

# ORANGE LINE

## »» THE PROJECT

The proposed Orange Line project is a 20-mile light rail transit (LRT) corridor that would travel along Lamar Boulevard and Congress Avenue from the Tech Ridge Park & Ride at Howard Lane south to Slaughter Lane. This route is currently served by Capital Metro's MetroRapid 801. The Orange Line was identified as one of the dedicated-pathway high-capacity transit (HCT) corridors in the Project Connect System Plan and would serve as the spine of the regional HCT network—providing faster, more reliable transit connections.

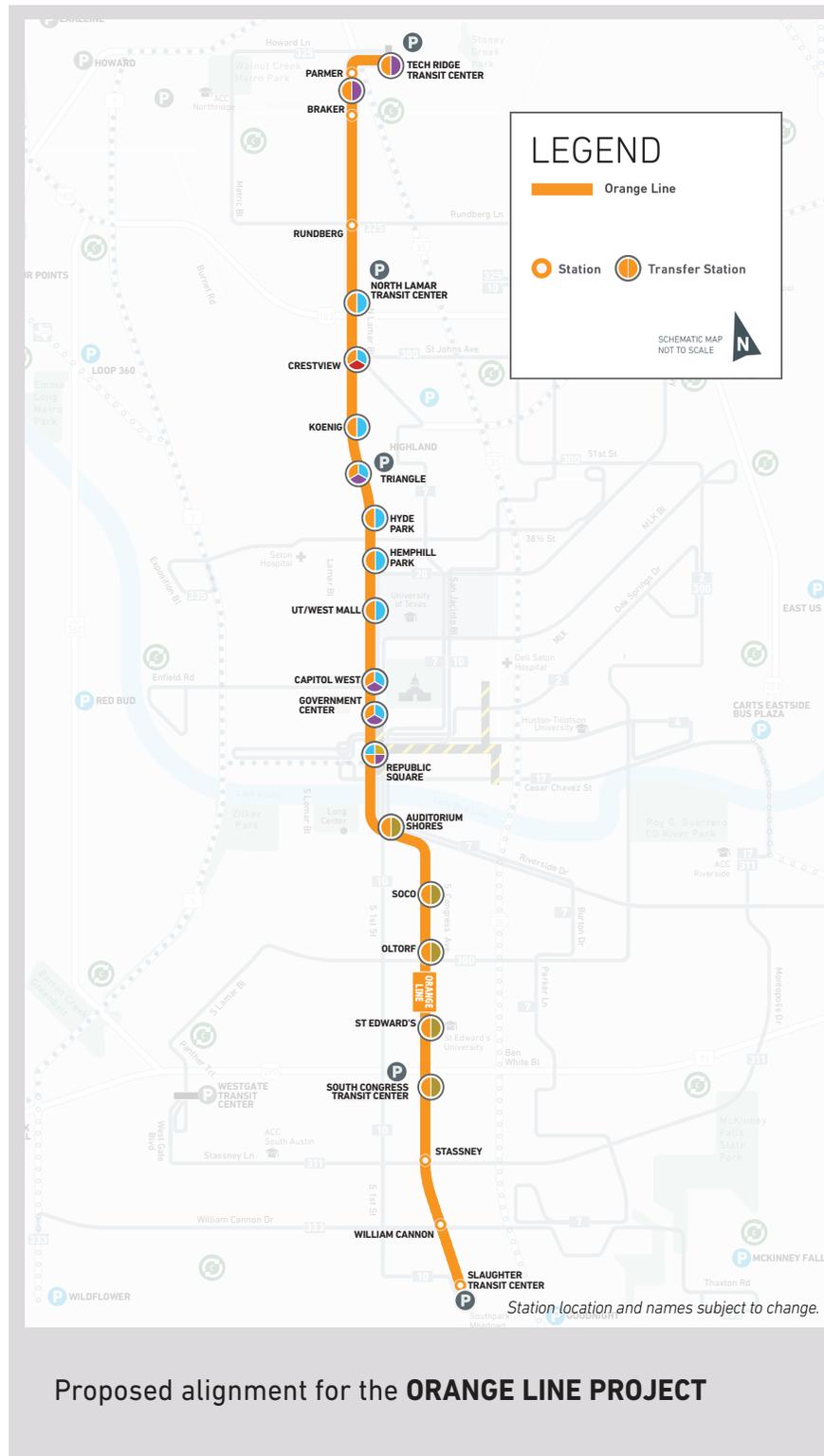
## »» PURPOSE AND NEED

The need for the Orange Line Project is demonstrated by increasing congestion within the project corridor and parallel roadways, which is worsened by the inability to expand roadway capacity enough to meet demand. Failure to accommodate this increasing demand for efficient mobility is a threat to continued community and economic growth.

The purpose of the Orange Line Project is to offer a reliable, safe, cost effective, time competitive, state-of-the-art HCT option that is congestion-proof.

The Orange Line project would:

- Sustainably support Austin's population and economic growth
- Support growth of and connectivity to activity centers
- Provide better transit options linking affordable housing and jobs
- Increase transportation network capacity to meet increasing travel demand



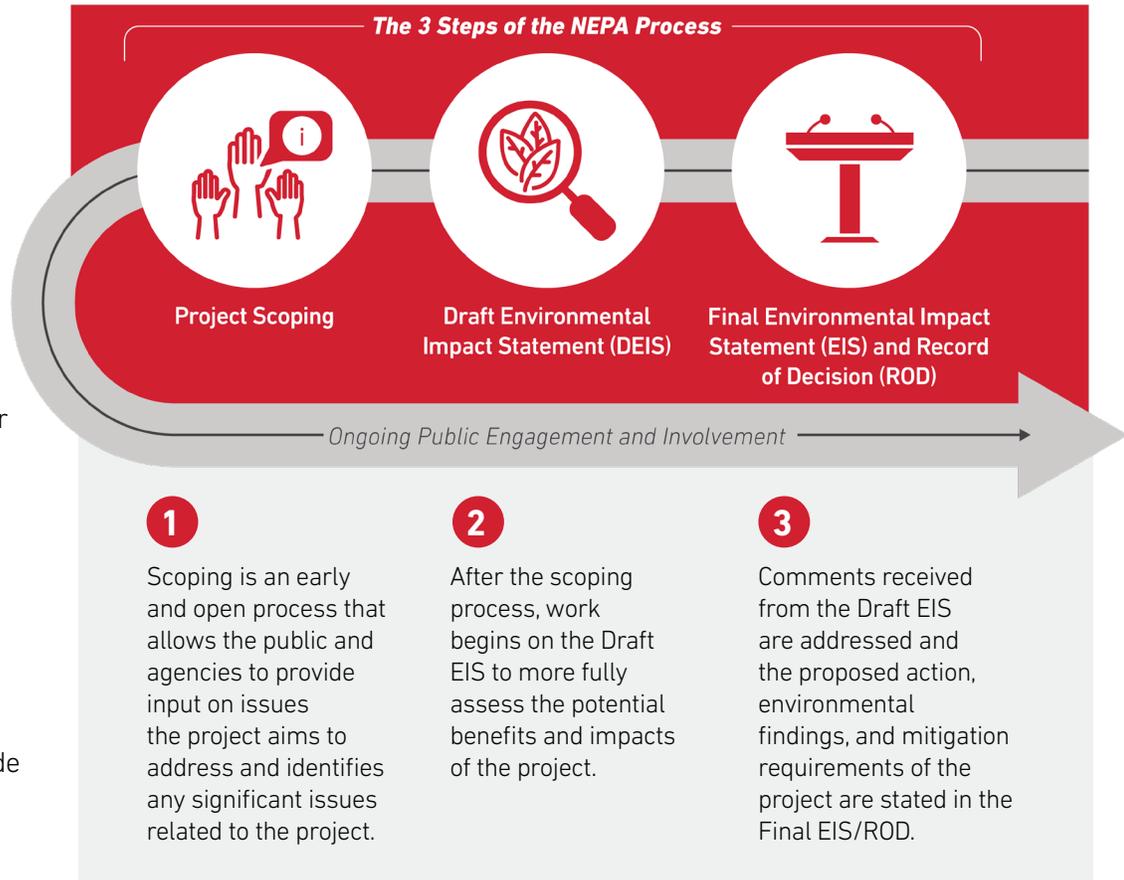
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## » ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

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.

- Call our comment line at **(512) 369-7703**
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