

BLUE LINE

» THE PROJECT

The proposed Blue Line Project is an 8.2-mile light rail transit (LRT) corridor that would operate from Republic Square in downtown Austin to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS). The transitway is proposed to operate in a tunnel through downtown under 4th and Trinity Streets. The transitway would cross Lady Bird Lake on a new dedicated transit bridge, and travel along East Riverside Drive and State Highway 71 to the airport.

» PURPOSE AND NEED

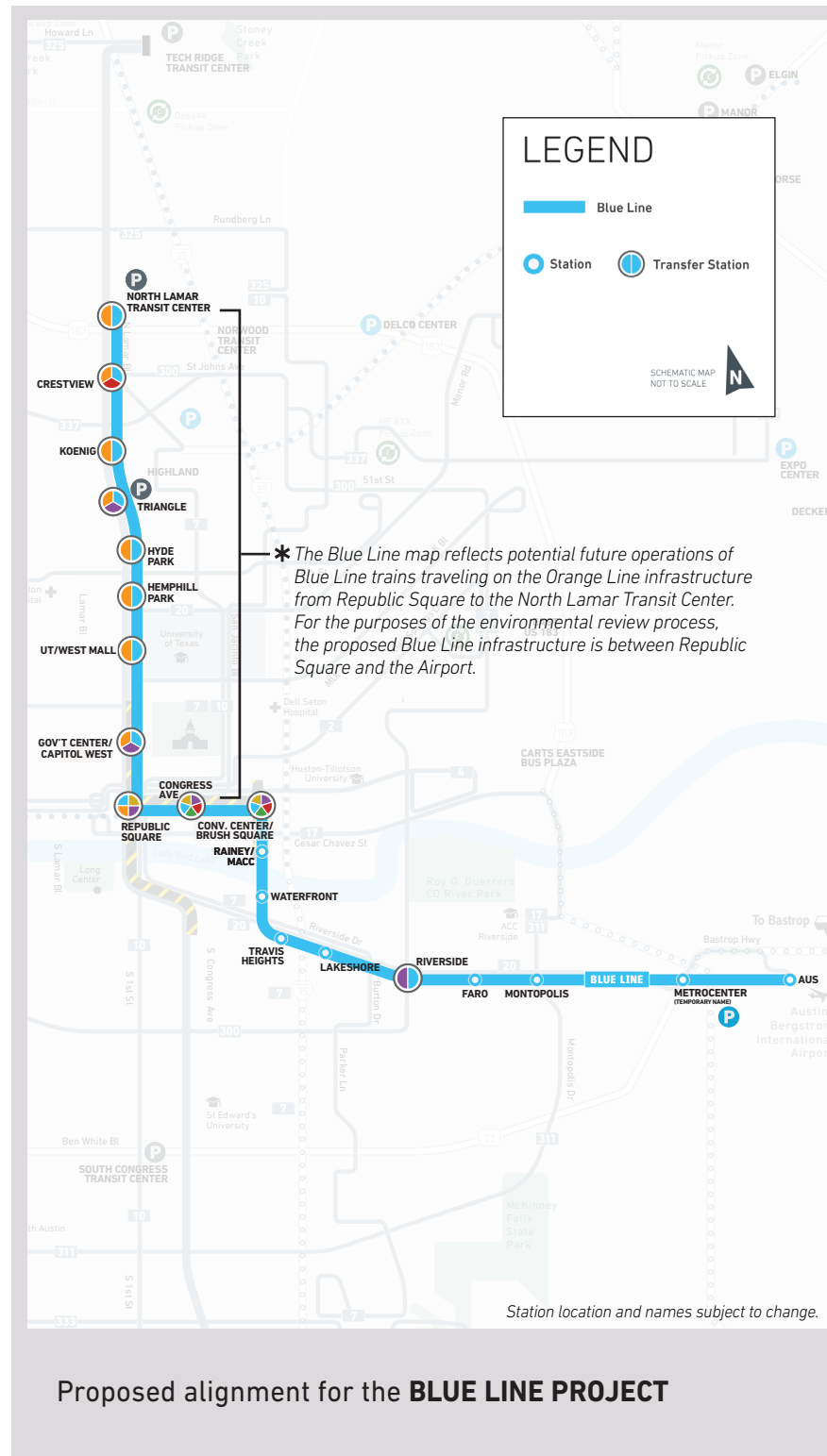
The need for the Blue Line Project is demonstrated by worsening highway congestion, a lack of mobility options and limited roadway capacity, inadequate transit access, increasing travel demand and travel times, decreasing mobility and additional travel costs.

The Blue Line Project would provide:

- Improved high-capacity transit that operates faster and has better reliability.
- Improved connectivity to affordable housing, employment, activity centers and the airport.
- Links to other future transit corridors.

The Blue Line Project would address:

- Sustainably supporting Austin's population and economic growth.
- Increasing transportation network capacity to meet increasing travel demand.
- Supporting Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) growth in air travel.
- Providing better transit options linking affordable housing and jobs.
- Supporting growth of and connectivity to activity centers.



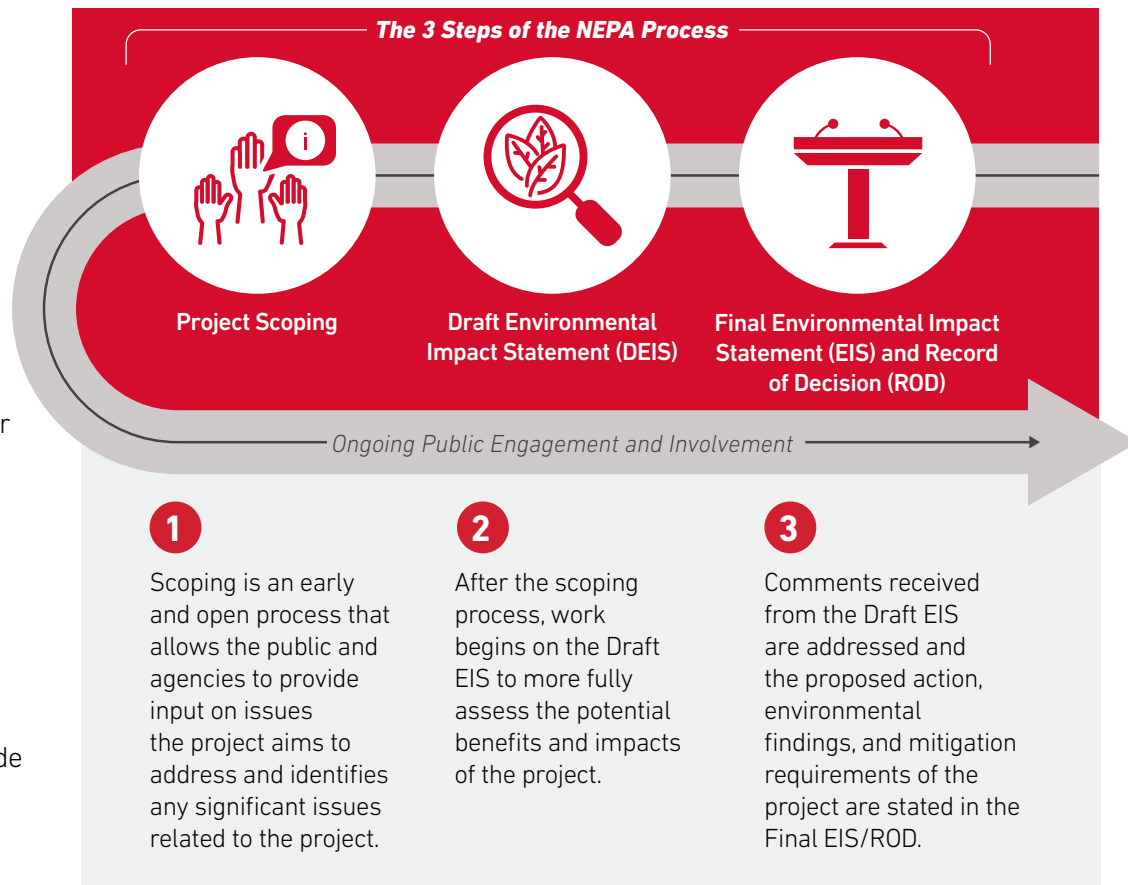
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» ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Capital Metro and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines and other regulatory requirements.

The NEPA process:

- Helps us to learn more about and better define the project
- Allows the community to understand and help guide project development
- Fulfills requirement to receive Federal funds



» GET INVOLVED

We welcome your input. Share your comments and questions with the project team.

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