



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 14, 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  
Jeremy Hendricks  
Elisabeth Meyer  
Marcel Garza

**Members Absent:**

**Attendees:**

Brandon Carr  
Courtney Chavez  
Terry Hockens  
Yannis Banks  
Sophie Petkus  
Melissa Ortiz

Lisa Storer  
Jacob Calhoun  
Peter Partheymuller  
Johnathan Lee  
Jordan Feldman

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular

meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

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

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Member Berry read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement, on behalf of the CAC.

### **Community Communication**

No public comment

### **Approval of Minutes**

#### **1. Approve the minutes of the October 10th, 2024, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the October 10th, 2024, general meeting was approved on a motion by Member Flatau, seconded by Berry; confirmed unanimously (10-0).

### **Action Items**

1. Working Group Selections
  - a. Chair Azhar led a discussion on the working group membership. The member selections are listed below. The working groups were approved on a motion by Chair Azhar, seconded by Member Blazek Crossley and passed unanimously (10-0).
    - i. Appointments to Austin Light Rail Design Working Group
      1. Member Blazek Crossley
      2. Secretary Somers
      3. Member Brooks
      4. Chair Azhar
      5. Member Reed
    - ii. Appointments to Governance Working Group
      1. Chair Azhar
      2. Vice Chair Flatau
      3. Member Hendricks
    - iii. Appointments to Anti-Displacement Group
      1. Member Berry
      2. Vice Chair Flatau
      3. Chair Azhar
      4. Member Blazek Crossley

- iv. Appointments to ETOD Working Group
    - 1. Member Garza
    - 2. Member Blazek Crossley
    - 3. Member Brooks
    - 4. Member Gorse
    - 5. Secretary Somers
  - v. Creation and Appointments of CapMetro Services and Infrastructure Working Group
    - 1. Member Blazek Crossley
    - 2. Secretary Somers
    - 3. Member Brooks
    - 4. Member Berry
    - 5. Member Meyer
2. Adoption of CAC 2025 Meeting Calendar-
- a. Chair Azhar led a discussion of the 2025 CAC Meeting Calendar. The 2025 Meeting Calendar was approved on a motion by Secretary Somers, seconded by Member Meyer and passes unanimously (10-0)

## Discussion Items

- 1. **Red and Green Line Update- Jacob Calhoun, CapMetro**
  - a. Jacob Calhoun- Director of Transit System Enablement for CapMetro, presented on the Red and Green line. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer portion.

## Staff Updates

### 1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

Courtney Chavez, SVP Equity and Community Partnership, gave an update on the Project Connect website and a timeline for the DEIS engagement period.

### 2. City of Austin Staff Update

Peter Partheymuller, Strategic Communications Consultant, gave an update on upcoming ETOD engagement opportunities and language access for the City of Austin's website as well as an update on the Community Initiated Solutions grant application.

**3. CapMetro Staff Update**

No updates were provided at this time.

**4. Working Group/TAC Updates**

No updates were provided at this time.

**Future Items**

Member Blazek Crossley requested an update from the City of Austin on Metro Rapid.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:21 PM without objection.