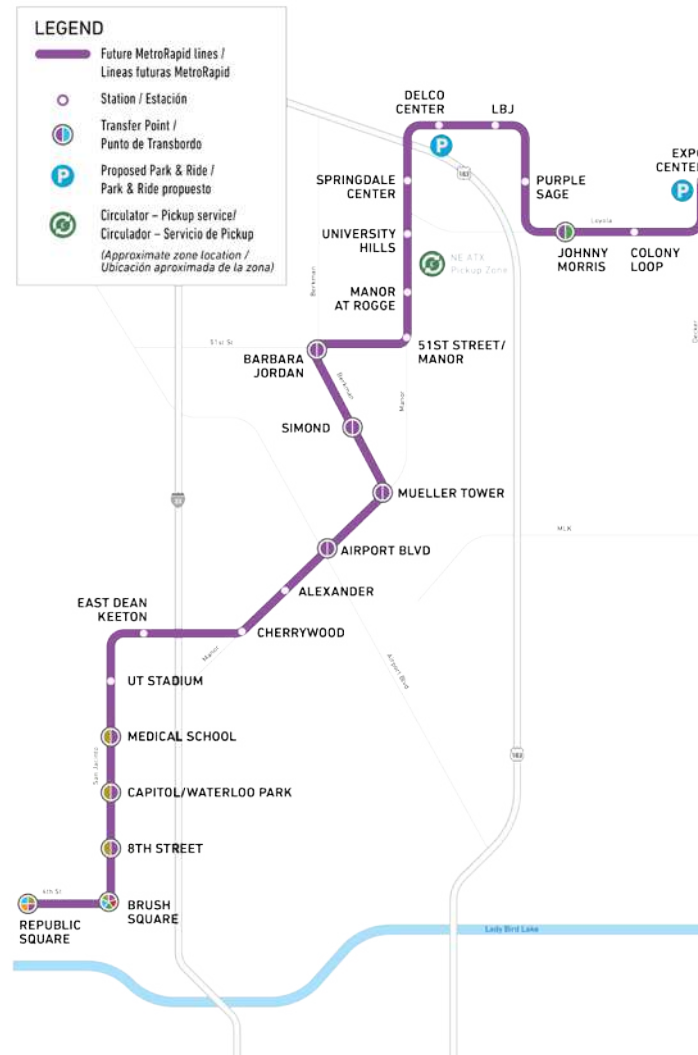
- 4 new lines
- 10 min peak frequency
- All-electric fleet
- Updated shelter design



Project Descriptions

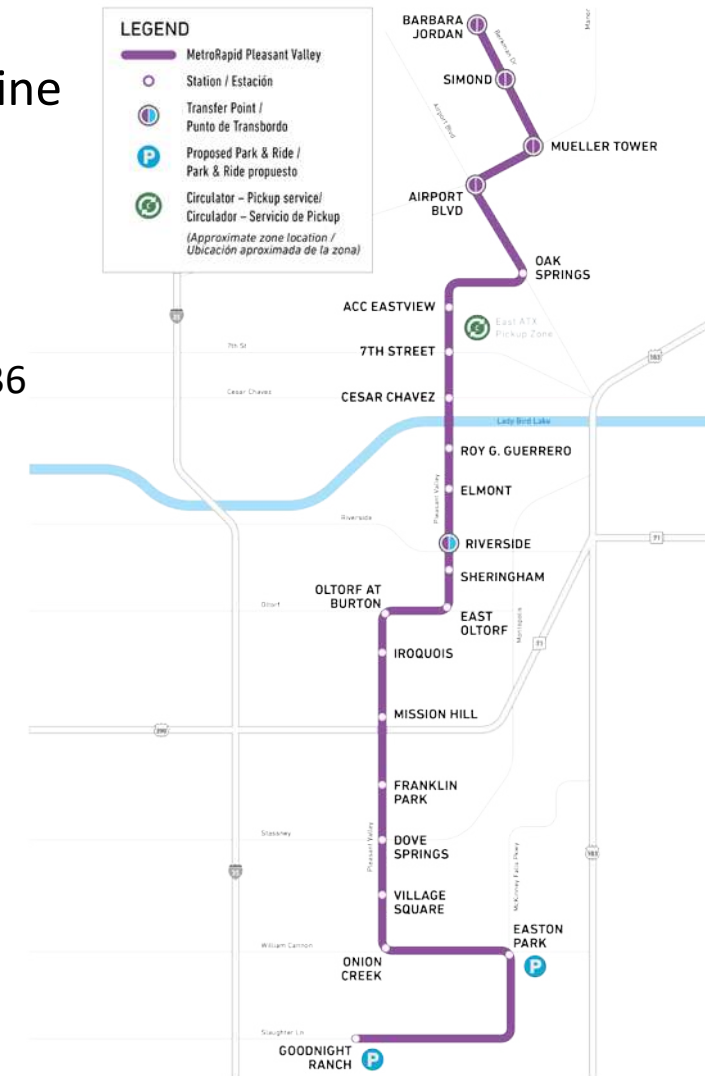
Expo Center Line

- 12 miles
- Republic Square to Expo Center
- 23 station pairs (44 platforms)



Pleasant Valley Line

- 15 miles
- Mueller to Goodnight Ranch
- 22 station pairs (36 platforms)



MetroRapid Project Status

Station Construction

- Expo Center Line – Under Construction
 - 7 platforms completed & 30 in final design or permitting
- Pleasant Valley Line – Under Construction
 - 3 platforms completed & 27 in final design or permitting

Electric Bus Fleet

- 7 of 37 buses have been delivered

Schedule

- Service anticipated to begin in 2025



MetroRapid Schedule Adjustments

Supply Chain Disruptions

- Disruptions in supply chains related to bus parts and shelter components

Staffing Shortages

- Austin's continual growth reduces the staffing resources available for permitting

Scope Enhancements

- Changes to how bus service is charged
- Improved pedestrian/bike connections at stations

CapMetro and our partners are committed to overcoming these challenges to deliver quality service to more communities



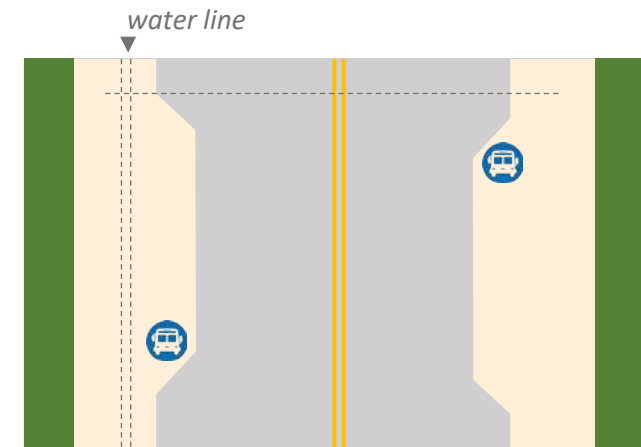
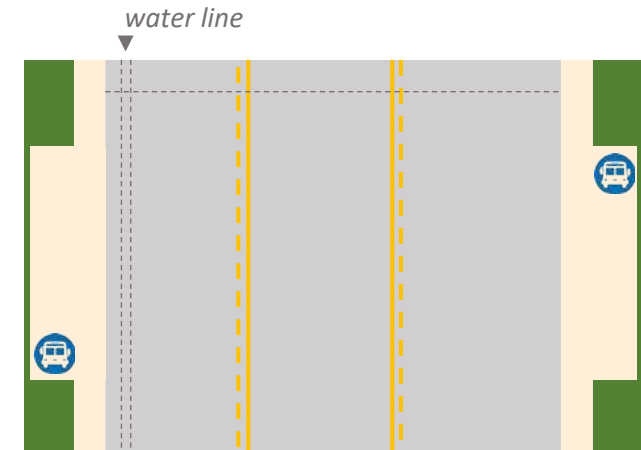
MetroRapid Project Enhancements

Charging Strategy Change

- Moving electric bus charging from CapMetro depots only to end-of-line charging at Park & Rides

Expanded Station Designs

- Per design review feedback from City, extending MetroRapid station length and project areas to accommodate enhanced bike, pedestrian and ADA connections



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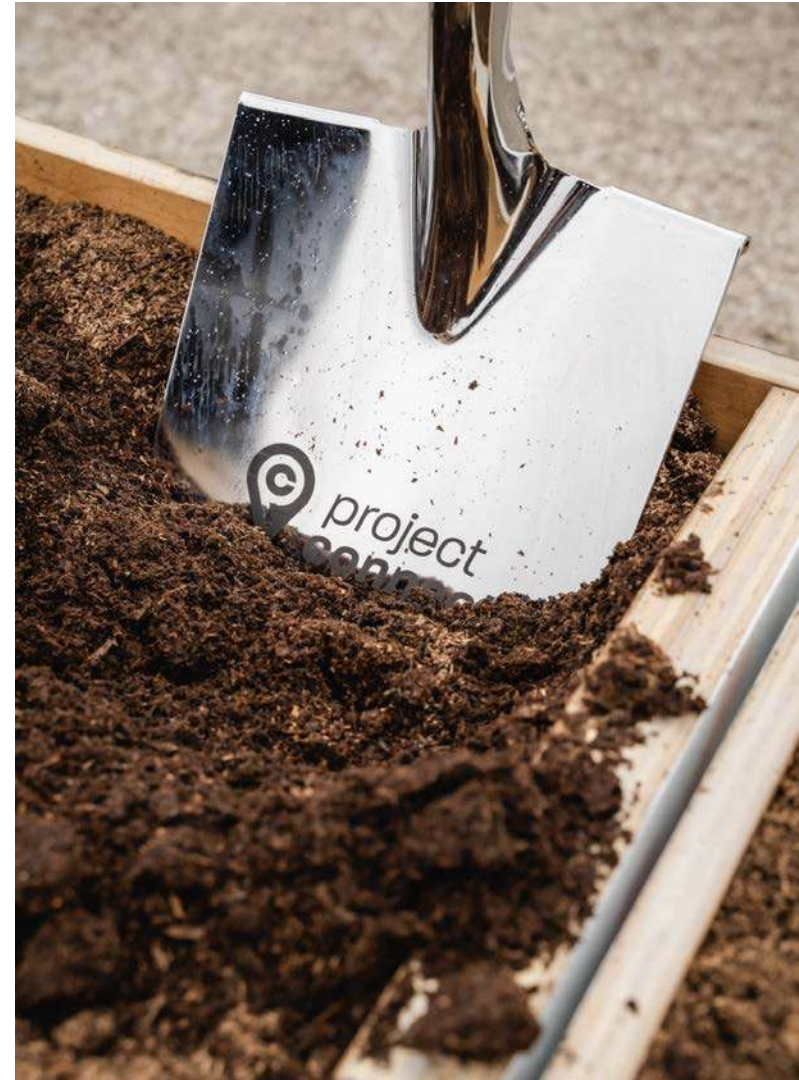
Small Starts Grant Award (SSGA)

CapMetro was awarded an SSGA from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Expo and Pleasant Valley MetroRapid lines

- Expo - \$48,516,357
- Pleasant Valley - \$52,723,726

- Over 60% of each project's funding is through these Federal grants
- The remaining funds are being provided by Austin Transit Partnership (ATP)

A signing ceremony will take place on 3/11 at CapMetro HQ with FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez



MetroRapid Tri-Party Delivery

CapMetro, City of Austin and the Austin Transit Partnership work collaboratively to deliver Project Connect

- The Expo & Pleasant Valley MetroRapid lines are the largest Tri-Party collaboration projects to date
- Each partner brings their skills & resources to support success



- Project Management
- Design
- Construction
- Grant Administration

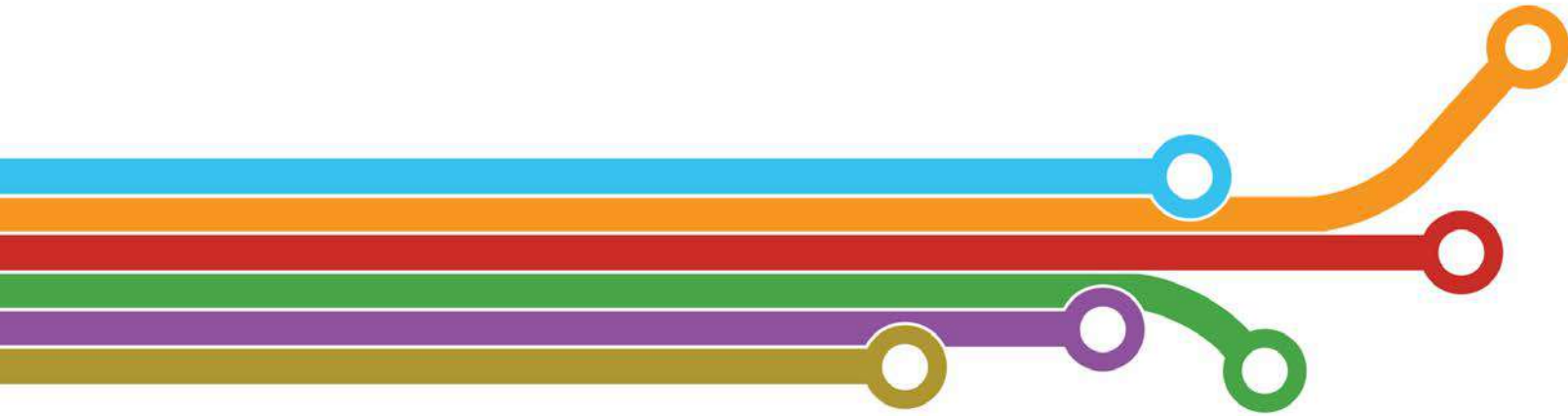


- Project Connect Office (PCO)
- Permitting
- Utilities Coordination
- Street Design



- Financial Management
- Project Controls
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control





THANK YOU!

March – May Community Dialogue



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Artist rendering,
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**AUSTIN LIGHT RAIL:
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

*Join us to learn what's next
for light rail in Austin*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21
AUSTIN CENTRAL LIBRARY
(710 W CESAR CHAVEZ ST)
COME & GO FROM 4–7 P.M.**

March – May Community Dialogue



Principles:

Joint Powers Agreement

- 3.2.3 – Community Engagement Guiding Principles
- 3.2.4 – Community Engagement Reporting

March – May Community Dialogue

Actions:

- Feedback period from March 21-May 2 (6 weeks)
- In-Person and Virtual Options
- Allow time for meaningful and informed feedback
- Engagement opportunities highlighted on publicly accessible calendar
- Show how feedback is incorporated before decision
- Intentional and consistent outreach to priority populations
- Disaggregate demographic data of participants



March – May Community Dialogue

Engagement:

- Virtual Open House
- In-Person and Virtual Options
- Requested stakeholder meetings
- Office Hours
- Elected official and policymaker outreach
- Boards and Commissions
- Flyer/ Block Walk/ At-Stop/ Pop-up Events

