Thanks a Billion!

If you haven't heard, CapMetro hit 1 billion rides on January 30th! We first started in 1985 with a fleet of 225 buses and today we have more than 540 vehicles on the road, including 2 electric buses. Ridership has been steadily increasing for the last 16 months straight, with 195,000 more trips, about an 8% increase! Together with your 1 billion rides, we have prevented 445,000 tons of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere. With the improvements that come with Project Connect, including an electric-powered fleet, and continued increase in the use of public transportation, we can continue to curb congestion and air quality issues for future generations!

Project Connect Outreach

Currently, the Project Connect Team is gearing up to present at the March 9th joint work session and share information with the public through a series of district presentations. These presentations will take place in the month of April, and the dates and locations can be found below. Yet, as we work up to these events, we are simultaneously continuing our outreach efforts.

Members of our Project Connect Team have met with various environmental justice groups including Foundation Communities, AVANCE, Clean Water Action, and Texas Criminal Justice Coalition to name a few. By meeting with various organizations that work with and represent different stakeholders, we are ensuring that we are taking into consideration the needs of all the residents of Austin. We hope to continue these meetings as the project advances.

Project Connect April Open Houses

CapMetro is having a series of open houses to share the recommendation for each of the different components of the Project Connect system. These open houses will offer the public the opportunity to learn more about Project Connect and provide feedback. We hope to see you at one!

April Open Houses: from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 7th - Carver Museum: 1165 Angelina St, Austin, TX 78702
- Wednesday, April 8th - Fiesta Gardens Building: 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St,
- Monday, April 13th - Central Library: 710 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701
- Tuesday, April 14th - Webb Middle School: 601 E St Johns Ave, Austin, TX 78752
- Monday, April 20th - South Austin Senior Activity Center: 3911 Manchaca Rd, Austin, TX 78704
- Wednesday, April 22nd - Oak Hill Community Center: 8656 TX-71, Austin, TX 78735
- Monday, April 27th - Norris Conference Center: 2525 W Anderson Ln #365, Austin, TX 78757
- Tuesday, April 28th - Dittmar Rec Center: 1009 W Dittmar Rd, Austin, TX 78745 (Only meeting with different time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 29th - St. Alberts Catholic Church Parish Activity Hall: 12041 Bittern Hollow, Austin, TX 78758
- Northwest Austin, save the date for April 29
- Additional meeting for the Northwest Austin region to be scheduled.

Whenever possible, a request for reasonable modifications or accommodations will be filled in advance. Requests may be submitted via email to feedback@projectconnect.com or by phone at 512-474-1200.

**Lunch & Learn: Transit 101**

Calling all individuals interested in learning how to use the transit systems, new Austinites, and public transportation fanatics! We would love to invite you to be a part of our first Lunch & Learn, on March 24th where, very fittingly, the topic will be "Transit 101." During this event, the Project Connect team will discuss why transit is important, the different services offered by CapMetro, how to use the system, and conclude with explaining Project Connect plans.

One Lunch & Learns will occur each month and have its own unique topic related to Project Connect. The goal of these monthly "Lunch & Learns" is to invite community members into our Project Connect office, conveniently located on Congress Ave, to become informed on the various aspects and benefits of the project. So if you are interested in joining us for our first Lunch & Learn you can find out more and/or sign up here. There is limited space so reserve your spot sooner than later!

**Alerts Right to your Phone!**
If you haven't yet heard, we have created a new way to alert residents of Austin of changes there are to bus routes. Before, we would announce information on social media and through website updates, but realized that this route of communication made it hard for residents to stay up to date on the information. Now, you can sign up to receive MetroAlerts, notifications that go straight to your phone. The best part is that you can choose which routes you get notifications for, that way you don't get bombarded and confused with all route delays or detours. To find out more information or signup visit our MetroAlerts website.

### Upcoming Event Calendar

**March Lunch & Learn- Transit 101:**  
**When:** Mar. 24, 2020 1:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Project Connect Office  
607 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701