

Austin Light Rail

Progress Update

February 13, 2025



NEXT: Ce	
TO: 38th Street Station	
UPCOMING STOPS	ESTIMATE
Cesar Chavez	DUE 4 MIN
Congress	7 MIN
Wooldridge	7 MIN



Austin Transit Partnership



Benefits of Light Rail

New Options to Get Places



The line will integrate with cars, buses, trains and other modes — giving people more choices when navigating between the core and the larger metro area.

Easy, Reliable & Frequent



Light rail will have its own dedicated railway, intuitive directions, and run every 5-10 minutes — making it highly dependable and easy to use.

Reduced Travel Times



The line will allow riders to zip through the heart of Austin without having to sit in traffic — significantly reducing travel times to key destinations.

Nature-forward Design



Shade trees, Texas plants and new walk and bike paths will be integrated throughout the design of the line, creating more people-friendly spaces.

An Engine for Jobs



Light rail will create 10,000 jobs as a key part of city mobility improvements. It will also create access to 200K+ jobs when operational.

Keeps Austin Livable



The line will help keep our city accessible for working people by connecting to affordable housing and reducing commuting costs.

Light Rail in Other Cities



Paris, France



Seattle, Washington



Phoenix, Arizona



Minneapolis, Minnesota

Austin Light Rail Phase 1

Light rail is an expandable electric train system designed for metropolitan areas, serving as an integral part of the transit network by connecting people to essential destinations where they live, work and play.

Facts

15 STATIONS

connecting points north, south and east of downtown Austin

9.8 MILES

of light rail transit

~28,000 DAILY TRIPS

on an average weekday

Access to:

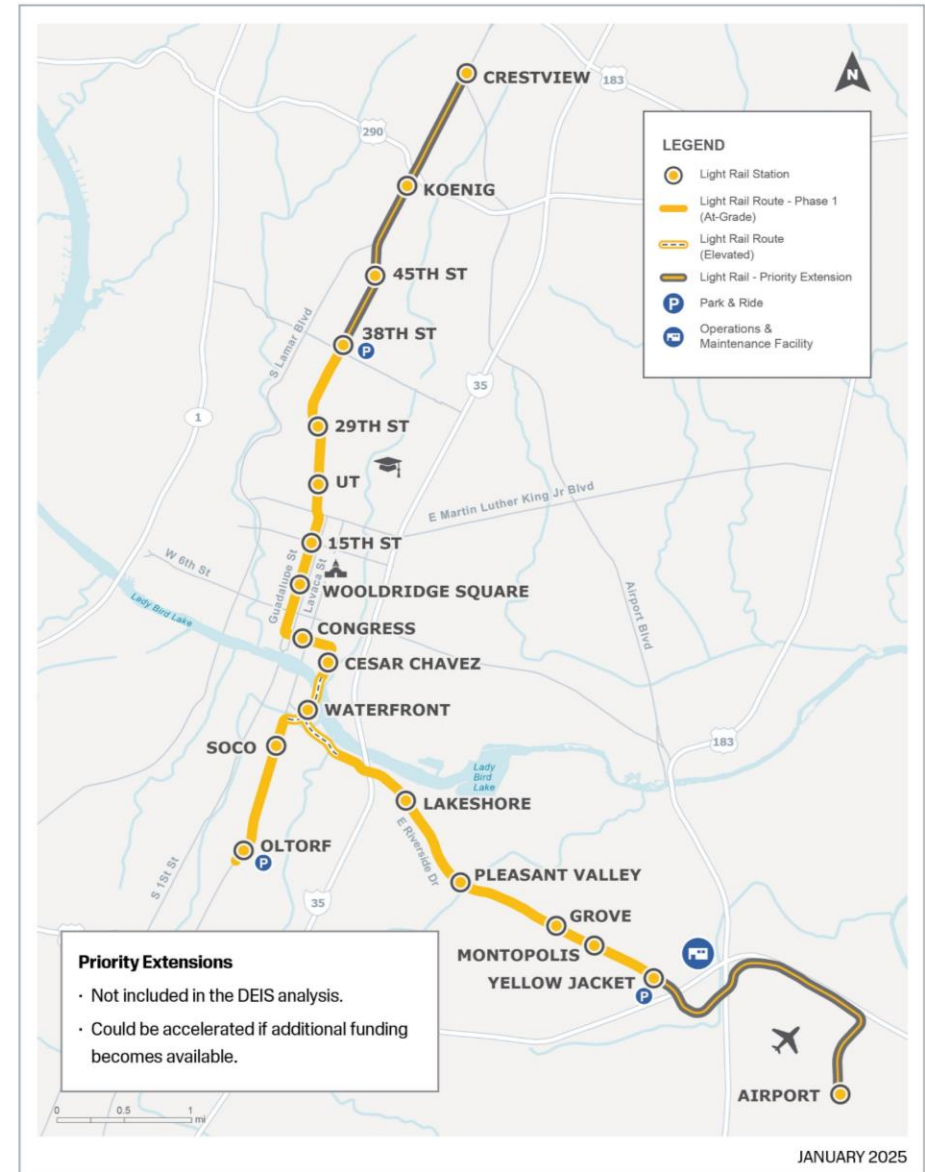
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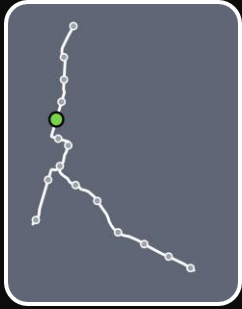
current jobs

200K+

future jobs

Austin Light Rail Phase 1 and Priority Extensions









Design Option:

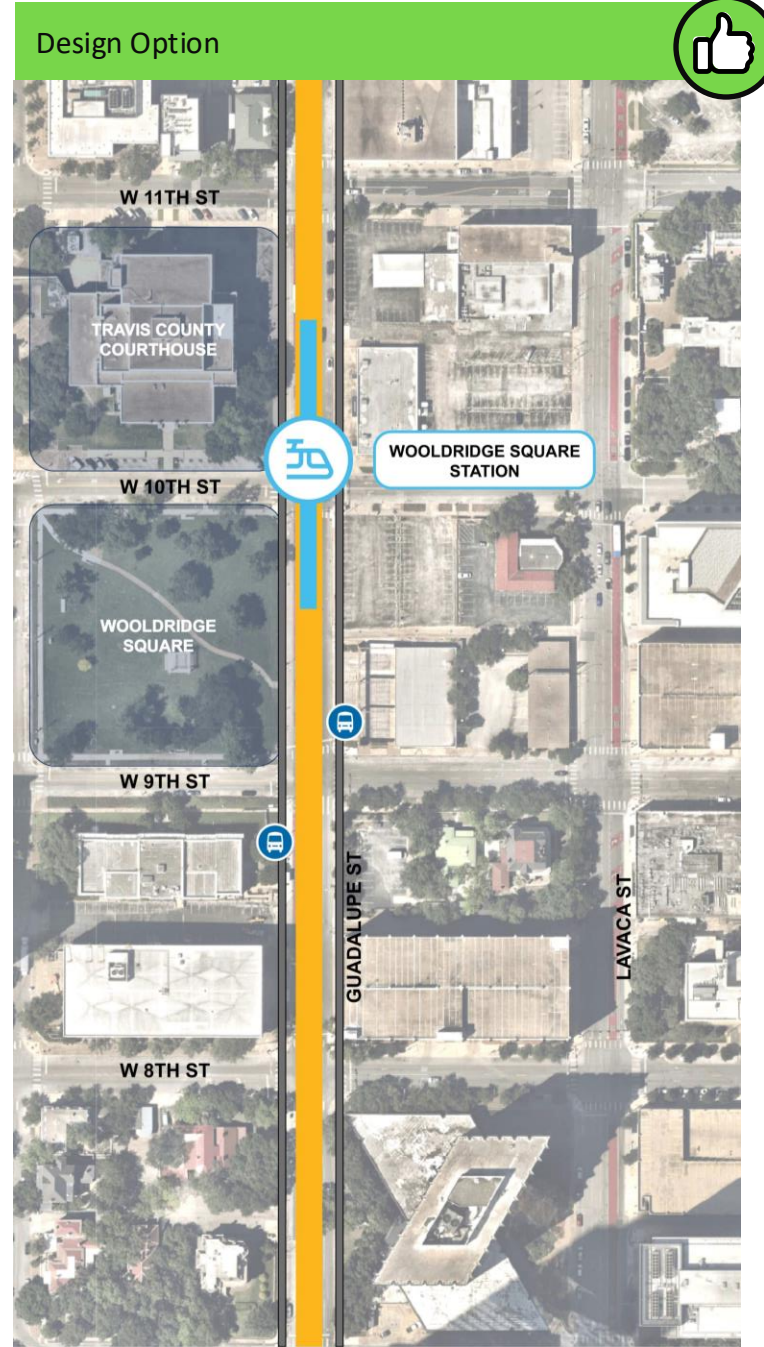
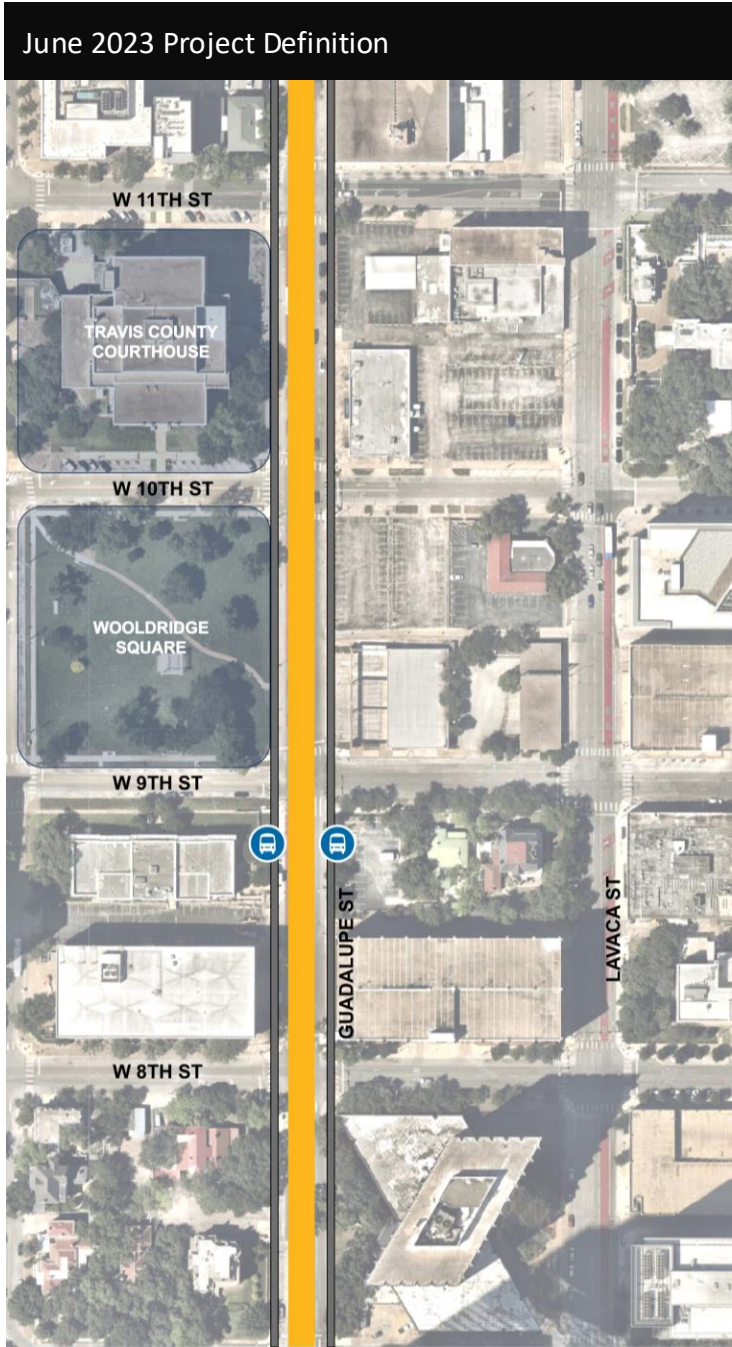

Wooldridge Square Station

Recommend adding a center platform station near Wooldridge Square on Guadalupe Street between 9th Street and 11th Street.

Why it's recommended

- Improves light rail access in the downtown area.
- Previous public input to have more stations downtown.
- Serves employment area.

 Light Rail Station	 Light Rail Alignment
 Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops	 Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)





Design Option:

Cesar Chavez Station

Recommend retaining the original Cesar Chavez Station location.

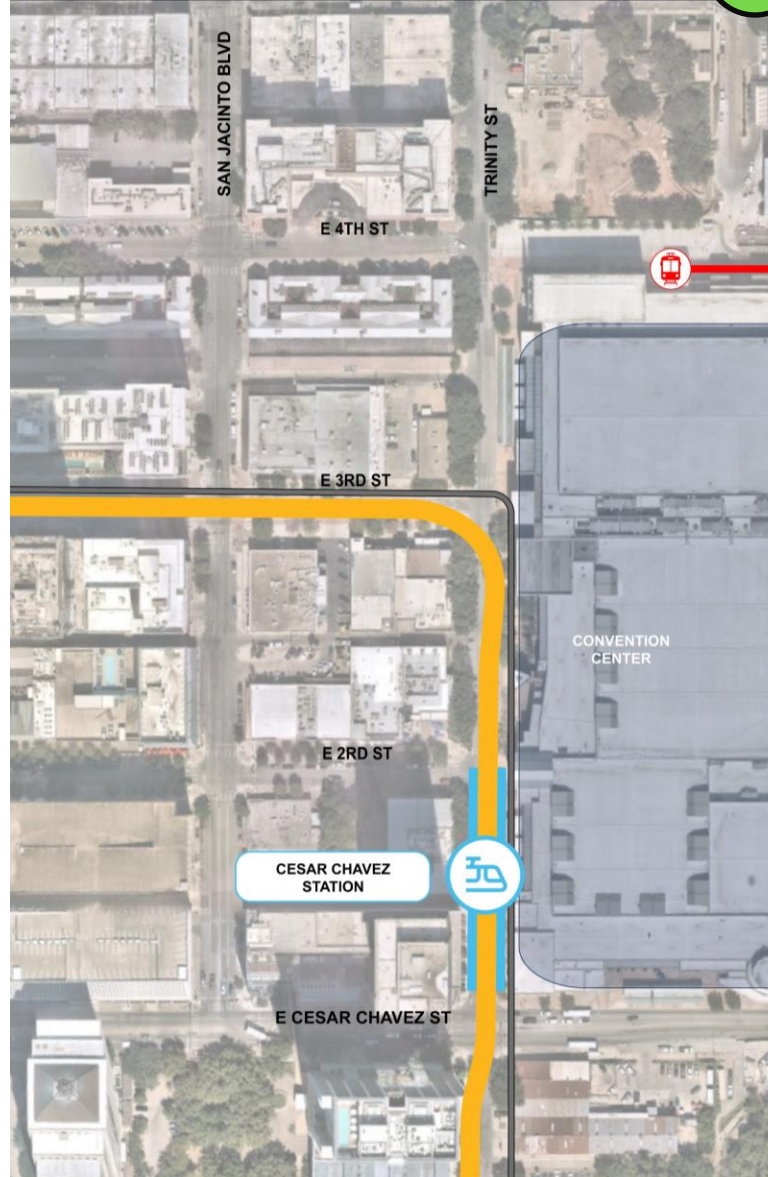
Why it's recommended

- An agreement would need to be in place with developer to enable use of the space off-street.
- Although this option is not recommended at this time, there would be operational benefits if it can be integrated into future developments.

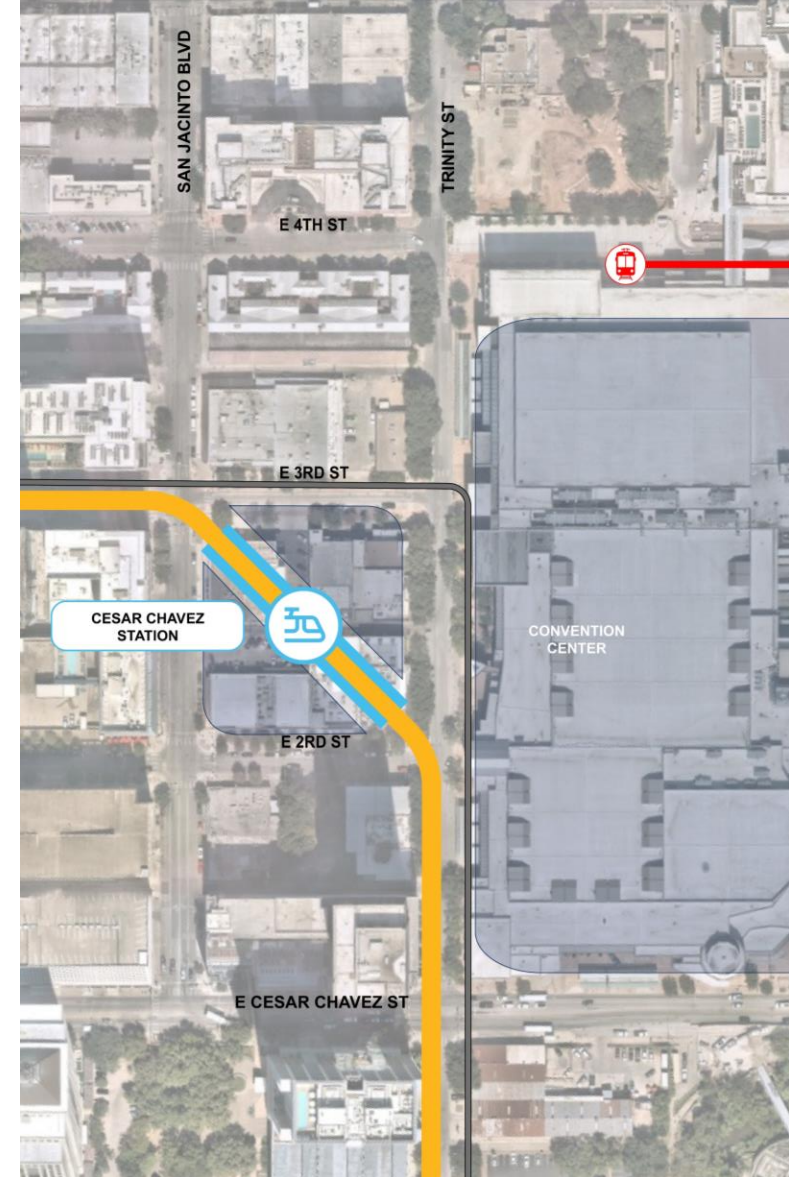
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|  Light Rail Station |  Light Rail Alignment |
|  CapMetro Red Line Station |  Shared-Use Path (Bike/ Ped) |



June 2023 Project Definition



Design Option





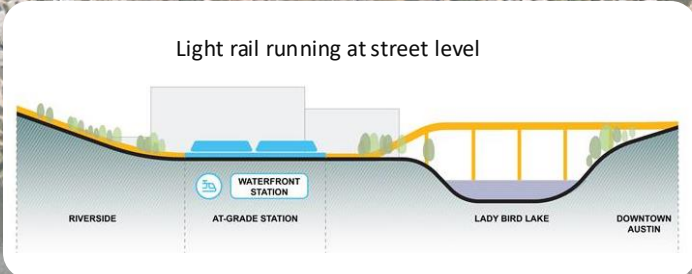
Lady Bird Lake Bridge Extension

Recommend extending bridge and elevate Waterfront Station.

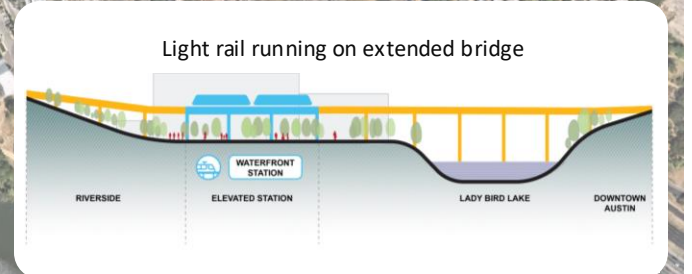
Why it's recommended

- Reduces impacts on floodplain and trees.
- Improves light rail reliability and traffic operations.
- Reduces property needs and avoids some utility work.
- Creates opportunity for an urban plaza that provides community benefits.

June 2023 Project Definition:



Design Option



Light Rail Station



Light Rail Station Elevated



Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops



Light Rail Alignment Elevated



Light Rail Alignment On-Street



Shared-Use Path Elevated



Shared-Use Path On-Street (Bike/Ped)



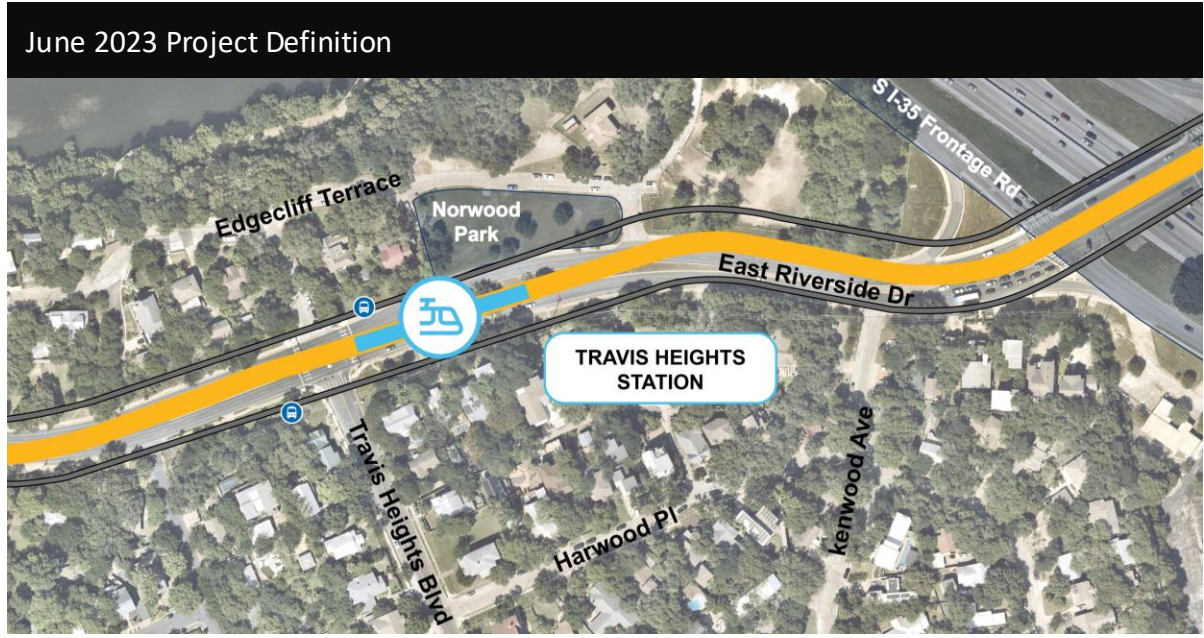


Design Option:

Omit Travis Heights Station

Why it's recommended

- Reduces Project footprint and eliminates several design and construction challenges due to the topography.
- Avoids partial acquisition of Norwood Park.
- Not expected to affect overall ridership.



Light Rail Station



Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops



Light Rail Alignment



Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)










Design Option:

Refine Stations on East Riverside

Recommend stations at Grove Boulevard and Montopolis Drive

Why it's recommended

- Serves both existing neighborhoods and planned developments, including proposed affordable housing development at Grove.
- Public feedback indicated both station areas are important.

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June 2023 Project Definition: Faro and Montopolis Stations

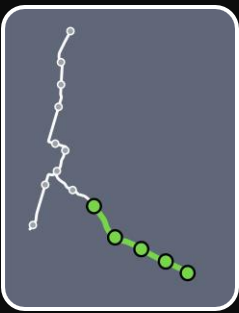


Design Option: Grove Station



Design Option: Grove and Montopolis Stations





Design Option:

Center-Running Bike/Pedestrian/Shade Tree Facilities on East Riverside

Recommend incorporating the center-running bike/pedestrian/shade tree facilities next to light rail along East Riverside Dr. between Lakeshore Station and Yellow Jacket Station.



View of current state on East Riverside



View of future Light Rail on East Riverside

June 2023 Project Definition



Design Option



Light Rail Station

Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops

Light Rail Alignment

Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)

Shared-Use Path with Shade (Bike/Ped)



Why it's recommended

- Provides tree canopy and shade for riders and along more continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities on East Riverside.
- More neighborhood scale feel along East Riverside without reducing traffic capacity.



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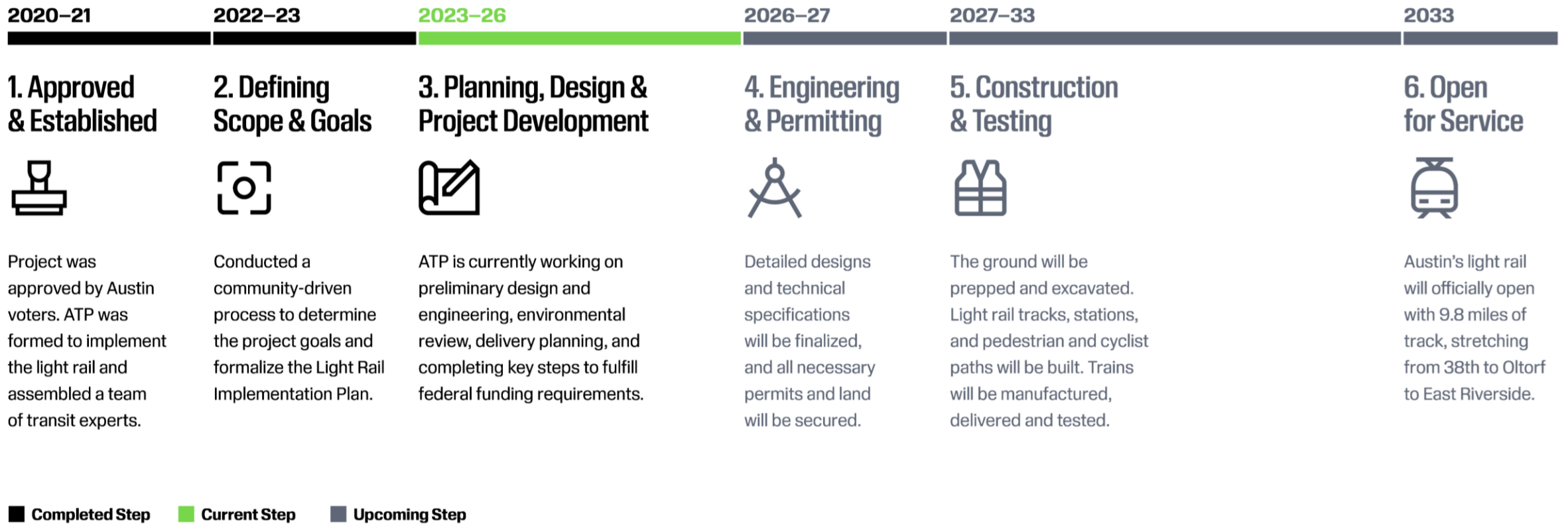


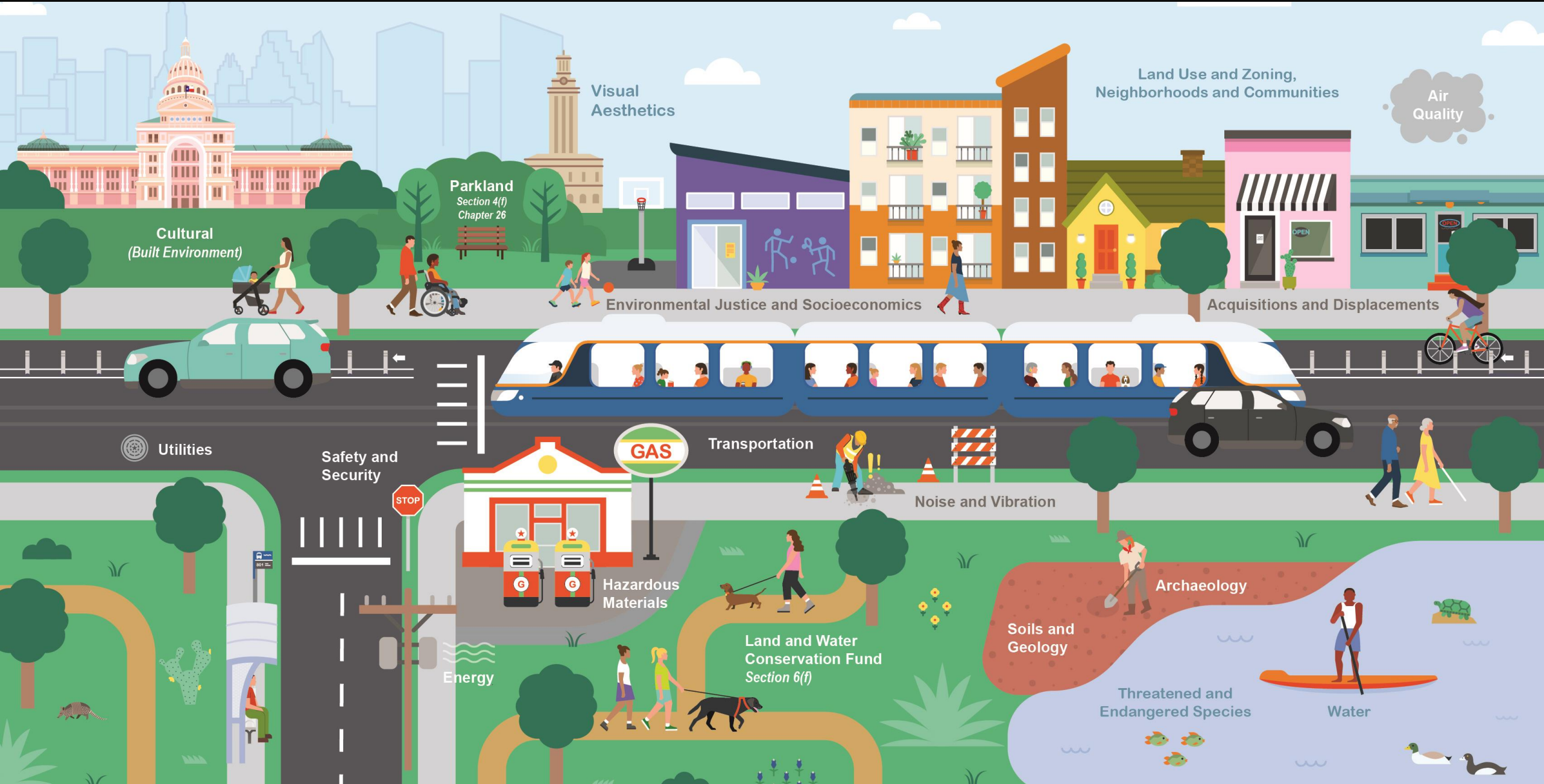
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Proposed Light Rail Timeline





Land Use and Zoning,
Neighborhoods and Communities

Air
Quality

Visual
Aesthetics

Parkland
Section 4(f)
Chapter 26

Cultural
(Built Environment)

Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics

Acquisitions and Displacements

Transportation

Noise and Vibration

Archaeology

Soils and
Geology

Threatened and
Endangered Species

Water

Land and Water
Conservation Fund
Section 6(f)

Hazardous
Materials

Safety and
Security

Utilities

Energy

What's Next

All comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that are received by March 11, 2025, will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

How can you comment?

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