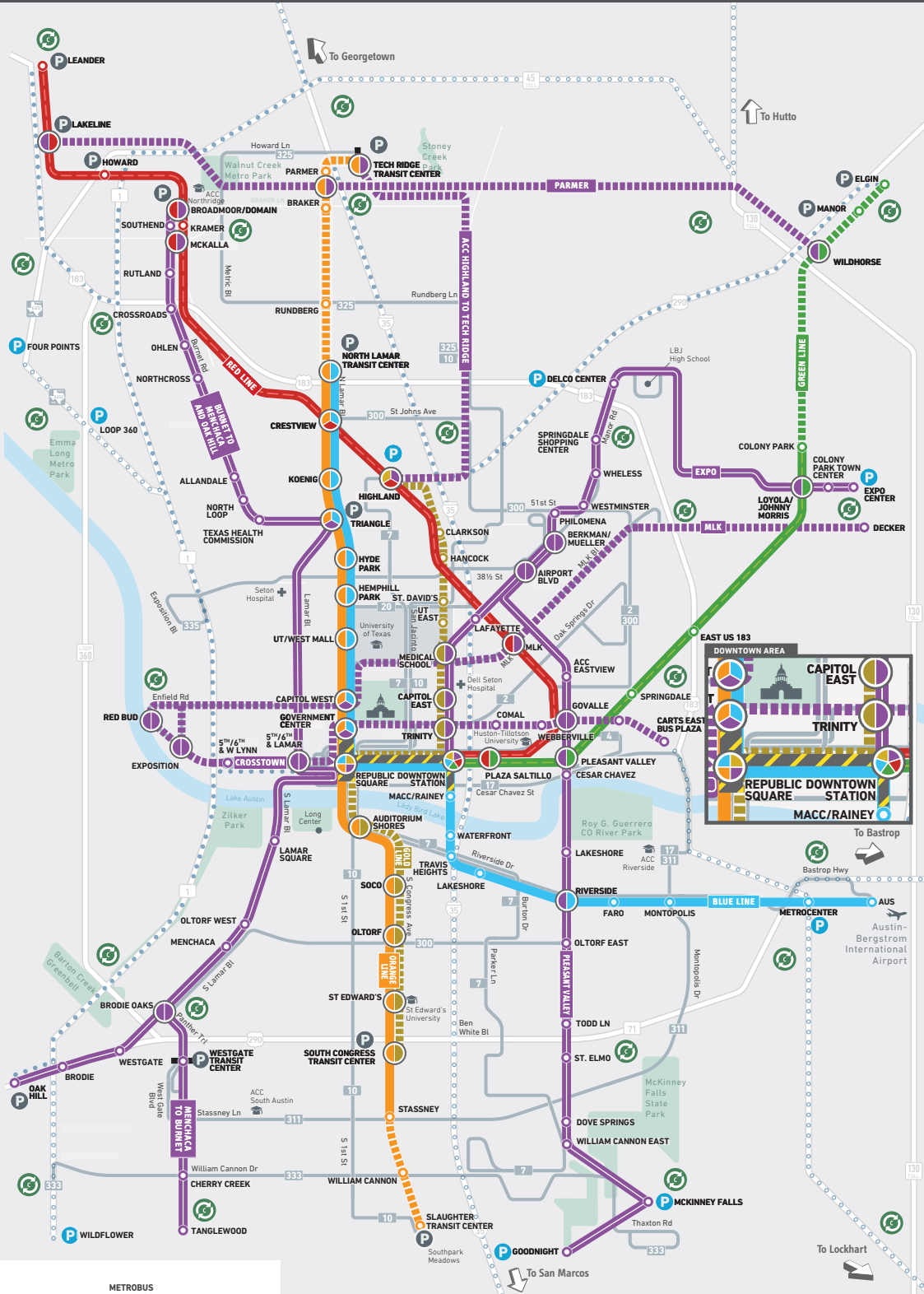




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Project Connect from Capital Metro. A transit plan designed to connect Austin.

Initial Investment

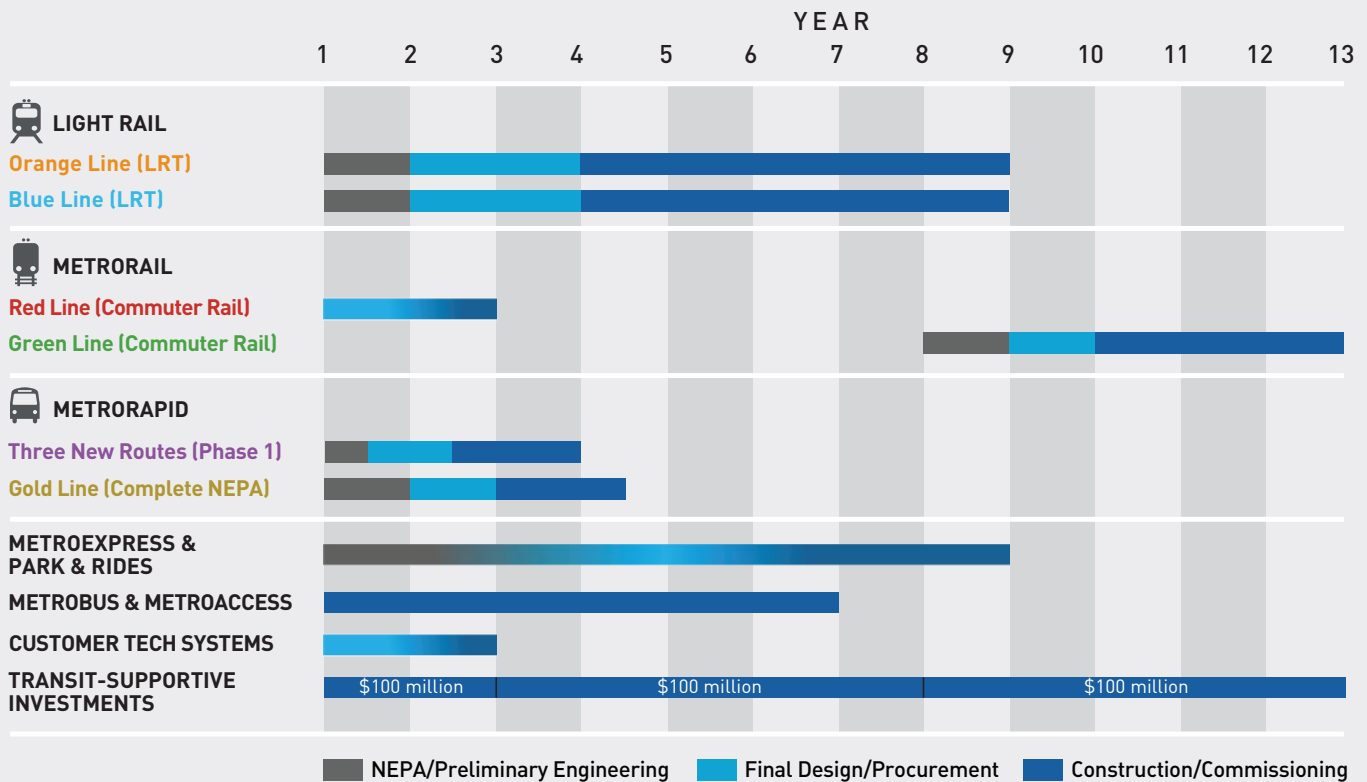


LEGEND

- LIGHT RAIL**
 - Orange Line
 - Potential Future Extension
 - Blue Line
- METRO RAPID**
 - Gold Line
 - Enhanced MetroRapid Route
 - Potential Future Extension
- METRO RAIL**
 - Red Line
 - Green Line
 - Potential Future Extension
- METRO EXPRESS**
 - Current MetroExpress
 - Future MetroExpress
- METROBUS**
 - Current Frequent Local Routes
- ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SERVICES**
 - MetroAccess
 - MetroBike
- CURRENT PARK & RIDE**
- PROPOSED PARK & RIDE**
- CIRCULATOR**
- TUNNEL**

7/30/2020
 Map illustrates system plan adopted by Capital Metro Board and given resolution of approval by Austin City Council.

Initial Investment Sequence Plan



Initial investment in Project Connect is \$7.1 billion with up to half of the cost to be supported by Federal grants and commitments. Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals.

The Initial Investment also includes \$300 million to finance transit-supportive anti-displacement strategies related to Project Connect, which includes neighborhood supportive affordable housing investments along transit corridors.

Project Connect Implementation

The Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) would serve as a single entity vested with the authority and resources to implement Project Connect. Managing day-to-day operations and the execution of the design and construction, the ATP would have full transparency with the community and have oversight from the Austin City Council and the Capital Metro board.



The Orange rail line would make stops at communities between North and South Austin.



The Blue rail line would take you to destinations between downtown and the airport.



The MetroRapid Gold route would provide easy access to the Capitol and downtown business corridor.



Austin is now the 11th largest city in the country, and the greater Austin area's population is estimated to double to four million by 2040.

There are 150 people moving to Central Texas every day—translating to 70 more cars on the road each day. Single-occupancy vehicles account for 75 percent of commuters on the road. Project Connect would provide more transportation options to move people to their destinations.

New MetroRapid routes would service communities in North, South, East and West Austin.



The Red rail line would include new stops at The Domain and Austin FC stadium.

The Green rail line would provide service between East Austin's Colony Park to downtown and communities along the way.



Project Connect includes a rail system that travels under downtown—separate from traffic—designed to improve on-time performance. It also includes an expanded bus service with new routes, more connections and an all-electric bus fleet.

Details on the Initial Investment and the System Plan

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

It was a collaborative process between the Capital Metro board and the Austin City Council that resulted in the Initial Investment portion of Project Connect being put before voters this year. Leading up to the November election, the governing bodies took the following actions:

- **August 13:** The Austin City Council voted to include Project Connect's Initial Investment on the November ballot. The vote approved an ordinance ordering an election to authorize and fund the Project Connect Initial Investment of \$7.1 billion.
- **August 7:** The Initial Investment proposal was adopted by the Capital Metro board and approved by the Austin City Council. It includes a portion of the System Plan, which will advance through development and be considered for both local and federal funding. Not all of the System Plan's elements are included in the Initial Investment.
- **June 10:** The Project Connect System Plan was adopted by the Capital Metro board and approved by the Austin City Council.



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Project Connect 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**



Downtown Transit Tunnel

The downtown tunnel separates light rail from traffic, enabling safer and more reliable travel through downtown.



Expanded Bus Service

4 new MetroRapid routes; high-frequency bus service with priority treatments. Total: **42 miles, 65 stations**



10 new stations, with planned conversion to Light Rail



3 new MetroExpress commuter routes



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 pickup



MetroBike Integration
All-electric bike fleet available for rent at transit hubs



MetroAccess
On-demand services and system-wide accessibility



Maintenance Facilities

A New Rail System



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An expanded rail system would connect neighborhoods in Austin's north, south and east with new stops and stations including The Domain, the Austin FC stadium, the airport, Colony Park and the South Congress district.

LIGHT RAIL



Initial Investment

16 stations

20 stations

Destinations

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

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

COMMUTER RAIL



10 stations

7 stations

- Leander
- Domain
- Austin FC
- Crestview
- ACC Highland
- MLK
- Saltillo
- Downtown

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

A Downtown Transit Tunnel



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Light rail would travel underground downtown, separate from traffic. Designed to increase the system's on-time performance, operating rail service beneath the streets is also safer than operating at street level. The underground stations would provide connections to the rail system and expanded bus services.

Climate-controlled stations underground could include convenient amenities—retail, restaurants, a transit store and service center, public restrooms and performance spaces for live music.

Expanded Bus Service



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Increased service and new Park & Rides mean more routes, more stations, more connections and greater frequency.



MetroRapid



MetroExpress



Park & Rides



Circulators

Initial Investment

4 new routes
42 miles, **65** stations

This includes the MetroRapid Gold line which would include **10** stations and could eventually be converted to light rail as part of the System Plan.

3 new commuter routes

Direct connections from Park & Rides to major employment hubs including Downtown, UT and the Capitol.

9 new Park & Rides and **1** new regional transit center

15 new Neighborhood Circulator Zones

Description

Initial Investment corridors include:

- ACC Highland to Republic Square
- Expo Center from East Austin to UT and downtown
- Pleasant Valley from Mueller to the Goodnight Park & Ride
- Burnet from The Domain to Menchaca and Oak Hill

Initial Investment includes new regional service to areas including:

- Four Points
- Oak Hill
- South MoPac/ Wildflower Center

Connects customers from wider Austin communities and nearby cities to the transit system.

On-demand pickup and drop-off service available to transit stations and destinations.

Provides first-mile/last-mile service and connections.



MetroBus



MetroAccess



MetroBike

Description

MetroBus has expanded to include the first electric buses in Central Texas, **125** new bus shelters, solar-powered lighting to improve security and advanced technology that provides customers with more accurate Next Departure information. MetroBus service is included with the Project Connect System Plan and would include an all-electric fleet.

MetroAccess is a shared-ride service for people whose disabilities prevent them from riding our other bus and rail services. As Project Connect would expand the region's transit system, MetroAccess services would continue to grow.

A new and all-electric MetroBike fleet stationed at transit centers across the city. MetroBike will be integrated into the CapMetro App for bike rentals and payment.

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