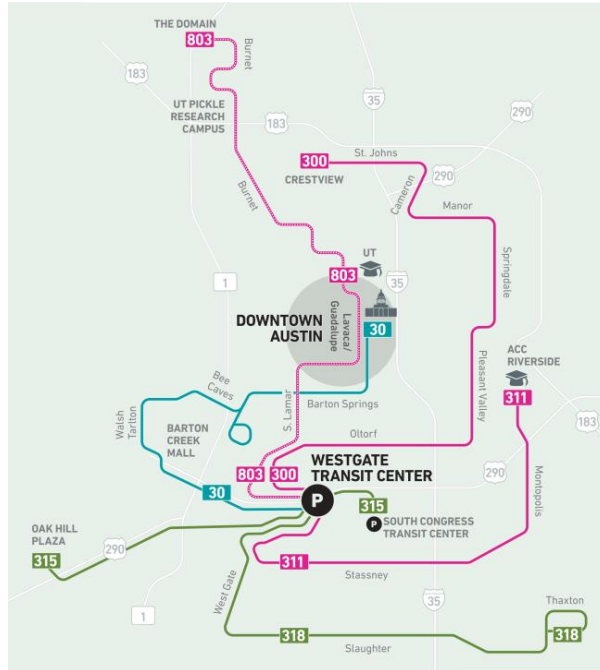




Westgate Transit Center now open!

A new Park & Ride that fulfills longstanding requests made by both our customers and the surrounding neighborhoods, the Westgate Transit Center opened June 2.

It will serve as a transit hub for South Austin residents, with parking, plus space dedicated for bikes, car-share and other ways for you to connect to your bus. Located beneath the SH 71 overpass, the Park & Ride facility is on Ben White Blvd. between Manchaca Rd. and Pack Saddle Pass.



Transit Center Service Map

Project Highlights:

- Parking for nearly 200 vehicles
- 6 bus bays, including service for MetroRapid Route 803
- Address: 2027 W. Ben White (between Manchaca & Pack Saddle)
- Well lit and landscaped with native plants

Introducing our Project Connect Community Engagement Dashboard

We are excited to announce our recently launched Project Connect Community Engagement Dashboard! We developed this tool to report back to the community on our engagement efforts. The Dashboard shows the community events we've held and participated in so far as well as how many comments and surveys we've received and where that feedback is coming from.

You can find the dashboard online at ProjectConnect.com. Our goal is to update this as often as possible.

Thank you for your participation at the Blue Line Open House

Thank you to everyone who joined us on May 20 for the Project Connect Blue Line Open House. The open house was held from 3 - 7 p.m. in the Special Event Center of the Central Library. The purpose of the open house was to get public input on the proposed Blue Line High Capacity Transit Corridor that will run between the Airport and Downtown. We welcomed 93 attendees.

If you were unable to join us, please view our [virtual open house online](#). You have the opportunity to provide your input through June 28.

Missed the Blue Line Open House? Join us for Blue Line Corridor Conversations in June

Do you frequently travel between the Airport and Downtown? We invite you to take part in our Blue Line Corridor Conversations during the month of June. These events will be an opportunity for our community members to provide feedback on the Blue Line project's purpose and need. Come learn how transit can change travel in the corridor and provide your feedback.

Please find the list of dates and locations of these open house events in our event calendar below. The information provided will be the same at all open houses; multiple events are offered for your convenience.

Communication or accommodation needs? Contact Courtney Black at (512) 531-5920 or Courtney.Black@CapMetro.org.

Downtown Station Closure & Saturday Service Suspension

Effective June 3 until late 2019, the Downtown Station will close for construction of a new MetroRail station, and a shuttle will bring riders from Plaza Saltillo to 4th and Trinity Streets. In addition, to let our Rail Operations team focus on implementing the [positive train control system](#) (PTC), MetroRail's weekend service will be discontinued until late 2019.

Weekday Alternatives

We've got you covered during this MetroRail service disruption. Still taking the train? No worries, a shuttle will take you to 4th & Trinity. Want to take a bus instead? We've got loads of them that offer great service.

- Plaza Saltillo shuttle - [Route 451 Downtown/Salttillo Shuttle](#) will bring customers between Plaza Saltillo and 4th and Trinity. Customers heading north from Plaza Saltillo will need to add in extra time for the shuttle service! MetroRail trains will leave at their scheduled times and not wait for shuttles that could be stuck in traffic.
- Added service on MetroExpress Routes 980 and 985 to accommodate new riders. Ridership has grown on our MetroExpress routes, because the service is so great. Check it out for yourself!
- Catching the bus from downtown after work? Your MetroExpress bus stop is at Guadalupe and 5th Streets (Stop ID 2612). Then head home using the MoPac Express Lanes, waving to the traffic as you zoom on by.

Weekend Options

The December 2020 federal deadline for PTC is no joke, and so our team needs to focus on that work. To cover that missing Saturday rail service, MetroExpress Routes 980 and 985 will operate when MetroRail would: 4 p.m. to midnight.

- MetroExpress [Route 980 North MoPac Express](#) - will operate between 4 p.m. and midnight, serving Howard Station, downtown and the UT campus
- MetroExpress [Route 985 Leander/Lakeline Direct](#) - will operate between 4 p.m. and midnight, serving Leander and Lakeline Stations, downtown and the UT campus

For more information on the new Downtown Station, please [visit our website](#).

Upcoming Event Calendar

Blue Line Corridor Conversations

June 17, 2019:

Ruiz Branch Library
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | 1600 Grove
Boulevard |
[Routes 20, 271, 310, 311, 350](#)

June 18, 2019:

Lee Elementary School
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | 3308 Hampton
Road | [Routes 7, 10, 20, 171, 335](#)

June 20, 2019:

Austin Community College
Highland Campus
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | 6101 Highland Campus Drive | [Routes 7, 324, 337, 350](#)

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We value your input! Sign up to receive updates or learn about upcoming meetings. Send comments to feedback@projectconnect.com.



Visit the **Project Connect Community Office located at 607 Congress Ave.**

Stop by any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Talk with project staff, ask questions and provide feedback.



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