ULI Austin

Project Connect Briefing

SUMMER 2020
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SYSTEM PLAN

LIGHT RAIL

ORANGE LINE
Light Rail Transit in Dedicated Transitways for Orange, Blue and Gold Lines
- 36 Miles, 40 Stations including a Downtown Transit Tunnel

BLUE LINE

GOLD LINE

METRORAPID
High Frequency Bus with Priority Treatments
7 New Routes
- ~74 Miles, 193 Stations

METRORAIL

RED LINE
Station and Operational Improvements
New Commuter Rail Service to Connect Downtown to Colony Park with potential extension to Manor and Elgin

GREEN LINE

METROEXPRESS
8 New Routes
- 5 outside service area
24 New Park & Rides
- 10 outside the service area

METROBUS

METROACCESS
Expanded bus service
Demand response service

PLUS

All-Electric Bus Fleet
New Circulator Zones (Pickup)
New Maintenance Facilities

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ORANGE LINE

- **Light rail** is planned to connect North and South Austin.

- **Initial Investment** would begin at North Lamar and U.S. 183 and extend to Stassney Lane.

- **Destinations include:**
  - North Lamar Transit Center
  - Crestview
  - UT
  - Republic Square
  - Auditorium Shores
  - The SoCo District

**PLEASE NOTE:** This map is of the System Plan. The Initial Investment includes light rail service from North Lamar Transit Center to Stassney.
BLUE LINE

• **Light rail** is planned to offer service to the airport.

• Operating from North Lamar and U.S. 183 to downtown and direct to the airport.

• **Destinations include:**
  • Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
  • Lakeshore Drive
  • Convention Center
  • Rainey Street
  • UT
  • Crestview
  • North Lamar Transit Center

*PLEASE NOTE:* This map is of the System Plan. The Initial Investment includes light rail service from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport to the North Lamar Transit Center.
GREEN LINE OVERVIEW

• New Commuter rail service planned to connect downtown to East Austin’s Colony Park.

• Destinations include:
  • East Austin
  • Springdale
  • U.S. 183 Park & Ride
  • Colony Park

PLEASE NOTE: This map is of the System Plan. The Initial Investment includes commuter rail service from Downtown Station to Colony Park.
METRORAPID OVERVIEW

- **4 new MetroRapid** routes would provide frequent service with a limited number of stops

- **New corridors would include:**
  - **The Gold Line |** from ACC Highland to South Congress and Ben White.
    - The Gold Line would begin as a MetroRapid service from ACC Highland to Republic Square & could be converted to the full length with light rail as a part of the System Plan.
  - **Expo Center |** from East Austin to UT and downtown
  - **Pleasant Valley |** from Mueller to the Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride
  - **Burnet |** from The Domain to Menchaca & Oak Hill

**PLEASE NOTE:** This map is of the System Plan. The Initial Investment includes MetroRapid service on The Gold Line, Expo Center, Pleasant Valley and Burnet corridors.
DOWNTOWN TRANSIT TUNNEL: REPUBLIC SQUARE STATION
CONCEPTUAL DRAWING
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INITIAL INVESTMENT SEQUENCE

- **LIGHT RAIL**
  - Orange Line (LRT)
  - Blue Line (LRT)

- **METRORAIL**
  - Red Line (Commuter Rail)
  - Green Line (Commuter Rail)

- **METRORAPID**
  - Phase I
  - Gold Line (Complete NEPA)

- **METROEXPRESS & PARK AND RIDES**

- **METROBUS & METROACCESS**

- **CUSTOMER TECH SYSTEMS**

- **TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT MEASURES**
  - $100 million
  - $100 million
  - $100 million

Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals.
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Austin Transportation Partnership Responsibilities

• Quarterly reports to city council and Capital Metro board
• Annual comprehensive report to city council and Capital Metro board, participation in annual joint meeting
• Independent auditor
• Manages day-to-day Project Connect implementation and execution of design and construction
• Ensures close alignment with Capital Metro operations

City / Capital Metro Responsibilities

• Approves Project Connect system plan and policies
• Forms ATP, establishes policies, selects members
• Annually allocates funding to ATP
VISIT projectconnect.com for more information

Thanks for joining us
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