



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 12, 2024

ATP Office | Conference Room

203 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701

(with some members of the CAC participating via video conference)

Members in Attendance:

Awais Azhar - Chair
Gretchen Flatau – Vice Chair
Susan Somers – Secretary
Catalina Berry
Ruven Brooks
Cshamari Reed
Michael Gorse
Jay Blazek Crossley
Elisabeth Meyer
[One Vacancy]

Members Absent:

Jeremy Hendricks

Attendees:

Brandon Carr
Courtney Chavez
Terry Hockens
Miguel Lopez
Melissa Ortiz

Peter Partheymuller
Ana Villarreal
Susan Watkins
Emma Martinez
Lawrence Deeter
Kelsey Lammy

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular

meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement, on behalf of the CAC.

Community Communication

One community member provided their comment at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2024, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the August 8th, 2024, general meeting were approved on a motion by Secretary Somers, seconded by Member Gorse; confirmed with 8 in favor and one abstaining (Member Berry) and one member absent (8-0-1).

Action Items

Discussion Items

- 1. Community Initiated Solutions Application Recommendations- Chair Azhar**
 - a. Chair Azhar provided an overview of the application and decision-making process for the Community Initiated Solutions recommendations. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by Secretary Somers, Vice Chair Flatau and Member Crossley.

- 2. CapMetro Spring 2025 Service Change Updates- Emma Martinez, CapMetro**
 - a. Emma Martinez, Transportation Planner with CapMetro, presented an overview of the proposed Spring 2025 service changes. The discussion included an introduction of the new CapMetro Rapid Lines and Decker Pickup zone. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by Lawrence Deeter,

Manager of Systems Development with CapMetro, Melissa Ortiz, Director Community Engagement and Kelsey Lammy, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator.

City of Austin ETOD Station Area Planning- Ana Villarreal, City of Austin

- b. Ana Villarreal, Principal Planner with the City of Austin Planning Department and Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) Station Area Planning Team, gave an update on the ETOD station area planning. The discussion included an overview of the North Lamar Transit Center (NLTC) Station Area Vision Plan, the South Congress Transit Center (SCTC) Station Area Vision Plan and East Riverside Corridor (ERC) Vision Plan and Regulating Plan Update as well as the proposed engagement and public hearing timelines for NLTC, SCTC and ERC. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

No updates were provided at this time.

2. City of Austin Staff Update

Peter Partheymuller, Strategic Communications Consultant, provided an update on the upcoming ETOD engagement opportunities.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement, provided an update on upcoming Transit Plan 2035 engagement opportunities.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

Chair Azhar provided an update on the Anti Displacement working group, Secretary Somers provided an update on the ETOD working group and Vice Chair Flatau provided an update on the Public Safety working group.

Future Items

Chair Azhar requested the new CAC members begin working group selections.

Secretary Somers requested an update on the CapMetro Red Line and CapMetro Green Line.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM without objection.