



Learn more about Capital Metro's Project Connect!

Central Texas is rapidly changing. Our population just hit 2 million and it's projected to double by 2040. In that same time, road capacity is expected to increase by only 15 percent. We need a change.

Instead of wondering how we can fit more cars on our roads, we need to think about how we can move more people. We need affordable options that connect our communities to jobs, schools, health care and so much more. And, we need to ensure our plan can adapt to innovations that could make our system fully electric, always connected and eventually, autonomous.



We call this bold vision Project Connect. It won't be our vision alone though. It will be the community's plan and a complete system of reliable and frequent transit with congestion-proof services that operates free from other traffic.

Help us get there. Capital Metro is relying on you to shape the future of transportation in Central Texas.

Join us at the Project Connect Blue Line Open House - May 20

Join Capital Metro for the Blue Line Open House on Monday, May 20, from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Austin Central Library.

Do you frequently travel between the Airport and Downtown? We want to hear from you! The focus of this open house is the Blue Line Corridor that runs between these areas of town. You'll learn more about how transit can provide a traffic-free alternative on the corridor. You'll also have an opportunity to provide feedback on multiple aspects of the project, including the project study area, as well as purpose and need. Capital Metro will be joined by our partner agencies to answer questions about mobility programs taking shape in the city and region.

- Date: Monday, May 20
- Time: 3 - 7 p.m. (stop by anytime)
- Place: Austin Central Library, Special Event Center (710 W. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, 78701)

Unable to attend? A virtual open house will be available on the website at projectconnect.com from May 20 until June 28. Visit the site to view meeting materials and comment online.

Thank you for your participation at the Orange Line Open House

Thank you to everyone who joined us on April 8 for the Project Connect Orange 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 Orange Line High Capacity Transit Corridor that will run on Guadalupe Street, North Lamar Boulevard and South Congress Avenue. We welcomed 169 attendees.

If you were unable to join us, please view our [virtual open house online](#). You have the opportunity to provide your input through May 24. You can also come to any of the upcoming Orange Line Corridor Conversations, a series of

neighborhood open houses along the route, where you can learn more about the Orange Line and share your feedback. Check out the upcoming events section for more detail.

Capital Metro takes a major step toward an all-electric fleet

Capital Metro recently announced two important milestones toward Project Connect: moving forward with the first electric buses on Austin streets by the end of 2019, and beginning the transformation of a former SertaMattress warehouse into a storage and smart charging facility for future electric vehicles. An all-electric fleet is a primary goal of Project Connect and a crucial component of its plan for sustainable public transit.

The new bus yard will be able to accommodate 214 buses. The agency is in the demolition phase of the construction process, removing the former Serta warehouse in north Austin. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall of this year, and the bus yard could be ready for operations in summer 2020.

Introducing Transit Thursdays!

"Transit Thursdays" is a weekly event designed to challenge Central Texans to help reduce traffic and their carbon footprint by taking transit at least once a week. The goal is to create a culture of transit, making public transportation a travel option for more people.

A few fast facts:

- Owning a car in Texas can cost up to \$985 per month. A 31-day Capital Metro bus pass runs \$41.
- Transit users are more active, getting more than three times their daily physical activity by walking from stops and stations to their destinations.
- Transit riders experience lower stress levels than car drivers.
- Public transportation produces less pollution than cars, resulting in cleaner air.

Upcoming Event Calendar

Orange Line Corridor

Conversations, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

May 8: Fulmore Middle School

201 E. Mary Street

May 9: Pleasant Hill Library

211 E. William Cannon Drive

May 13: Cambridge Tower

1801 Lavaca Street

May 14: South Congress Transit Center (rain or shine)

301 W. Ben White Blvd. (enter on Radam Lane)

May 15: North Austin Lions Club

1103 Justin Lane

May 16: Little Walnut Creek Branch

Library

835 Rundberg Lane

Blue Line Open House, 3-7 p.m.

May 20: Central Library

710 W Cesar Chavez Street

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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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