Project Connect.
A Transit Plan Designed for Austin.

INITIAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW
Project Connect & How It All Came Together

A comprehensive transit plan that would include multiple services to run simultaneously – that would create more frequent transit options for customers across the region.

The result of:

**The Public**
The product of 60,000+ conversations with Austin residents – 17,000 from virtual engagement in May, June, and July 2020.

**Community Leaders**
Engaged with more than 150 community organizations and stakeholders.

**Partnerships**
Collaboration with dozens of local cities, counties, transportation agencies, and many others.

**Stakeholders**
Extensive outreach through neighborhood meetings, corridor working groups, and small-group presentations.
Project Connect: A Comprehensive Transit Plan

The System Plan includes all elements of the transportation expansion plan that were adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on June 10, 2020.

The Initial Investment was adopted by the Capital Metro Board and received a resolution of approval from the Austin City Council on August 7.

The Initial Investment includes the portions of the System Plan to be advanced for development through proposed local and federal funding.

A ballot measure for the Initial Investment will be on the November 2020 ballot.
Project Connect: Making Connections Video
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**

Separate light rail from street traffic, enabling faster, safer and more reliable travel through downtown.

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**Expanded Bus Service**

4 new MetroRapid routes; high-frequency bus service with priority treatments.

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.

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**All-Electric Bus Fleet**

15 new neighborhood circulator zones with on-demand pick-up

**MetroBike integration**

All-electric bike fleet available for rent at transit hubs

**MetroAccess**

On-demand services and system-wide accessibility

**Maintenance Facilities**
Light rail is planned to connect north and south Austin.

Operating from North Lamar and U.S. 183 and extending to Stassney Lane.

Destinations include:
• North Lamar Transit Center
• Crestview
• UT
• Republic Square
• Auditorium Shores
• The SoCo District
Light rail is planned to offer service to the airport.

Operating from North Lamar and U.S. 183 to downtown and directly to the airport.

**Destinations include:**

- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- Lakeshore Drive
- Convention Center
- Rainey Street
- UT
- Crestview
- North Lamar Transit Center
New Rail System

**GREEN LINE**

*New commuter rail* service planned to connect downtown to East Austin’s Colony Park.

**Destinations include:**
- East Austin
- Springdale
- U.S. 183 Park & Ride
- Colony Park
Rail System Expansion

**RED LINE**

Expanded commuter rail stations serving The Domain and Austin’s FC Stadium.

**Destinations include:**
- Leander
- The Domain
- McKalla Place
- Crestview
- ACC Highland
- MLK
- Saltillo
- Downtown
4 new MetroRapid routes would provide frequent service with a limited number of stops.

New corridors would include:

- **Gold Line** from ACC Highland to South Congress and Ben White
  Gold line would begin as a MetroRapid service from ACC Highland to Republic Square and is planned for conversion to Light Rail as a part of the full System Plan

- **Expo Center** | from east Austin to UT and downtown

- **Pleasant Valley** | from Mueller to the Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride

- **Burnet** | from The Domain to Manchaca & Oak Hill
Downtown Transit Tunnel: Republic Square Station

Conceptual Illustration
Initial Investment – Adopted July 27, 2020
Project Connect: Funding & Governance Video
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