



Project Connect Community Advisory Committee

July 28, 2021



Agenda July 28, 2021

- I. Land Acknowledgement
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approval of minutes
- IV. Discussion items:
 - a. Bylaws Review
 - b. Presentation City of Austin Land Acquisition RFQ
 - c. Equity Tool Next Steps
 - d. Purpose and composition of the Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA)
- V. New Business
 - a. CAC working groups
 - b. Future agenda items
- VI. Adjourn



Racial Equity & Anti-displacement Tool

Tool Socialization

- Various City departments, divisions, boards and commissions
- Scheduled:
 - July 26: ATP Senior Leadership
 - July 29: ATP & Cap Metro staff
 - August 25: Project Connect CAC
 - September 15: ATP Board
 - Date TBD: City Council
- Training and workshops on tool utilization- In development



Racial Equity & Anti-displacement Tool

Social Media Push and Marketing

- Website development and launch
- Press Release
- Racial Equity Tool report is being reviewed and finalized—quality control and final questions





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ANTI-DISPLACEMENT FUNDING and LAND ACQUISITION**

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Anti-Displacement Funding Amount and Process

\$300,000,000 of the **Project Connect Tax Revenue** for:

- **Acquiring real property**
- **Anti-displacement strategies**

Interlocal agreements and/or grant agreements: Between Austin Transit Partnership and the City to develop and implement anti-displacement strategies

Equity Assessment Tool: Create with the community, neighborhood-level prevention and mitigation strategies based on the Equity Assessment Tool

Land Acquisition Objective: To identify qualified community-based organizations and to provide them access to low-barrier funding for rapid acquisition of small sites in alignment with Project Connect



Organizational Eligibility

Responsive:

- Community- or Neighborhood-Based
- Located in Austin
- 501(c)3

Experienced:

- Equity Tool
- Working with Communities Impacted by Displacement
- Developing, owning, and/or operating affordable housing
- Demonstrate partnership with experienced organization

Financial Capacity:

- Paid Staff
- Audit or Financial Review

Expectations

- Utilization of the Equity Tool
- Preference Policy
- Long-Term Affordability
 - Restrictive Covenant
 - Resale Restrictions
- AHFC Reverter Clause
- RHDA/OHDA Guidelines

Site Eligibility

Proximity to Project Connect:

- ½ mile of Project Connect Line
- Prioritize ½ mile of Station Area

Area Vulnerable to Displacement:

- UT *Uprooted* Study; or
- Equivalent Evidence

Small Site

Documentation Required:

- Purchase and Sale Contract;
- Map
- Title Commitment;
- Appraisal and/or TCAD Value;
- Zoning Verification;
- Project Concept;
- Development Schedule

Next Steps

Finalize:

- Program Guidelines
- Applications

Process:

- Release RFQ
- Precertify qualified nonprofit organizations
- Deploy funding exclusively to precertified nonprofits
- Rolling Application
- AHFC Board Approval Required (\$300,000+)



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Thank You!

Questions?

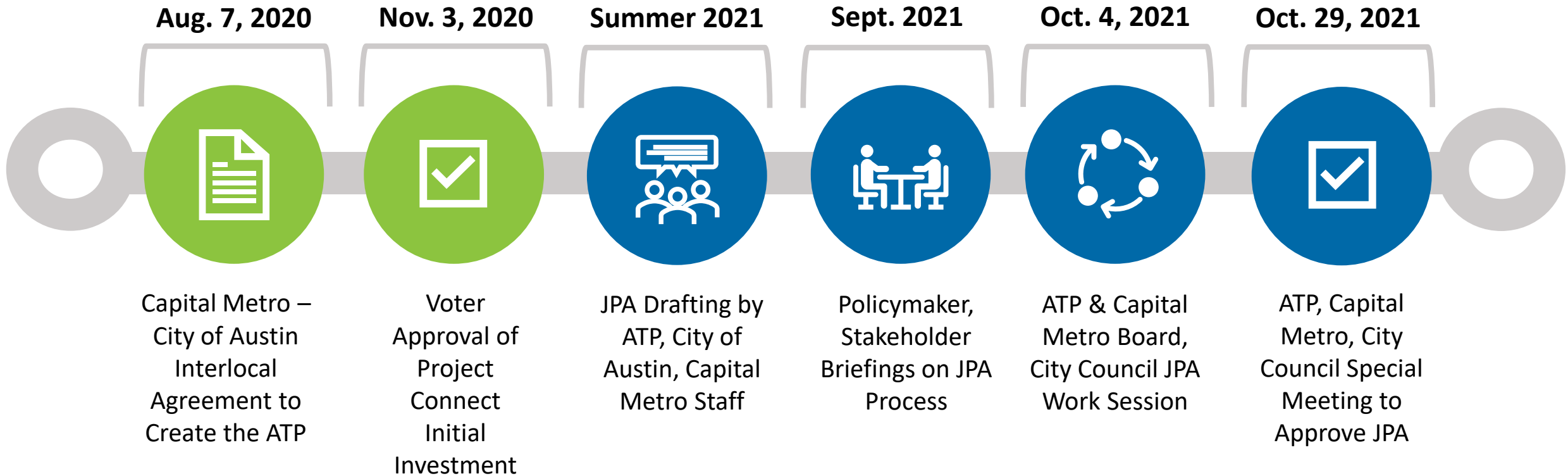
Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) – Triparty Topics

ATP, Capital Metro and the City of Austin will approve a JPA to delineate technical roles, responsibilities and processes for Project Connect implementation

JPA TOPICS	JPA SECTION HIGHLIGHTS
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Good Neighbor business and community assistance program, guidance on public engagement
DESIGN, PERMITTING, UTILITIES & CONSTRUCTION	Design review and permitting, Right of Way (ROW) management, utilities design and relocation
WORKFORCE	Local hire and apprenticeship programs, worker safety and support program
FINANCE, BUDGET & PROCUREMENT	Financial model overview, system sequence plan update process, internal audit, ATP Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program
REAL ESTATE	Process to acquire or sell property, property acquisition processes, development proposals
SUSTAINABILITY	Process to develop sustainability criteria and environmental programs
SAFETY	Process for system safety program oversight certification, testing and training
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	Capital Metro Operations & Maintenance processes, traffic signal coordination, public safety



Joint Partnership Agreement (JPA) – Next Steps



THANK YOU!

