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# THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENED Thursday, March 9, 2023 ATP Office | Conference Room

# 203 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701

# (with some members of the CAC participating via video conference)

**Members in Attendance: Members Absent:**

Awais Azhar – Chair Susana Almanza

Brianna Snitchler - Secretary Noe Elias

Kathryn Broadwater Theodore Fong

Joao Paulo Connolly Jeremy Hendricks

Gretchen Flatau Renee Lopez

Michael Gorse

Susan Somers

Ephraim Taylor

**Attendees:**

Sam Alexander

Brandon Carr

Courtney Chavez

Tony Elkins

Hala Farid

Terry Hockens

Miguel Lopez

Peter Mullan

Edna Parra

Julie Smith

Marla Torrado

Dottie Watkins

# CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:08 PM

# Land Acknowledgement

Miguel Lopez read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

# Citizen Communication

No citizens shared comment at this time.

# Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023, meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Secretary Snitchler, seconded by Members Somers; confirmed with a unanimous vote (10-0).

Member Broadwater was not present on the dais.

## **Discussion Items**

1. **CapMetro CEO Introduction - Dottie Watkins, CapMetro**
   1. Dottie Watkins, President CEO CapMetro, provided a presentation on the Service Standards and Guidelines for CapMetro. The update was followed by a question and answer session.
2. **MetroRapid Update – Sam Alexander, CapMetro, Ken** 
   1. Sam Alexander, EDP for Experience and Engagement for CapMetro, and Ken Cartwright, Vice President of Structures and Facilities for CapMetro, provided an update on the MetroRapid. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
      1. New Timeline is 2025
3. **Light Rail Implementation Community Engagement Update and Next Steps- Courtney Chavez, ATP**
   1. Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President of Equity & Community Partnership for ATP, provided an update on the Light Rail Implementation Community Engagement and Next Steps. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
      1. Courtney Chavez has said ATP will participate in a discussion, next month, to offer all three options.

# Action Items

1. No Action Items were presented at this time.

# Staff Updates

1. **ATP Staff Updates**

Courtney Chavez, Senior Vice President of Equity & Community Partnership for ATP, provided an update on upcoming ATP community engagement opportunities and forums, as well as the new date and time of the ATP Board meeting (Wednesday, March 12, 2023 **|** 9:00 AM). The update was followed by a question and answer session.

1. **CapMetro Staff Updates**

No updates were provided at this time

1. **City of Austin Staff Updates**

No updates were provided at this time

1. **Working Group/TAC Updates**

Anti-Displacement Working Group will suspend activity until the May meeting

Governance Working Group will invite Greg Canally to come and speak at a future time.

# Future Items

Member Connolly requested a presentation on what is “risk” in the context of this project

Member Flatau requested, and Chair Azhar will address, the reappointment process and the term limits of the CAC members.

# ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM without objection.