

Transit Service in Leander

CapMetro provides MetroExpress bus and MetroRail service to and from the City of Leander, as well as the on-demand Pickup service within the City. Commuters may park at the Leander Station Park & Ride, located near U.S. 183 and Metro Dr., and travel from there between Austin and Leander.

Learn more about:

- ▶ [MetroRail Red Line Service](#)
- ▶ [MetroExpress Route 985](#)
- ▶ [Pickup Leander](#)

Current projects on the CapMetro Red Line

On Sept. 30, 2021, CapMetro held a ceremony at Leander Station to kick off the MetroRail Red Line Improvement Projects. The project includes installing additional rail tracks between Lakeline and Leander Stations, which will provide better frequency and create a more reliable schedule for trains along the entire Red Line.

Currently there is a single main track between Lakeline and Leander Stations. Under this project, adding 3,350 feet of passing siding between Lakeline and Leander Stations establishes a zone for passing and includes installation of turnouts, replacement of a railroad bridge, installation of retaining walls, and completion of minor utility work. The project is expected to be complete in Fall 2022.

May 2022 Leander Special Election

What if Leander residents choose “no” on Prop A?

- The day after the election results are canvassed, CapMetro would no longer offer transit services in Leander. This includes CapMetro’s MetroRail Red Line at Leander Station, bus service and on-demand Pickup services.
- Leander residents would continue to be assessed the existing 1-cent sales tax for about three years, until the city’s existing obligation is fully paid. This is currently estimated to be \$42,301,241 million as of 3/31/22.

What if Leander residents choose “yes” on Prop A?

- CapMetro services would continue, including MetroRail Red Line at Leander Station, bus service and on-demand Pickup services. Services would continue to be funded by a 1-cent sales tax in the City of Leander.
- CapMetro’s Build Central Texas program would provide funding to the City of Leander if the cost of service is less than the 1-cent sales tax revenue. These funds would go toward transit-supportive capital projects.
- The City of Leander would receive a portion of CapMetro’s new \$10 million transit supportive infrastructure fund. Leander’s portion of the \$10 million is estimated to be \$7.4 million. CapMetro could assist the City of Leander in securing federal funds that support transit and assistive infrastructure.

Ridership in Leander

Ridership in the Leander area has nearly doubled from January 2021 to January 2022, trending toward pre-pandemic levels. Data is available in CapMetro’s public [ridership dashboard](#). CapMetro estimates that demand will continue to increase, especially as traffic increases. Based on a recent survey conducted with Leander residents, lower- and middle-income households more frequently ride CapMetro and the most common reason is commuting to and from work.

1-cent sales tax in Prop A

The City of Leander’s 1-cent sales tax is allocated to local roadway and infrastructure projects, which include rail. CapMetro and the City of Leander work together on eligible transit-supportive road and infrastructure projects.