

CapMetro

**Customer Satisfaction
Advisory Committee**

February 2025



Systemwide Accessibility Department Reporting and Initiatives

Martin Kareithi, Director of Systemwide Accessibility

Agenda

Calendar Year 2024 4th Quarter Report Overview:

- Fixed Route Wheelchair Boardings
- Customer Comment Reporting Database
- Mystery Rider program
- Vehicle Mobility Program
- Accessibility Initiatives and Community Engagement

Fixed Route Wheelchair Boardings

Wheelchair ridership trends show gradual improvement, though still below pre-COVID levels.

Category	Oct-2023	Nov-2023	Dec-2023	YTD 2023	Oct-2024	Nov-2024	Dec-2024	YTD 2024	YTD Change	Oct 2023 to Oct 2024	Nov 2023 to Nov 2024	Dec 2023 to Dec 2024
Wheelchair Boardings	6,051	5,927	5,763	17,741	6,654	5,940	5,938	18,532	4.46%	9.97%	0.22%	3.04%

Top 10 Routes include: Route 300, 801, 2, 10, 20, 803, 3, 1, 311, 333

Customer Comment Report

Customer feedback is tracked to uphold service quality. We strive to respond to ADA-related complaints within four business days and typically resolve them within ten days, with some cases requiring up to thirty days

- CapMetro received 52 ADA complaints in Q4 CY 2024.
- More than 2 in 5 ADA complaints were substantiated (58% unconfirmed).
- Half of confirmed complaints involved customers unable to board vehicles.

Vehicle Mobility Grant Program

CapMetro's Vehicle Mobility Program repurposes retired MetroAccess vehicles for organizations providing community-based transportation services.

- Approved by CapMetro's Board in 2017.
- Third iteration launched in April 2021 and concluded in November 2024.
- Organizations awarded vehicles include:
 - Foundation Communities – Provided 401 trips, 401 accessible trips
 - Marbridge Foundation: Provided 1,773 trips, 180 accessible trips
 - American Youth Works: Provided 52 trips, 0 accessible trips
 - Project Transition: withdrew in March 2023–registration challenge
- Partner organizations submit quarterly reports for two years before ownership transfers.

Mystery Rider Program

CapMetro uses a third-party vendor to manage a Mystery Rider Program to evaluate fixed-route service quality and ADA compliance.

ADA Compliance Mystery Rider Results Q3	Percentages	Yes	No
Did you hear the announcement of the route number outside of the bus at your departure stop?	89%	487	59
Did you hear the automated system make announcements each stop time?	97%	534	15
Were the automated announcements loud and clear?	97%	528	14
If the automated announcements were not made or were not clear, did the bus operator announce any stops, transfer points, or major intersections?	13%	2	13
Upon request, did the driver deploy the ramp/kneel?	94%	47	3
Was there a mobility device user on board?	23%	117	384
If yes, was the mobility device properly secured? (Driver must properly secure all four constraints to the wheelchair/mobile device) Answer NA if you are not or did not witness	97%	114	4
Did the driver offer the mobile device user (those in chairs) a shoulder belt?	71%	79	33
Did the driver allow passengers with service animals to board the bus?	94%	16	1

20 rides of all mystery riders must be trips completed by a person in a wheelchair (or a similar mobility device) per month.

Systemwide Accessibility Initiatives

Self-Evaluation and ADA Transition Plan:

- Agency-wide assessment of facilities, programs, services, and technologies
- Finalization activities to resume after task order extension phase.
- Will incorporate a GIS dashboard of all transit stops and facilities for future planning

Accessible Wayfinding Technologies: (NaviLens)

- Launched in 2024 to enhance accessibility for customers with disabilities.
- 82 codes fully installed along segments of 1/801 and 300 corridors.
- Top Scan Locations: Criss Cole Rehab Center, 4801 Sunshine Blvd – 271.
- Two Focus groups conducted with the Participatory Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Bringing on a team to help with engagement, feedback, data collection and reporting and recommendations.

Systemwide Accessibility Initiatives Cont...

Accessible Technology Procurement

- New Accessible Information Communication Technology (ICT) Policy- ensures digital purchases meet federal standards (Section 508, WCAG 2.1 AA).
- Furthest extent possible and exceptions process
- Training modules coming soon, will inform and guide staff on the process

Systemwide Accessibility Initiatives Cont....

Disability and Sensitivity Awareness Training

- Topics included:
- Disability Rights: Past, Present and Future
- Definition of a Disability
- Communication Strategies
- 108 participants to date including much of the senior executive and management staff
- Additional training will be conducted in Spring 2025

Community Engagement and Outreach

Transit Plan 2035

- Bi-weekly meetings with Internal & External Affairs teams
- Focus groups at Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center and ADAPT.
- Promoted Transit 2035 Survey on Art Sparks Disability Radio and White Cane Day

ADAPT's 40th Anniversary

- Celebrated 40 years of advocacy on October 26, 2024.
- Highlighted CapMetro's collaboration with ADAPT to advance accessible transportation in Austin, TX





Wayfinding Technology

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Agenda

- What Is Accessible Wayfinding?
- What Is The Technology?
- Where Are We Doing It?
- Participatory Advisory Committee
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Next Steps

What Is The Tech?

NaviLens:

- Code-based mobile application that provides wayfinding and directional navigation.
- Announces stop ID, route number, landmark, real time information and distance to the code.

Waymap:

- Mobile application with no hardware required beyond a personal Smartphone.
- Provides turn by Turn guidance using advanced sensor-based algorithms to deliver precise location data without relying on GPS.
- Offers real-time, audio-based directions.

How Does It Work? (NaviLens)

[NaviLens Code Audio - Pleasant Valley and 5th.m4a](#)



How Does It Work? (Waymap)



<https://youtu.be/bbvJKQy6UNo?si=33pVxFV4R0D-CCDe>

Next Steps

- Received notice to proceed in early January 2025.
- Preliminary lidar and visual scans have been conducted.
- Currently in data collection and discovery with our IT Teams.
- Active testing is planned for March 2025.
- Waymap project is planned to extend to December 2025.

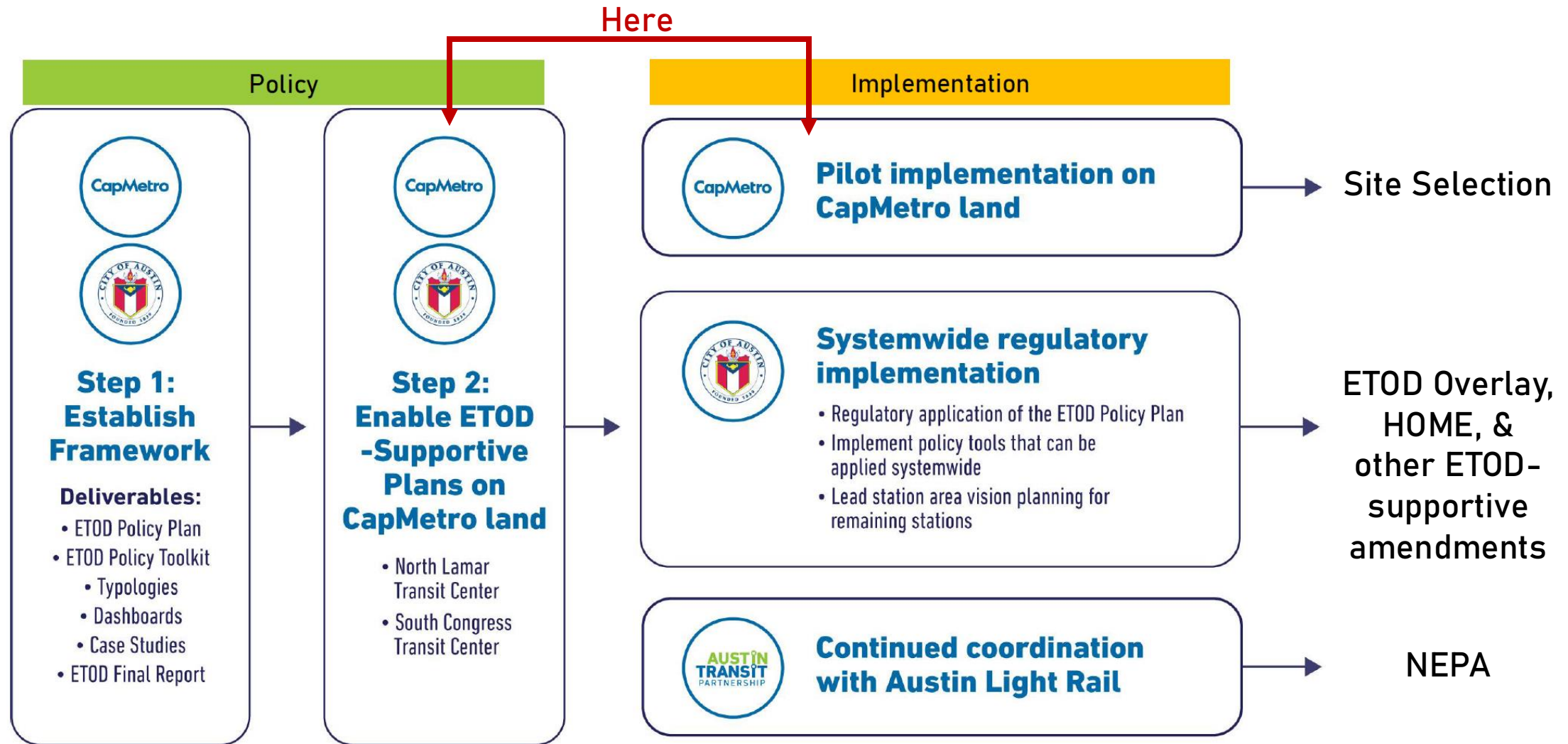


ETOD Update


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Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Implementation



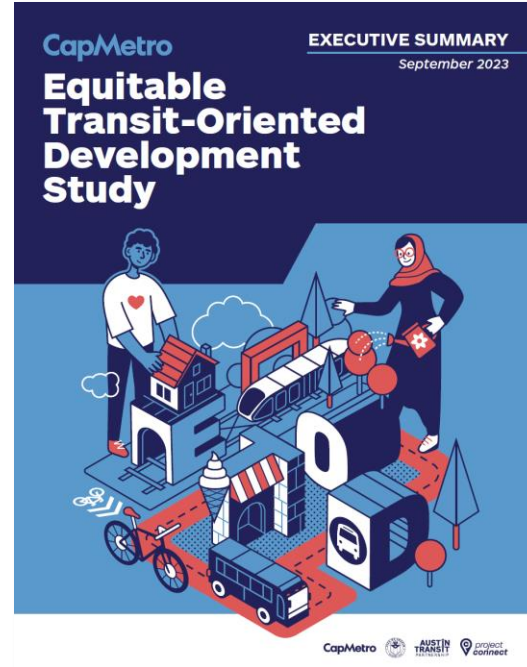
Step 1: Establish Framework



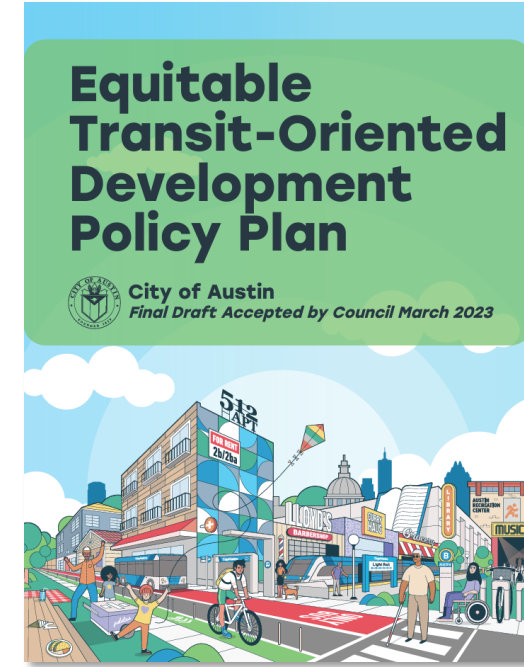
**Step 1:
Establish
Framework**

Deliverables:

- ETOD Policy Plan
- ETOD Policy Toolkit
 - Typologies
 - Dashboards
 - Case Studies
- ETOD Final Report

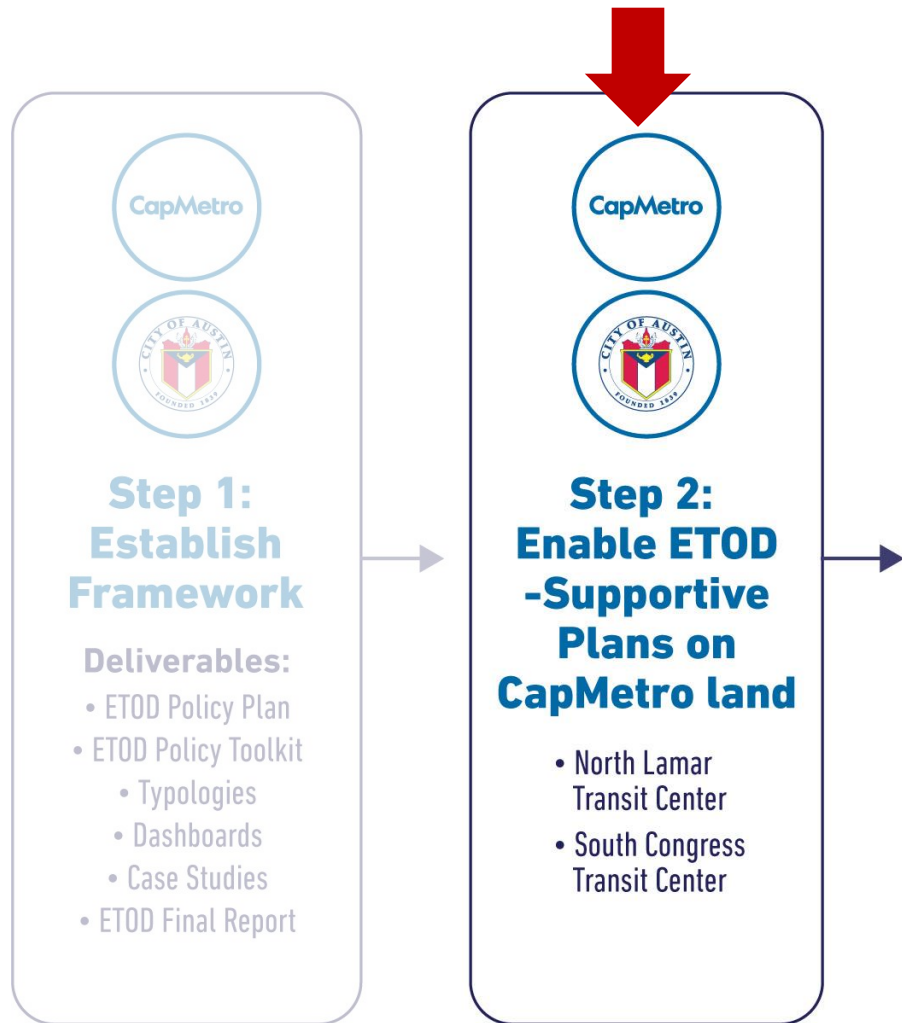


ETOD Study
Released Sept. 2023



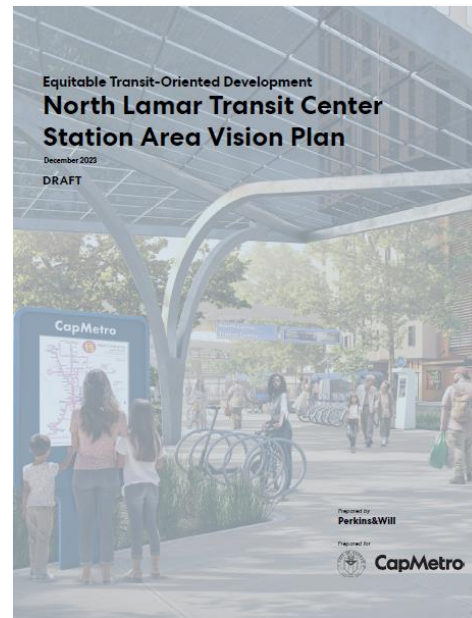
ETOD Policy Plan
Accepted by Council March 2023

Step 2: Enable ETOD-Supportive Plans



Supports CapMetro development through:

1. Streamlining the planning process
2. Advocating for density-supportive neighborhoods
3. Attracting development partners



Station Area Vision Plan - NLTC

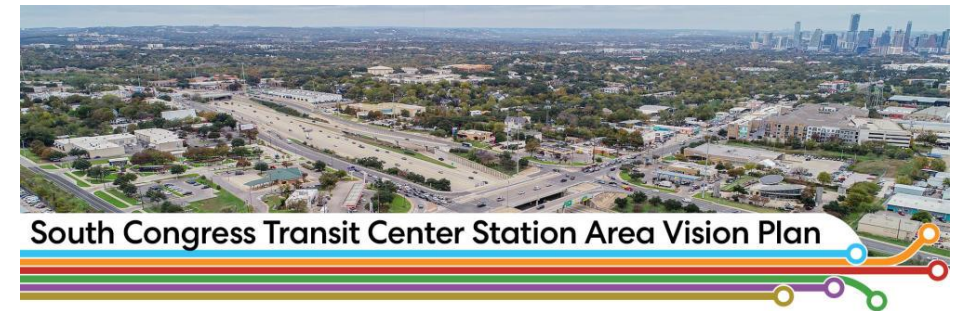


Station Area Vision Plan - SCTC



Station Area Vision Plan Content

1. Project Overview, Vision, Engagement
2. Station Area Overview
 - Existing land use, connectivity, socioeconomic conditions
3. Station Area Vision
 - Proposed land use and development characteristics
4. Concept Plans
5. ETOD Policy Tools
6. Next Steps



<https://publicinput.com/t4686#tab-54319>

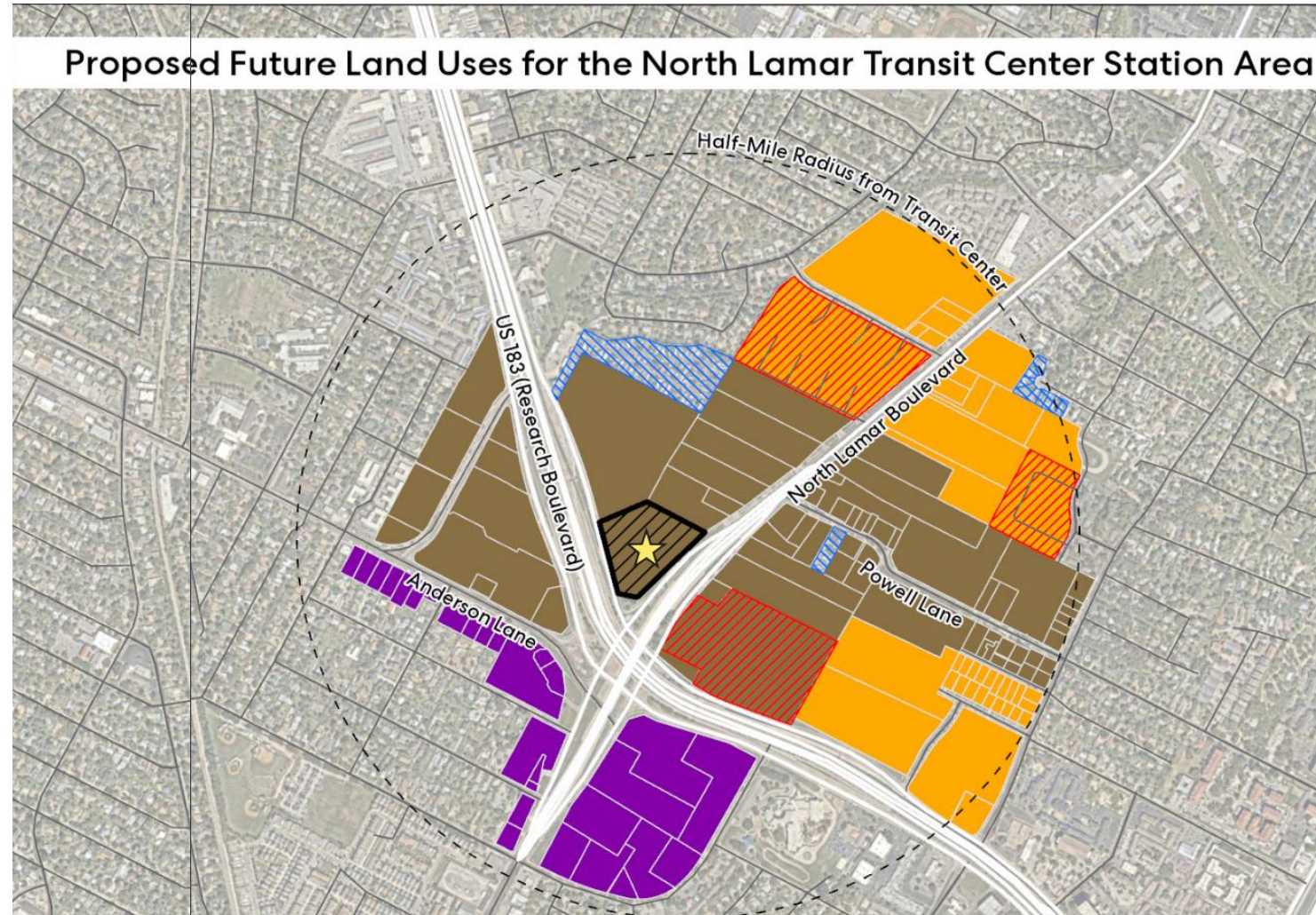
Future Land Use Map

TOD Mixed-Use will include the highest level of development activity, ideally with a mix of ground floor commercial or other active uses with residential, commercial, and/or office uses on the upper floors.

Mixed-Use Industrial will include low impact industrial uses with added options for retail, office, and attached multi-family residential development.

Neighborhood Transition will include a variety of building sizes such as multifamily, duplexes, townhomes, or small-scale offices and commercial buildings. It serves as a transition between less intense single-family and more intense mixed-use, or commercial. The purpose of the Neighborhood Transition character type is to enable an area to blend more effectively between a primarily residential area and a more active, commercial, and office use area.

Residential Core will include lower density residential uses consisting of attached or detached single-family homes, and duplexes. The area is characterized by homes, an abundance of trees, and a connected network of multimodal streets.

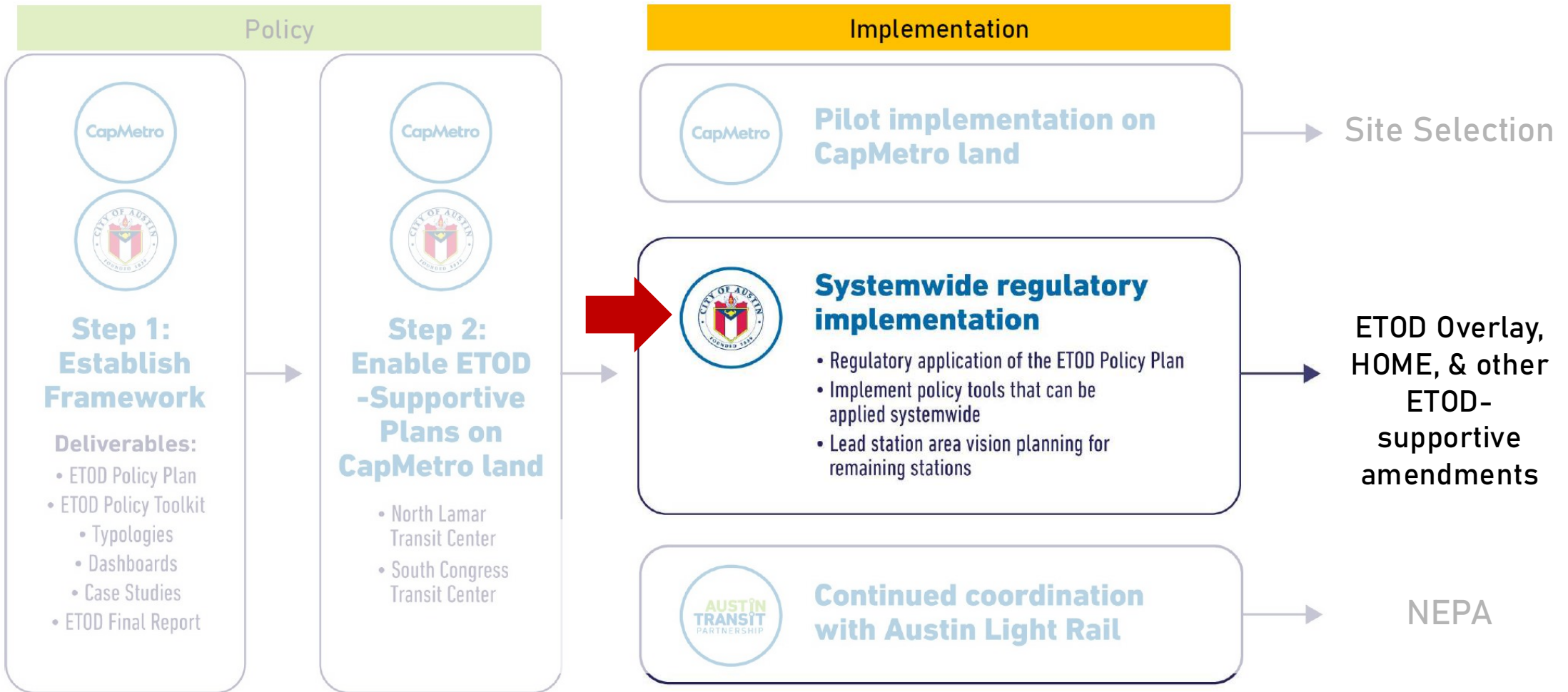


Station Area Vision Plans- Adoption

- City of Austin completed a third round of engagement in Fall/Winter 2024.
 - Now ready to go through the Neighborhood Plan Amendment (NPA) process to update nearby neighborhood plans
 - Then to Planning Commission and City Council meetings for adoption (dates TBD)

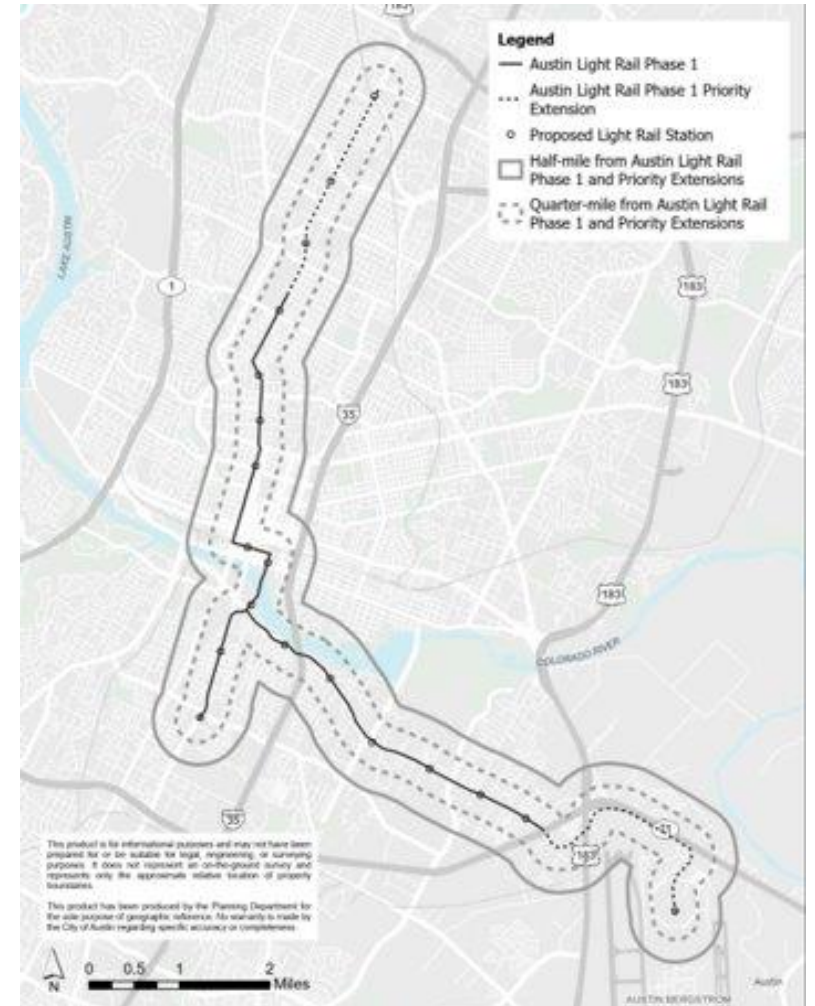


Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Implementation



Systemwide Regulatory Implementation– ETOD Overlay

- ETOD Overlay Phase 1 adopted by City Council May 16, 2024 to apply to certain areas with ½ mile of Austin Phase 1 Light Rail + Priority Extensions.
 - Restricted non-transit supportive uses, and
 - Created ETOD Density Bonus District (DBETOD)
 - Requires affordable housing, redevelopment protections for certain existing residents and businesses, and has higher mixed use building standards
 - Allows residential uses in previously non-residential areas, modified site development standards (like compatibility), increases max building heights (up to 120 feet in some areas), and supersedes some more restrictive regulations
- Also rezoned 850 acres of eligible land



Systemwide Regulatory Implementation

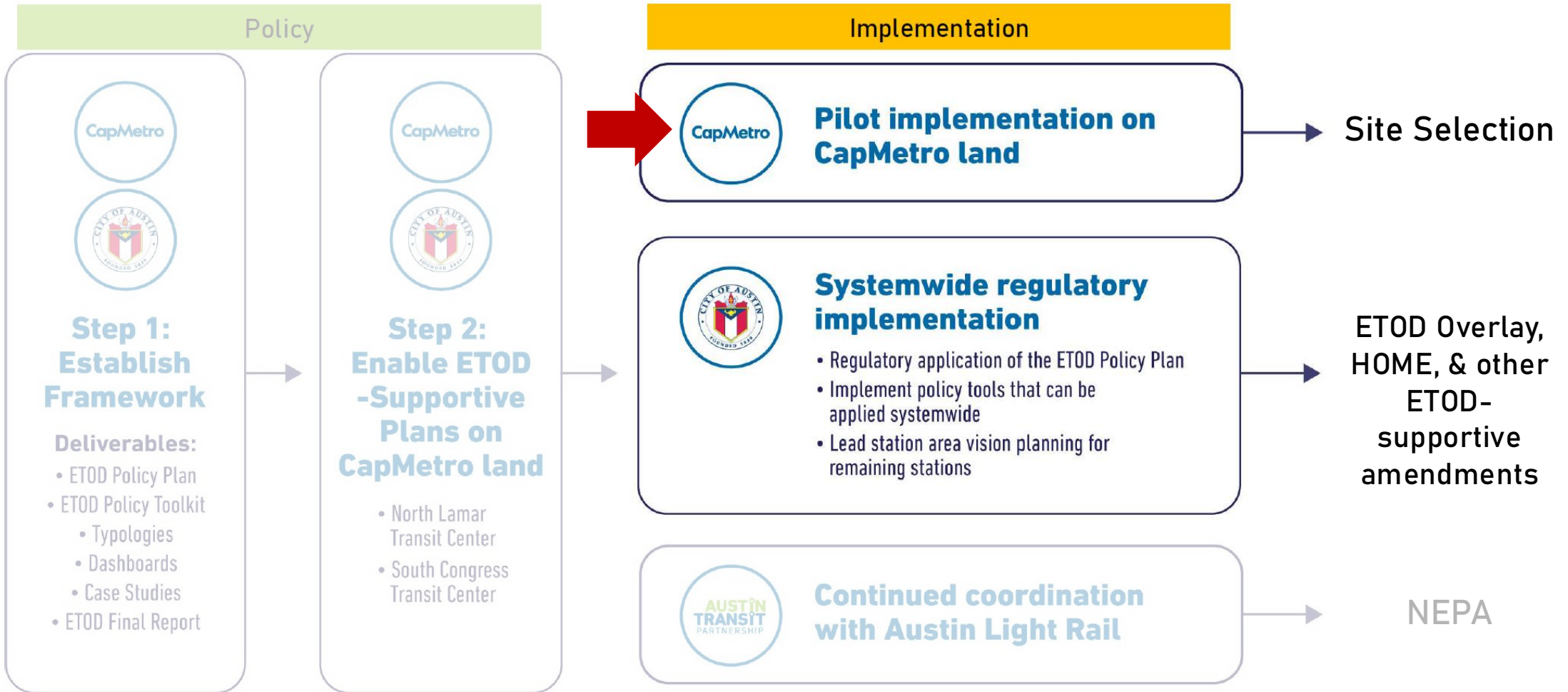
City Council Adoption Dates

Other transit-supportive land development code updates

11/02/2023	Eliminate Minimum Parking Requirements	Resolution No. 20230504-022 provided direction to eliminate minimum off-street vehicle parking requirements
05/16/2024	Electric Vehicle Charging	Resolution No. 20230608-082 provided direction to create a new land use for Electric Vehicle charging and define where EV charging facilities could be located.
12/07/2023 & 05/16/2024	HOME Phases 1 & 2	Resolution No. 20230720-126 provided direction to create a new 3-unit single family residential use; reduce minimum lot sizes for single-family zoning districts.
05/16/2024	Citywide Compatibility Changes	Resolution No. 20230608-045 provided direction to simplify citywide compatibility standards and make them less restrictive.
05/30/2024	Downtown Parking Requirements	Resolution No. 20240201-026 provided direction to modify downtown regulations so that they meet parking needs more efficiently and create a more walkable, pedestrian-oriented built environment with fewer large above-ground parking structures.
02/29/2024; updated 08/29/2024	Density Bonus 90 (DB90)	Ordinance No. 20240829-158 updated previous DB90 regulations (allowing an additional 30' in height beyond the base zone standards for developments participating in the new tier of the density bonus program and provide affordability requirements for those developments) to bring into alignment with VMU and Citywide Compatibility Changes

More info at <https://www.speakupaustin.org/LDCUpdates>

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Implementation



ETOD Next Steps (2025-2026)



- ETOD Strategic Plan provides clear guidance and transparency for stakeholders, detailing the steps required to foster community-centered development around current and future CapMetro stations.
- Transit Development Guidelines establish standards for developers to incorporate transit-supportive amenities—such as bus bays, touchdown pads, shelters, and MetroBike docks—tailored to unique project scales.
- ETOD Site Assessment advances efforts to identify the most promising sites for transit-oriented development on CapMetro-owned properties.
- Crestview Station ETOD Study will explore transit infrastructure and ETOD opportunities for Crestview Station, CapMetro's only multimodal hub integrating commuter rail, freight, bus, eventual light rail and microtransit.
- Continued public meetings to support adoption of Station Area Vision Plans to guide future City investments and programs in the North Lamar and South Congress station areas.
- Development of ETOD Overlay Phase 2 to apply regulations to additional geographies and transit typologies, including CapMetro Rapid, the Red Line, and future Green Line. Anticipated City Council Adoption in Spring/Summer 2025.
- Public engagement to begin in the coming months for East Riverside Corridor (ERC) Vision Plan and Regulating Plans update.
- Future work anticipated to update N. Lamar/Justin Ln. Regulating and Station Area Plans (aka Crestview) to support CapMetro's Crestview work.

Light Rail Update

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Austin Light Rail

Progress Update

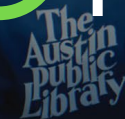
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TO: 38th Street Station	
UPCOMING STOPS	ESTIMATE
Cesar Chavez	4 MIN
Congress	7 MIN
Wooldridge	7 MIN



Austin Transit Partnership



Benefits of Light Rail

New Options to Get Places



The line will integrate with cars, buses, trains and other modes — giving people more choices when navigating between the core and the larger metro area.

Easy, Reliable & Frequent



Light rail will have its own dedicated railway, intuitive directions, and run every 5-10 minutes — making it highly dependable and easy to use.

Reduced Travel Times



The line will allow riders to zip through the heart of Austin without having to sit in traffic — significantly reducing travel times to key destinations.

Nature-forward Design



Shade trees, Texas plants and new walk and bike paths will be integrated throughout the design of the line, creating more people-friendly spaces.

An Engine for Jobs



Light rail will create 10,000 jobs as a key part of city mobility improvements. It will also create access to 200K+ jobs when operational.

Keeps Austin Livable



The line will help keep our city accessible for working people by connecting to affordable housing and reducing commuting costs.

Light Rail in Other Cities



Paris, France



Seattle, Washington



Phoenix, Arizona



Minneapolis, Minnesota

Austin Light Rail Phase 1

Light rail is an expandable electric train system designed for metropolitan areas, serving as an integral part of the transit network by connecting people to essential destinations where they live, work and play.

Facts

15 STATIONS

connecting points north, south and east of downtown Austin

9.8 MILES

of light rail transit

~28,000 DAILY TRIPS

on an average weekday

Access to:

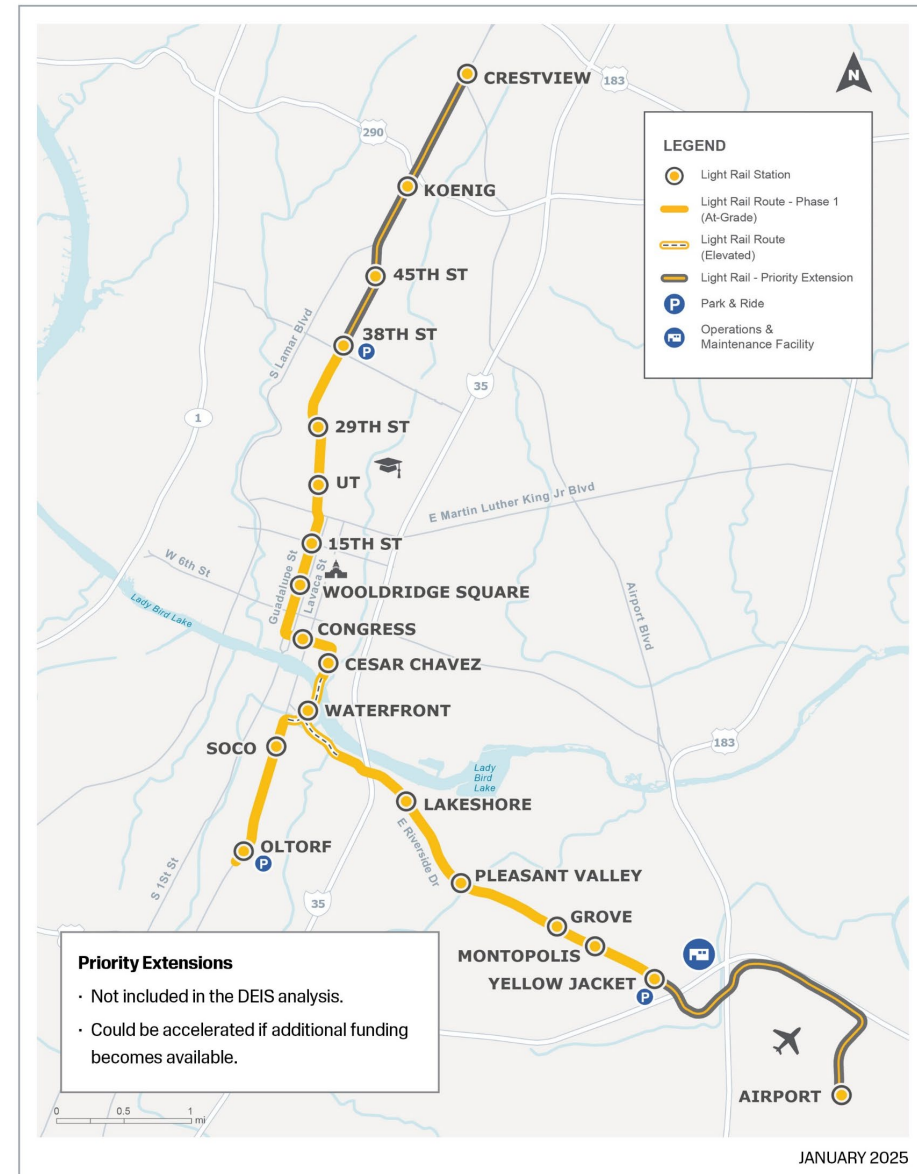
136K

current jobs

200K+

future jobs

Austin Light Rail Phase 1 and Priority Extensions





Artist conceptual visualization



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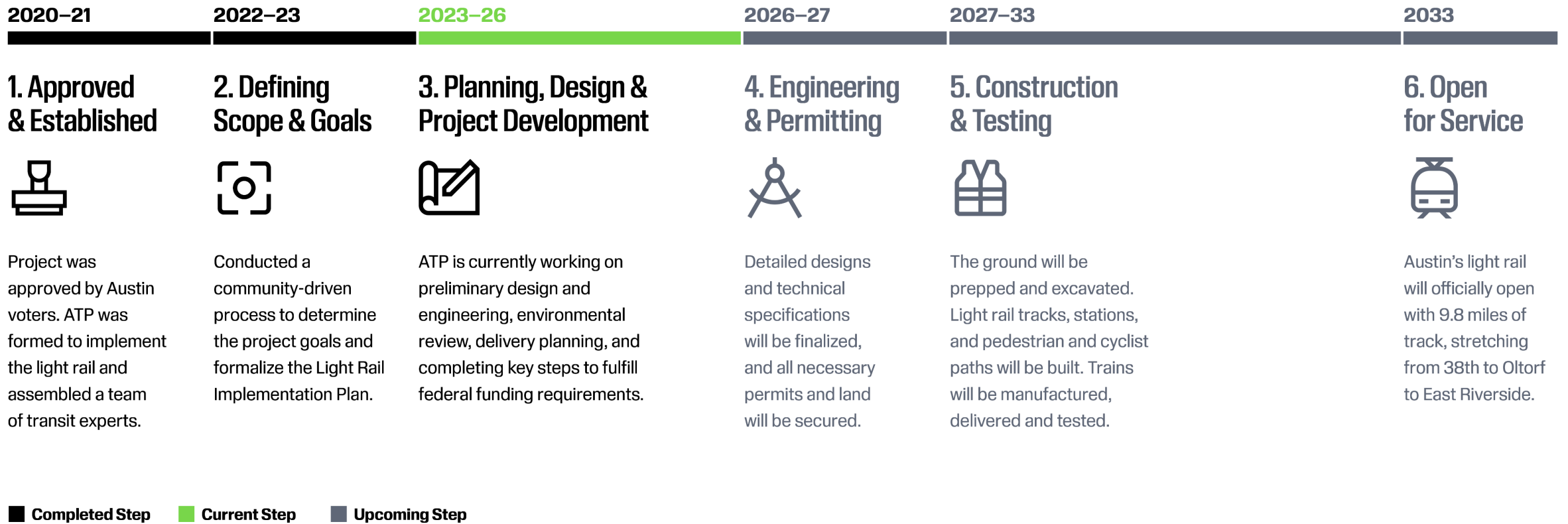


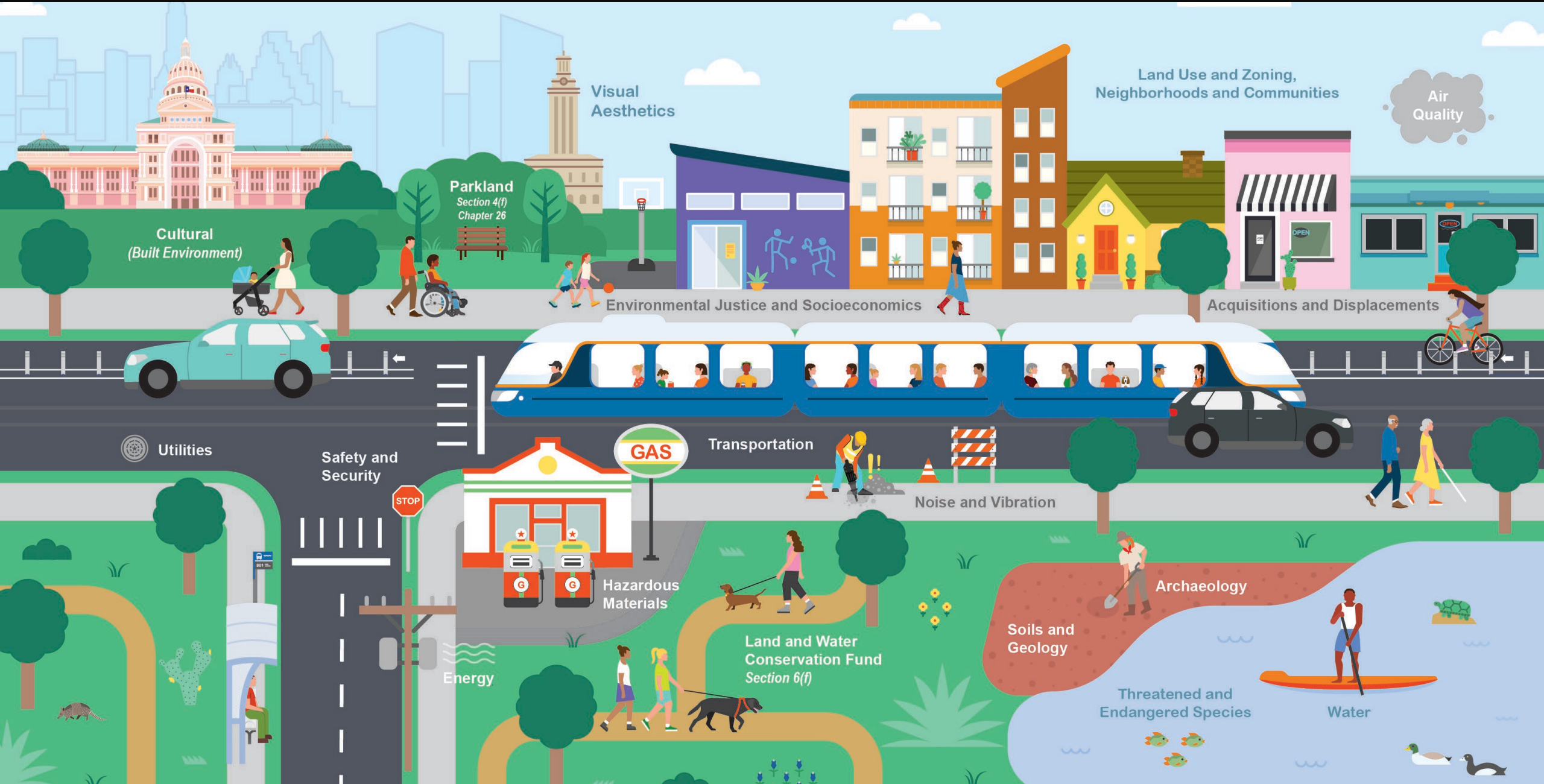
Artist conceptual visualization



Artist conceptual visualization

Proposed Light Rail Timeline





Land Use and Zoning,
Neighborhoods and Communities

Air
Quality

Visual
Aesthetics

Parkland
Section 4(f)
Chapter 26

Cultural
(Built Environment)

Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics

Acquisitions and Displacements

Transportation

Noise and Vibration

Archaeology

Soils and
Geology

Threatened and
Endangered Species

Water

Land and Water
Conservation Fund
Section 6(f)

Hazardous
Materials

Safety and
Security

Utilities

Energy

What's Next

All comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that are received by March 11, 2025, will be responded to in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

How can you comment?

Call Us | (512) 389-7590

Email Us | input@atptx.org

Send Mail | 203 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701

Visit Our Virtual Open House



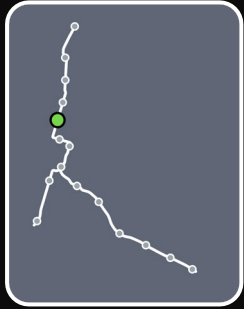
austinlightrail.org/austinlightrailinput

Ask for a presentation at input@atptx.org



Thank You.





Design Option:


Wooldridge Square Station

Recommend adding a center platform station near Wooldridge Square on Guadalupe Street between 9th Street and 11th Street.


Why it's recommended

- Improves light rail access in the downtown area.
- Previous public input to have more stations downtown.
- Serves employment area.

 Light Rail Station

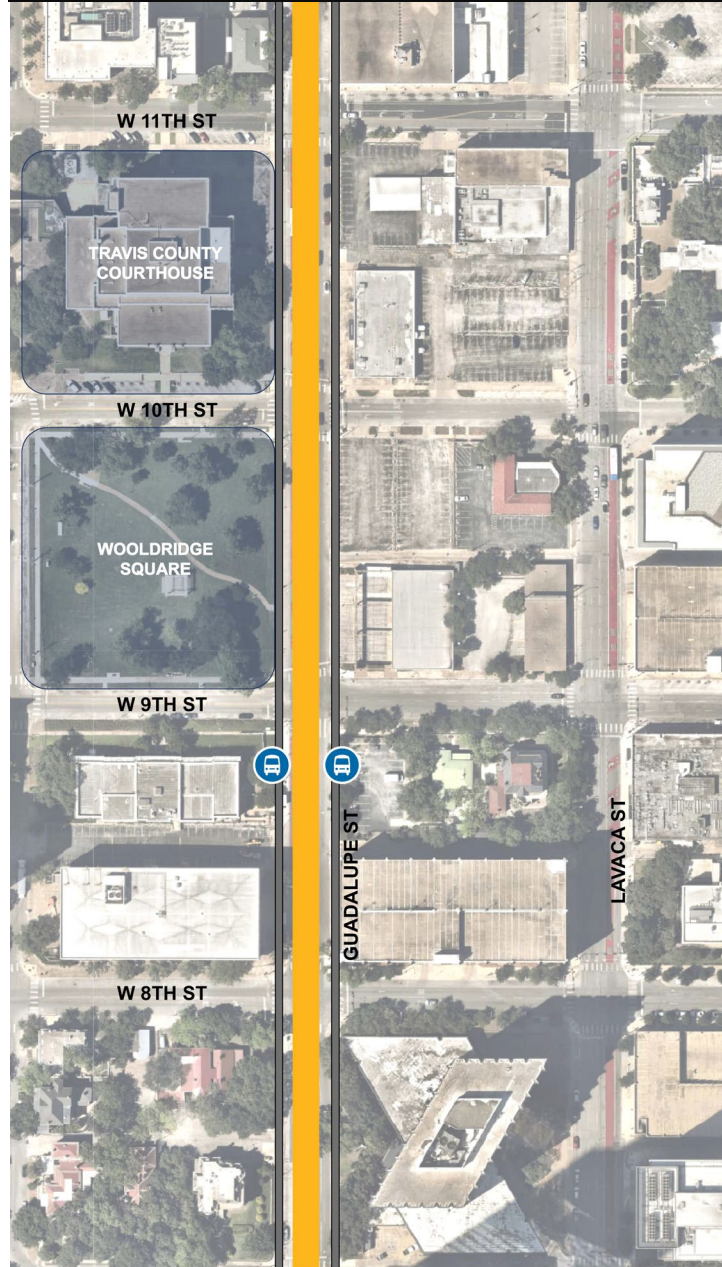
 Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops

 Light Rail Alignment

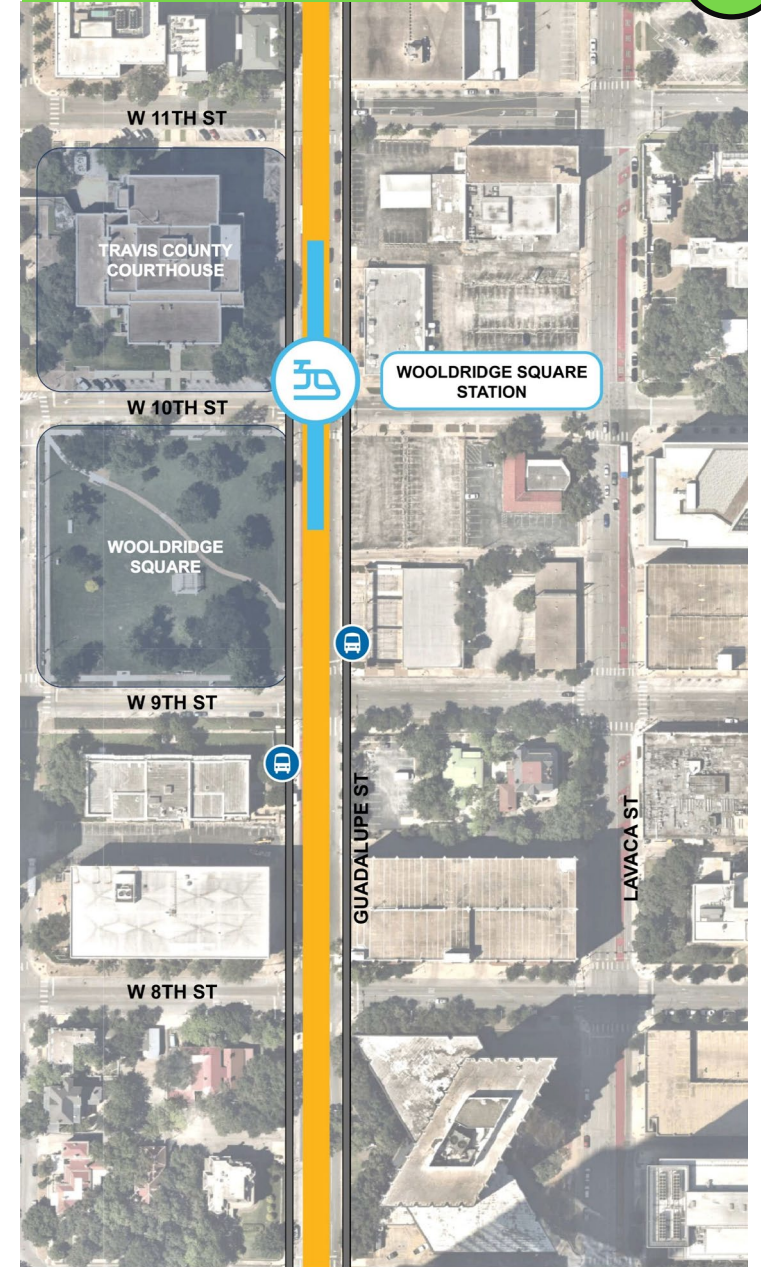
 Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)

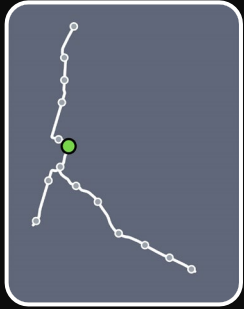


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Design Option





Design Option:

Cesar Chavez Station

Recommend retaining the original Cesar Chavez Station location.

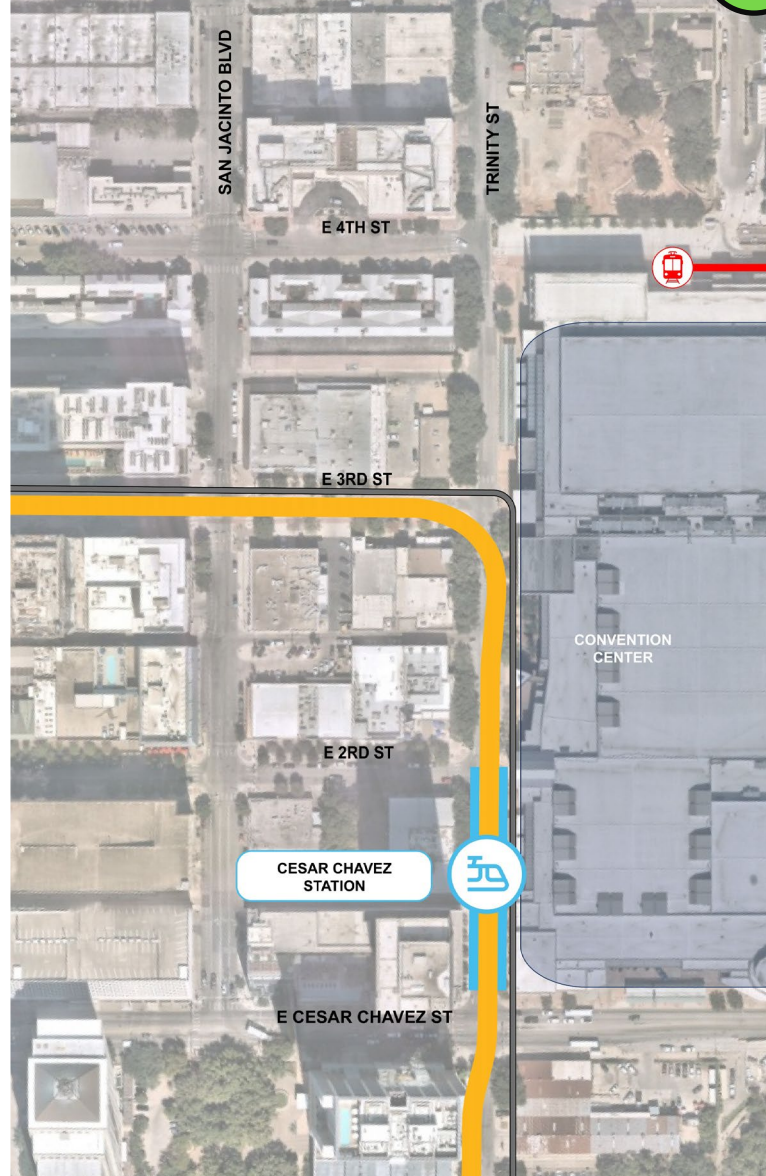
Why it's recommended

- An agreement would need to be in place with developer to enable use of the space off-street.
- Although this option is not recommended at this time, there would be operational benefits if it can be integrated into future developments.

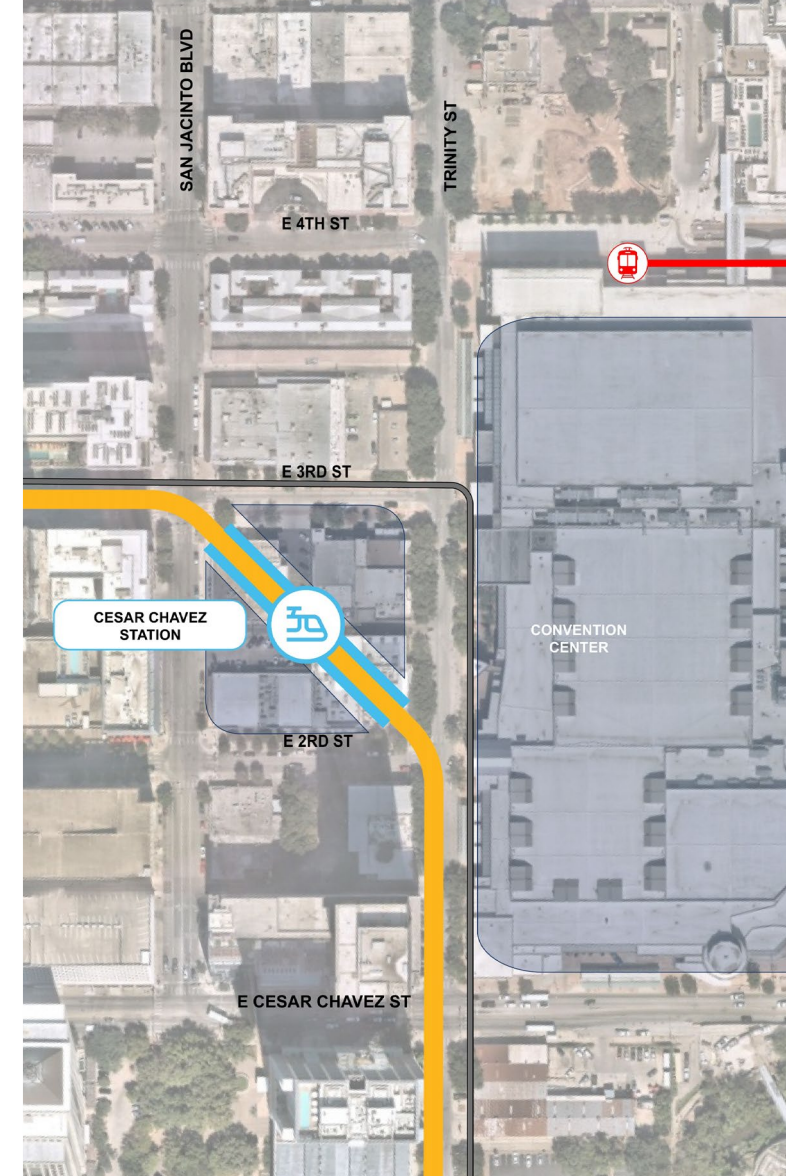
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|  Light Rail Station |  Light Rail Alignment |
|  CapMetro Red Line Station |  Shared-Use Path (Bike/ Ped) |



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Design Option





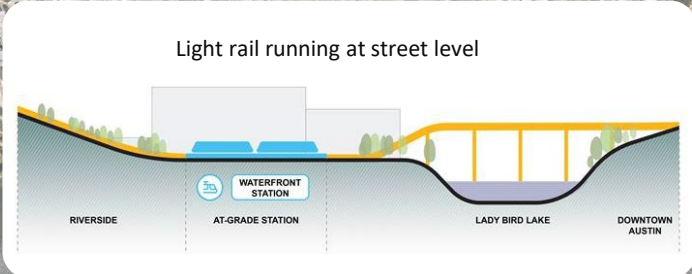
Lady Bird Lake Bridge Extension

Recommend extending bridge and elevate Waterfront Station.

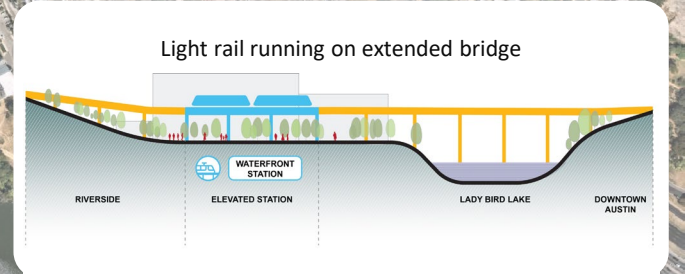
Why it's recommended

- Reduces impacts on floodplain and trees.
- Improves light rail reliability and traffic operations.
- Reduces property needs and avoids some utility work.
- Creates opportunity for an urban plaza that provides community benefits.

June 2023 Project Definition:



Design Option



Light Rail Station
 Light Rail Station Elevated
 Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops
 Light Rail Alignment Elevated
 Light Rail Alignment On-Street
 Shared-Use Path Elevated
 Shared-Use Path On-Street (Bike/Ped)



Design Option:

Omit Travis Heights Station

Why it's recommended

- Reduces Project footprint and eliminates several design and construction challenges due to the topography.
- Avoids partial acquisition of Norwood Park.
- Not expected to affect overall ridership.

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Design Option



Light Rail Station



Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops

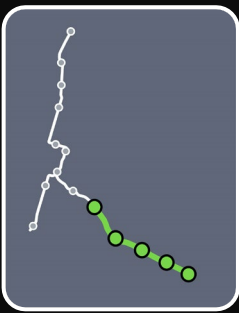


Light Rail Alignment



Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)





Design Option:

Center-Running Bike/Pedestrian/Shade Tree Facilities on East Riverside

Recommend incorporating the center-running bike/pedestrian/shade tree facilities next to light rail along East Riverside Dr. between Lakeshore Station and Yellow Jacket Station.



View of current state on East Riverside

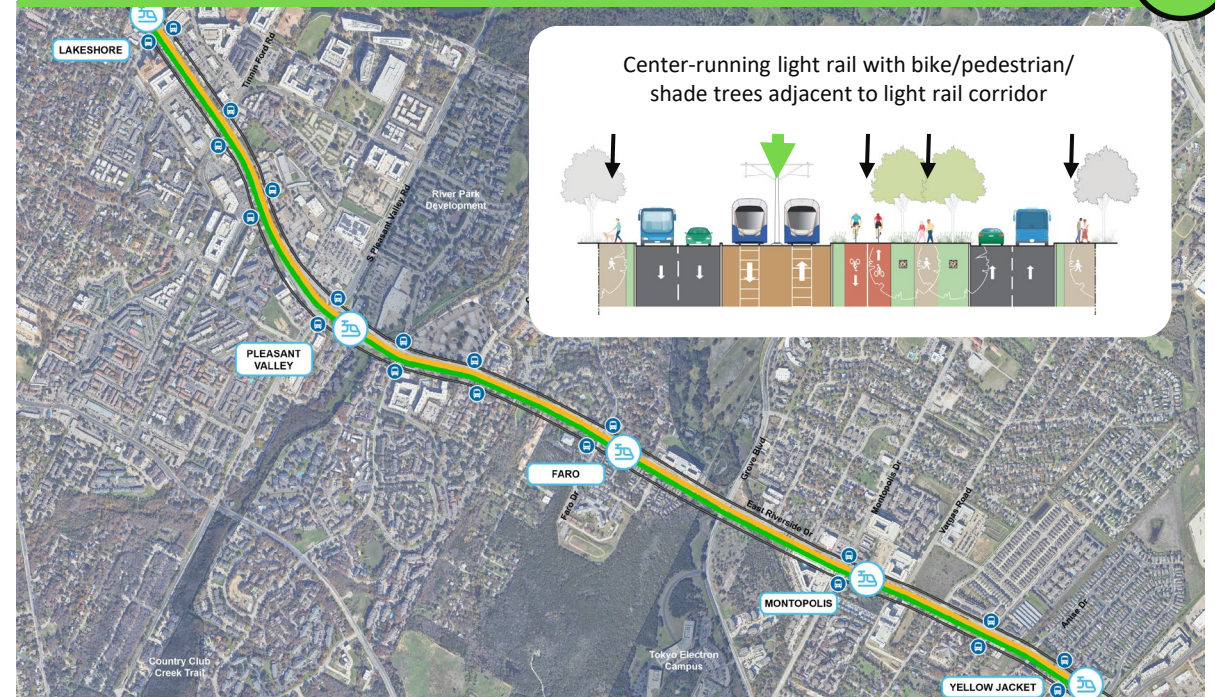


View of future Light Rail on East Riverside

June 2023 Project Definition



Design Option



Light Rail Station



Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops



Light Rail Alignment



Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)



Shared-Use Path with Shade (Bike/Ped)



Why it's recommended

- Provides tree canopy and shade for riders and along more continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities on East Riverside.
- More neighborhood scale feel along East Riverside without reducing traffic capacity.








Design Option:

Refine Stations on East Riverside

Recommend stations at Grove Boulevard and Montopolis Drive

Why it's recommended

- Serves both existing neighborhoods and planned developments, including proposed affordable housing development at Grove.
- Public feedback indicated both station areas are important.

	Light Rail Station		Light Rail Alignment	
	Proposed CapMetro Bus Stops		Shared-Use Path (Bike/Ped)	

June 2023 Project Definition: Faro and Montopolis Stations



Design Option: Grove Station



Design Option: Grove and Montopolis Stations



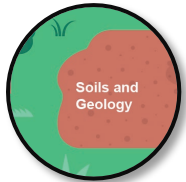
Physical and Natural Environment



Air Quality
Emissions, pollutants, greenhouse gases.



Energy and Electromagnetic Fields
Energy considerations and requirements.



Soils and Geologic Resources
Geologic conditions, risk for erosion, and seismic hazards.



Hazardous Materials
Presence of hazardous materials.



Water Resources
Surface waters, water quality, stormwater, safe drinking water, groundwater, and floodplains.



Noise and Vibration
Change in levels of noise or vibration.



Wildlife and Habitat
With particular attention to threatened and endangered species and local protection of heritage trees.

Human Environment



Environmental Justice
The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, national origin, or educational level, with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.



Property Acquisitions
Property needs that would require either temporary and permanent acquisitions.



Transportation
Roadway, transit, parking, sidewalk, and bicycle lane conditions.



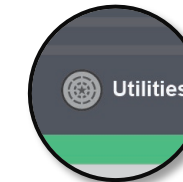
Safety and Security
Safety and security measures for construction and operation of the new service.



Socioeconomics
Job creation and economic activity.



Land Use and Zoning
Land use patterns and compatibility with local land use plans and policies.



Utilities
Demand on utilities for electricity and coordination with utility companies.

Cultural Environment



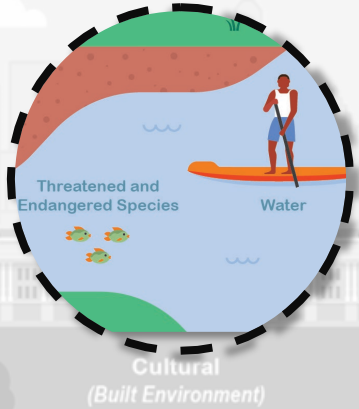
Historic and Archeological Resources
Historically significant buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts.



Chapter 26, Section 4(f) and 6(f)
Consideration of publicly owned facilities and parkland, as required by federal and state law.



Neighborhoods and Community Resources
Neighborhood cohesion and character, and community facilities.



Wildlife and Water Resources

What are the potential impacts on water and local wildlife?

STUDY OUTCOMES

- Current drainage patterns will be maintained and will bridge or culvert over water features to limit disturbance.
- No threatened or endangered species or habitat will be impacted by the Project.
- Less than 2% overall change to impervious coverage because the Project is largely within existing right-of-way.
- Lighting during construction and operations could affect the bat colony and the new light rail bridge across Lady Bird Lake is in the bat flight path.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- Manage lighting to avoid or minimize impacts on bats and birds during construction and operations.
- Ensure compliance with Clean Water Act by continuing coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Continuing bridge design will seek to reduce impacts to water quality, plants and animals.



Air Quality

How would the construction and operation of light rail affect air quality?

STUDY OUTCOMES

Reduced Vehicle Miles Traveled

Annually, over 20 million fewer vehicle miles will be traveled, as more people transition to the newly available transit options.

No Air Emissions During Operation

Light rail vehicles are electric.

Austin Prioritizes Clean Air

The Austin area complies with all federal air quality standards designed to protect public health.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

During construction:

- Increase in dust from construction activities.
- Increase in emissions from machinery used during construction.
- Temporary emissions from cars due to traffic conditions.

ATP will require contractors to implement best management practices to minimize dust and emissions that might be caused by construction.



Cultural
(Built Environment)

Trees

What will happen to trees along the light rail?

STUDY OUTCOMES

- A tree task force conducted an inventory of trees to determine the potential for preservation in the Project area.
- Three-tiered strategy will be applied to trees within the limits of construction, which includes:

245

Protected Trees

211

Heritage Trees

It is anticipated that most of these trees can be preserved.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- Continuing objective is to avoid tree removals or impacts through design.
- Removed trees would be replaced per City Tree Ordinance and in consultation with City Arborist.

Three-tiered strategy for trees:

- Preserving all of the protected and heritage trees we can through the Project's design.
- Transplanting protected and heritage trees that must be removed when feasible.
- Planting more new trees than we remove along and near the alignment.

Preserving

Transplanting

Planting

Parkland
Section 4(f)
Chapter 26

Visual
Aesthetics

Land Use and Zoning,
Neighborhoods and Communities

Air
Quality

Environmental Justice and Socioeconomics

Acquisitions and Displacements

Utilities



Transportation

How would the construction and operation of light rail affect transportation in the area?

STUDY OUTCOMES

- Improved travel times and reliability for transit users.
- Added bike and pedestrian pathways.
- Traffic analysis shows that many intersections are congested in the future regardless of whether light rail is built.
- Temporary delays and/or detours to traffic (cars and buses) during construction.

Areas along light rail where space is limited may result in:

- Street network traffic pattern changes.
- Bikeway relocations.
- Reduced on-street parking.
- Delay and congestion at certain intersections.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Coordination between ATP and the City is critical to:

- Manage traffic signals for safe and regulated integration of light rail vehicles with pedestrians, bikes and cars.
- Plan for the overall transportation network through efforts like Austin Core Transportation (ACT) Plan.

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ATP will manage and proactively communicate temporary traffic changes during construction in partnership with other major projects.



Environmental Justice

How will the Project benefit and support all neighboring communities around the light rail?

Following the public comment period, FTA will make an Environmental Justice determination that considers the potential for disproportionate adverse impacts, offsetting benefits, and proposed mitigation.

STUDY OUTCOMES

Community Benefits

- New affordable and reliable transportation options that connect existing and planned affordable housing to jobs, healthcare, shopping, and cultural centers.
- Accessible stations and trains.
- Create new job opportunities and career pathways in the infrastructure industry.
- New and improved sidewalks and protected bike lanes associated with the Project.

Potential for Adverse Impacts on EJ Communities

- The indirect and cumulative effect of new development around the Project could accelerate gentrification trends.
- Acquisitions and displacements required for the Project would occur in EJ areas as defined by Executive Order 12898.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Plan for the equitable integration of light rail into Austin:

- Displacement Prevention Program administered by City.
- Business Assistance Program.
- Land Use Polices supporting affordable housing.



Socioeconomics

Are there local and regional economic opportunities and challenges?

STUDY OUTCOMES

During construction, an estimated:

+7,250 JOBS

from construction activities each year

\$589 MILLION

annually in labor income

Once light rail in in operation:

+1,150 JOBS

will be created each year in Travis County*

**New and permanent jobs in operations, supply chain, and consumer spending*

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

ATP is working in regional partnerships to develop workforce development programs for local and regional residents to be trained and ready for job opportunities and career pathways resulting from the Project.



Property Acquisition

Will properties need to be acquired?

- Much of the Project is in the public right-of-way.
- Some properties or a portion of a property will need to be acquired for temporary and permanent use.
- The Draft EIS assesses property needs based on the design plans from May 2024.

Types of acquisitions/easements along the corridor:

- **Full:** An entire parcel would be purchased.
- **Partial:** Only the portion of a parcel falling within the proposed Project right-of-way footprint would be acquired.
- **Temporary:** Includes temporary construction easements used for construction activities.

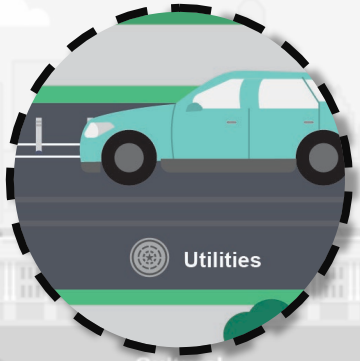
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE STUDY OUTCOMES

567	28	280
Total Parcels along the corridor	Full acquisitions	Partial acquisitions

Less than 3% of the land adjacent to the light rail corridor would be needed, and most property impacts would be thin strips of land to expand sidewalks and streets.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- Work is ongoing to optimize design and reduce property impacts.
- Compensation including relocation assistance, moving costs, and other fees will be paid in accordance with the Uniform Act.



Cultural
(Built Environment)

Temporary Construction Effects

Impacts during construction were identified as a concern during scoping. This analysis summarizes the key impact topics across all the resource areas that were studied.

STUDY OUTCOMES

Primary impacts generated during construction include:

- Dust and light pollution.
- Vehicle Emissions.
- Noise and vibration.
- Detours to traffic, sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- Proactive communication to regularly broadcast and maintain road, lane, and trail detours.
- Limit nighttime construction in residential areas.
- Follow best management practices in reducing dust and maintaining healthy floodplains.
- Follow all local, state, and federal environmental laws and permit conditions.
- Implement Business Assistance Program development in coordination with the affected communities to plan for and minimize impacts during construction.
- Construction Partnership Program.

Land Use and Zoning,
Neighborhoods and Communities

Air
Quality

Acquisitions and Displacements

Archaeology

Threatened and
Endangered Species

Water

Utilities



Noise and Vibration

What will the light rail sound like and will you notice any movement if you are close by?

STUDY OUTCOMES

Light rail noise characteristics:

- Electric light rail is quiet, similar to electric cars.
- Vehicles in operation would be barely noticeable over existing conditions along most of the Project.

Noise will result from:

Warning Bells and Crossover Tracks*

**specific locations where trains can switch tracks*

Other sources of noise:

- Operation and Maintenance Facility
- Noise and vibration impacts could occur where trains would enter and operate in the OMF.
 - Most nearby residential areas would not experience additional noise or vibration given distance to facility and existing conditions.

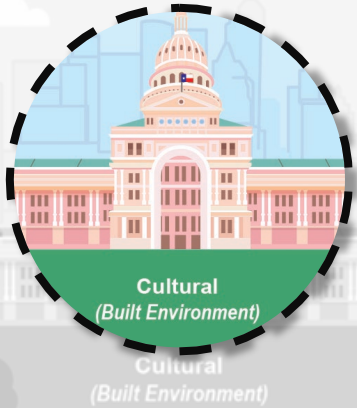
KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Potential opportunities to further reduce noise and vibration impacts:

- Relocating crossover tracks to less sensitive areas.
- Minimizing wheel/rail interaction at crossovers.
- Installing noise barriers or sound insulation where appropriate.

During construction:

ATP or its contractors would prepare a Noise Control Plan to minimize temporary impacts during construction.



Historic Architectural and Archeological Resources

This analysis was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). An inventory of existing resources eligible for protection under NHPA was conducted, and others were considered for eligible status in coordination with the Texas Historical Commission.

STUDY OUTCOMES

No Impact on Historic Properties

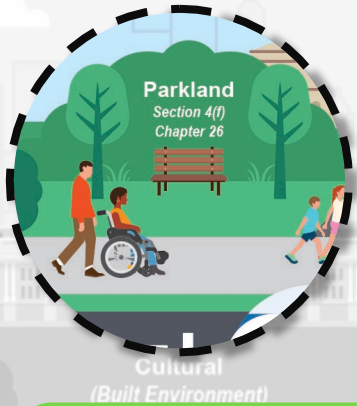
None of the 220 eligible historic properties will be adversely impacted that are located along the Project.

No Significant Archeological Resources Have Been Encountered

ATP has conducted archeological surveys in accessible areas where buried artifacts may be present and to date, nothing has been found.

KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- ATP will continue to consult with local historians and architects to determine whether all historic properties have been identified, and whether current plans sufficiently avoid adverse impacts.
- Additional surveys will be conducted as design progresses. In addition, for areas with potential cultural resources, an archaeologist would monitor excavation activities during construction to identify and protect any artifacts that may be present.



Chapter 26, Section 4(f) and 6(f):

Impacts to Parks, Trails, Recreation and Historic Resources

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code was established to protect public parks, recreational and scientific areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites from being used or taken by the local or state public agencies for public projects. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act is a federal law that establishes special requirements when parkland and historic resources are proposed to be used by a transportation project. Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act protects recreational lands purchased with Land and Water Conservation program funds.

STUDY OUTCOMES

- FTA has made preliminary Section 4(f) *de minimis* impact determinations for these types of uses. A *de minimis* impact is one where the partial use of a resource is needed but the use would not negatively affect the features, activities, or attributes of the property.
- Portions of parks and trails would be acquired or used for construction and operation of the Project.
- Partial acquisitions and easements would be needed to support underground utility relocations or new sidewalks that are part of the Project.
- ATP would acquire approximately one acre of Waller Beach for construction and maintenance of the new Lady Bird Lake Bridge. The trail would be restored after project completion.

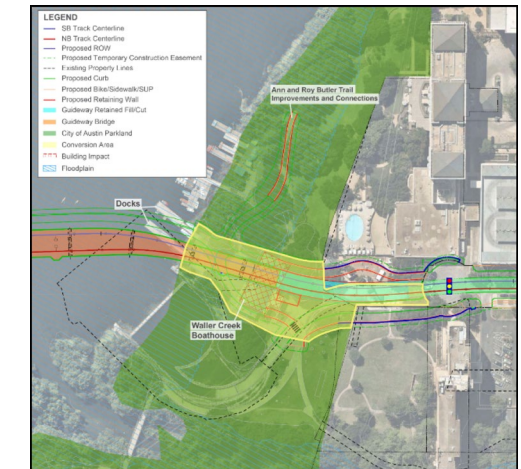
Section 4(f) Parks and Trails Located within the Limits of Project Construction



KEY ATP PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

- Waller Beach is also protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act, which requires the development of replacement parkland of equivalent value and use for the conversion area shown in the drawing.
- Plans are underway to identify the replacement parkland and relocate the Waller Creek Boathouse.

Project Design at Waller Beach



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Thank you!