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Project Connect Briefing

SUMMER 2020

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SYSTEM PLAN OVERVIEW



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SYSTEM PLAN



LIGHT RAIL

ORANGE LINE



BLUE LINE



GOLD LINE



Light Rail Transit in
Dedicated Transitways
for Orange, Blue and
Gold Lines

- 36 Miles, 40 Stations
including a Downtown
Transit Tunnel



METRORAPID



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



METRORAIL

RED LINE



GREEN LINE



Station and Operational
Improvements

New Commuter Rail Service
to Connect Downtown to
Colony Park with potential
extension to Manor and Elgin



METROEXPRESS



8 New Routes
- 5 outside service area



METROBUS

24 New Park & Rides
- 10 outside the service area

Expanded bus service



METROACCESS

Demand response service

PLUS



All-Electric
Bus Fleet



New Circulator
Zones (Pickup)



New Maintenance
Facilities

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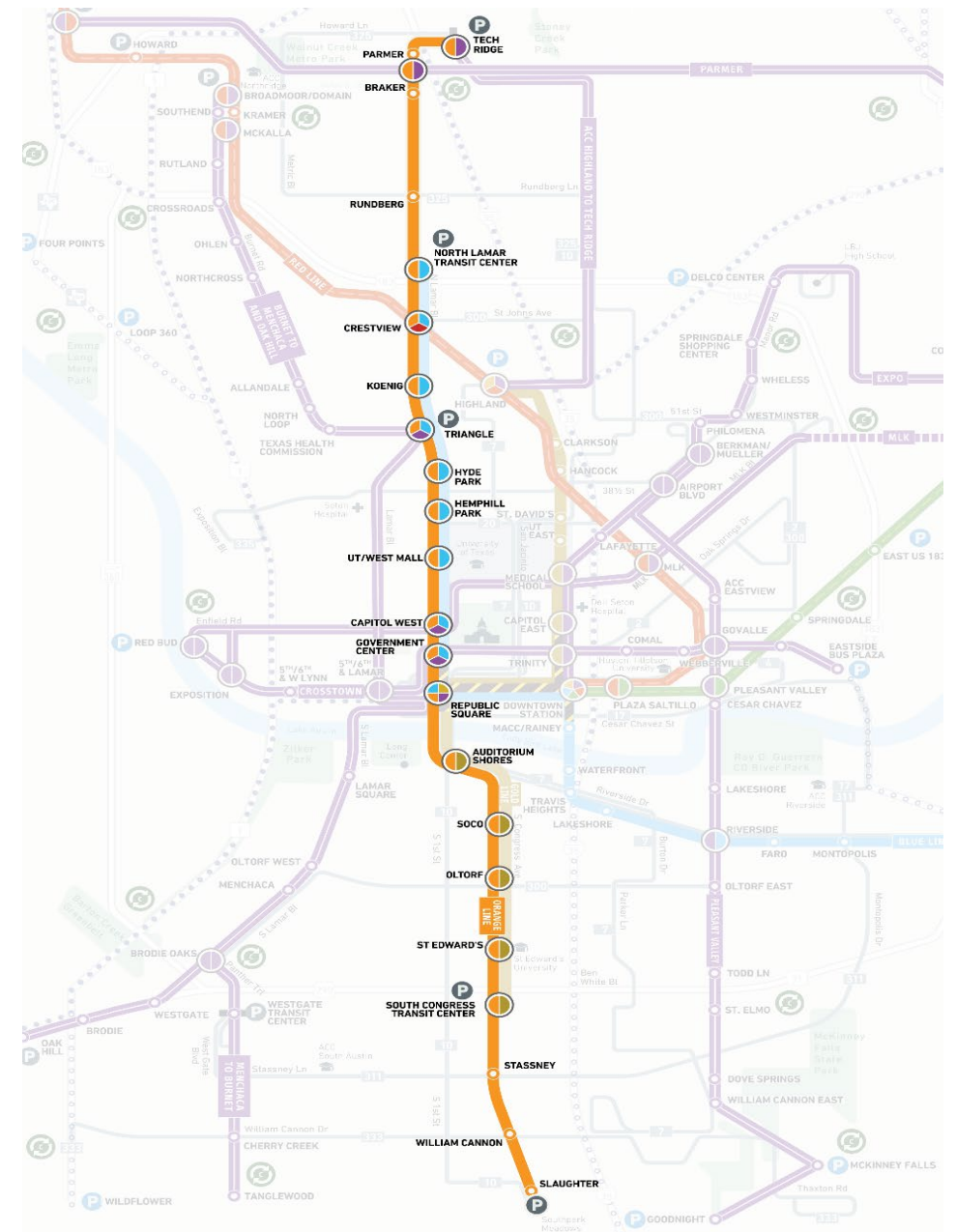


LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT
CONCEPTUAL DRAWING

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.



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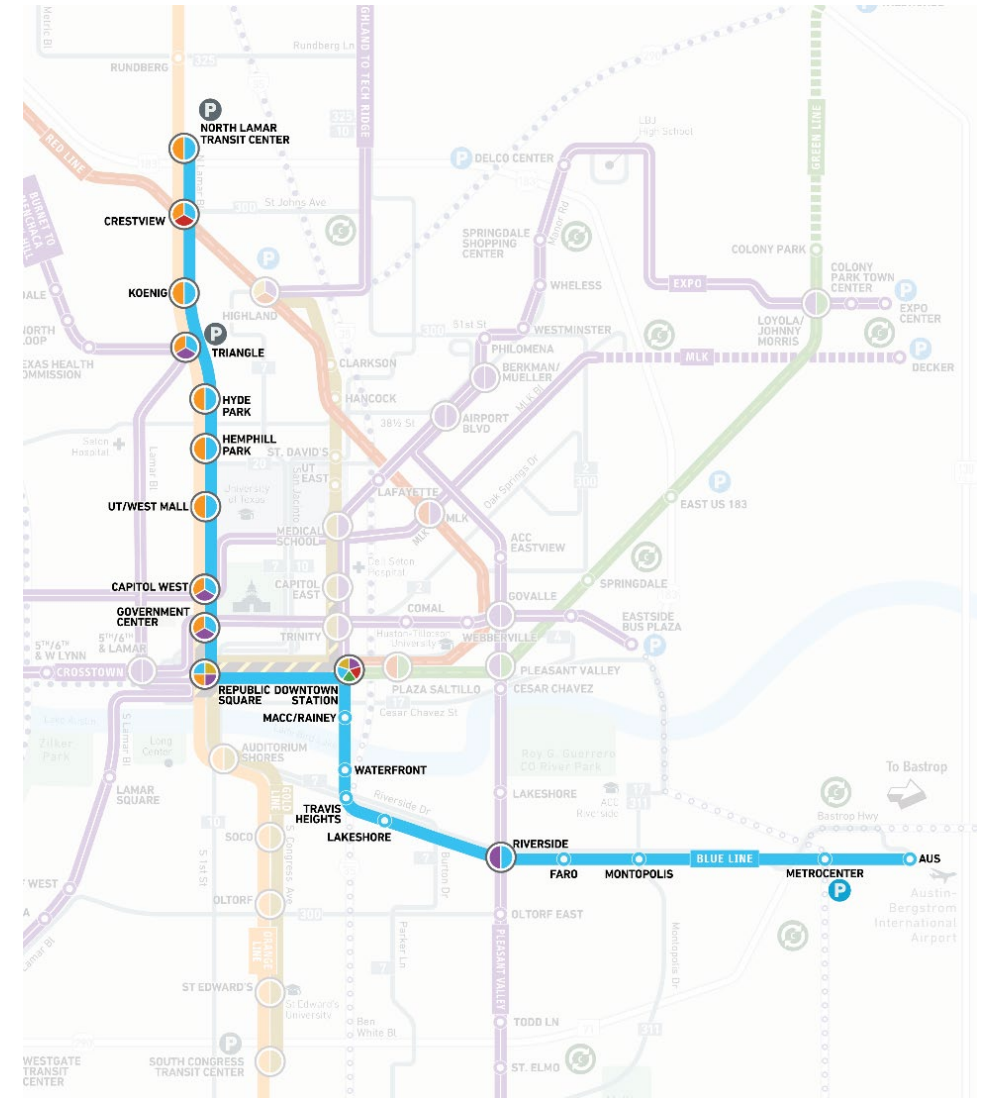


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BLUE LINE

- **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.



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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



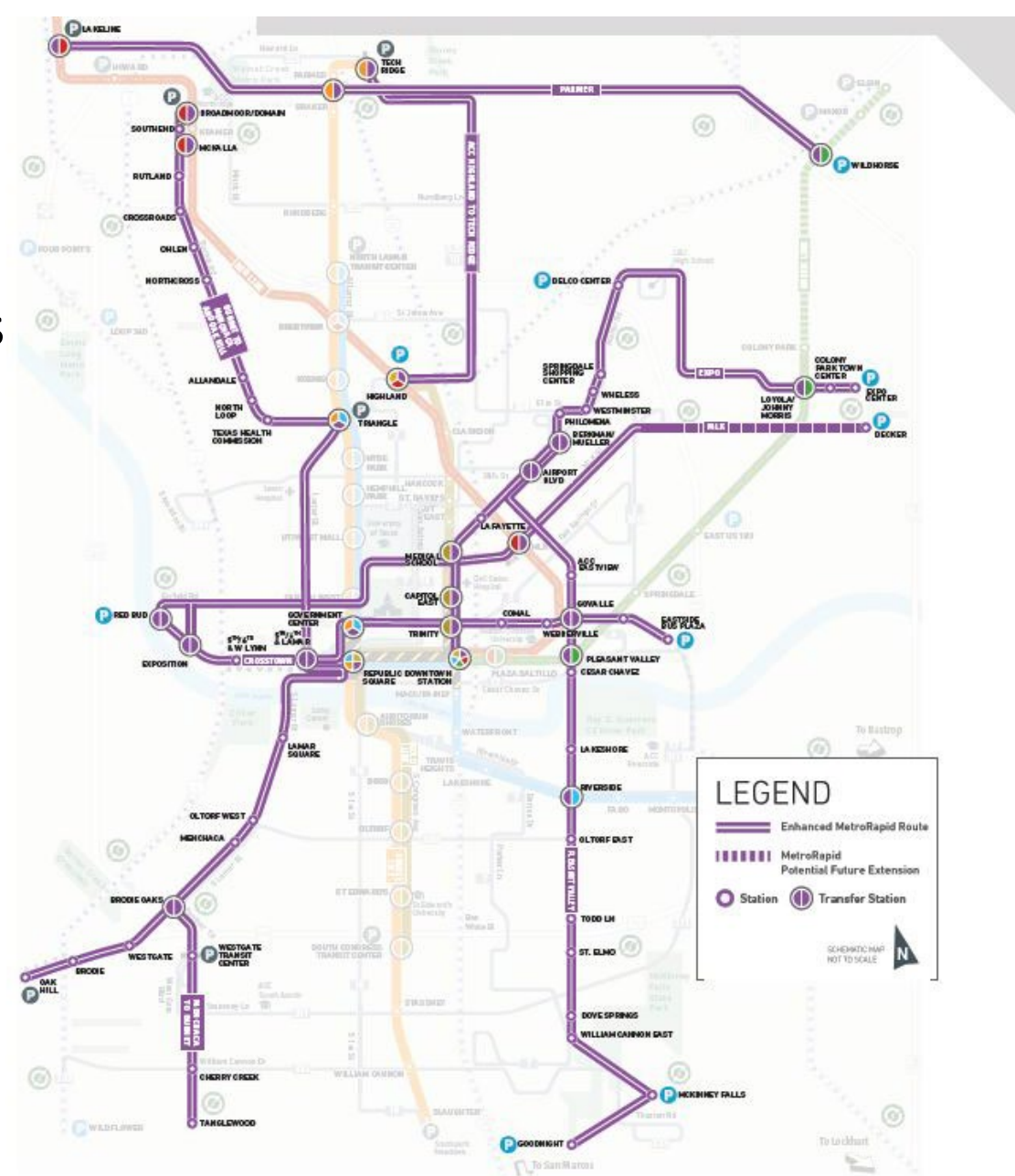
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METRORAPID OVERVIEW

- 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



DOWNTOWN TRANSIT TUNNEL: REPUBLIC SQUARE STATION

CONCEPTUAL DRAWING



PARK & RIDE STATION

CONCEPTUAL DRAWING



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER
CONCEPTUAL DRAWING

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INITIAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

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SYSTEM PLAN

INITIAL INVESTMENT

Adopted June 10, 2020

LEGEND

LIGHT RAIL

- Orange Line
- Potential Future Extension
- Blue Line

METRORAIL

- Red Line
- Green Line
- Potential Future Extension

METRORAPID

- Gold Line
- Enhanced MetroRapid Route
- Potential Future Extension

METROBUS

- Current Frequent Local Routes

METROEXPRESS

- Current MetroExpress
- Future MetroExpress

ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SERVICES

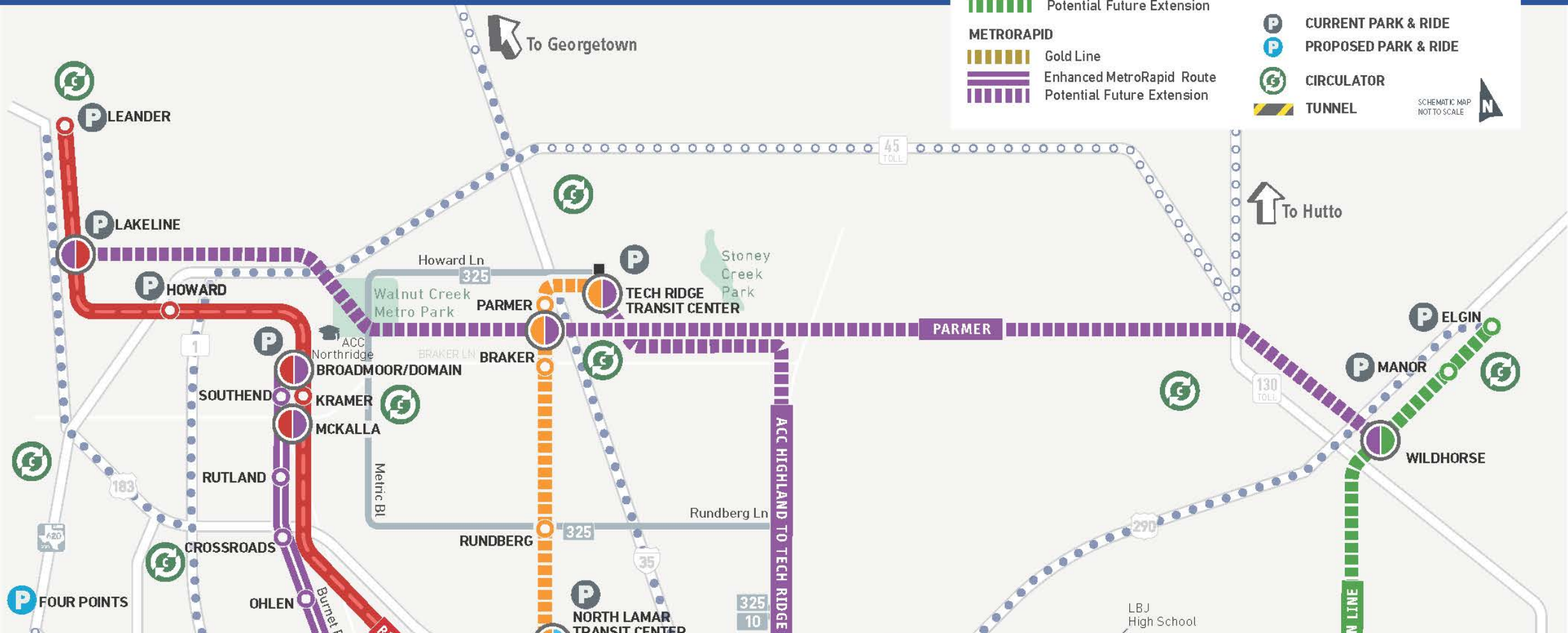
- MetroAccess
- MetroBike

- CURRENT PARK & RIDE
- PROPOSED PARK & RIDE

- CIRCULATOR

- TUNNEL

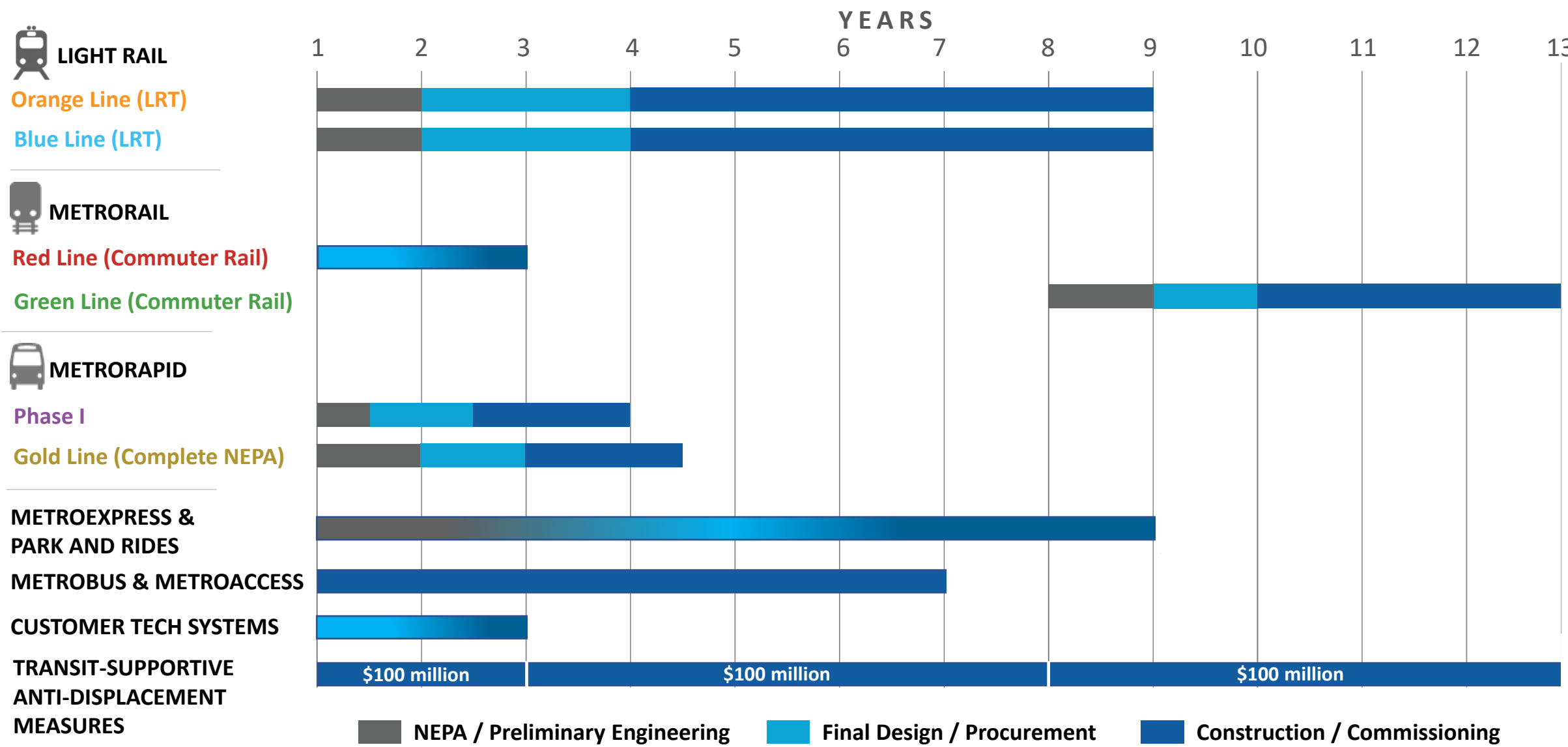
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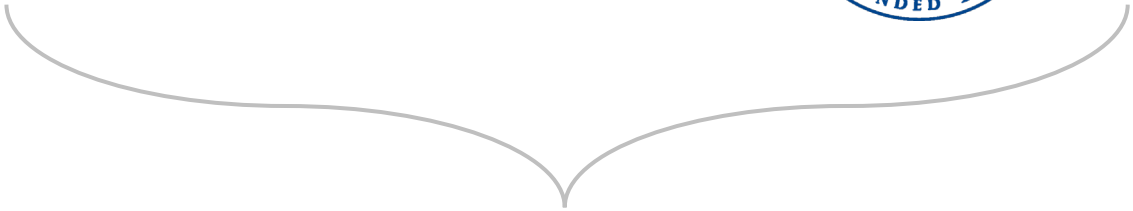


INITIAL INVESTMENT SEQUENCE

Years based on federal NEPA and funding approvals



AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

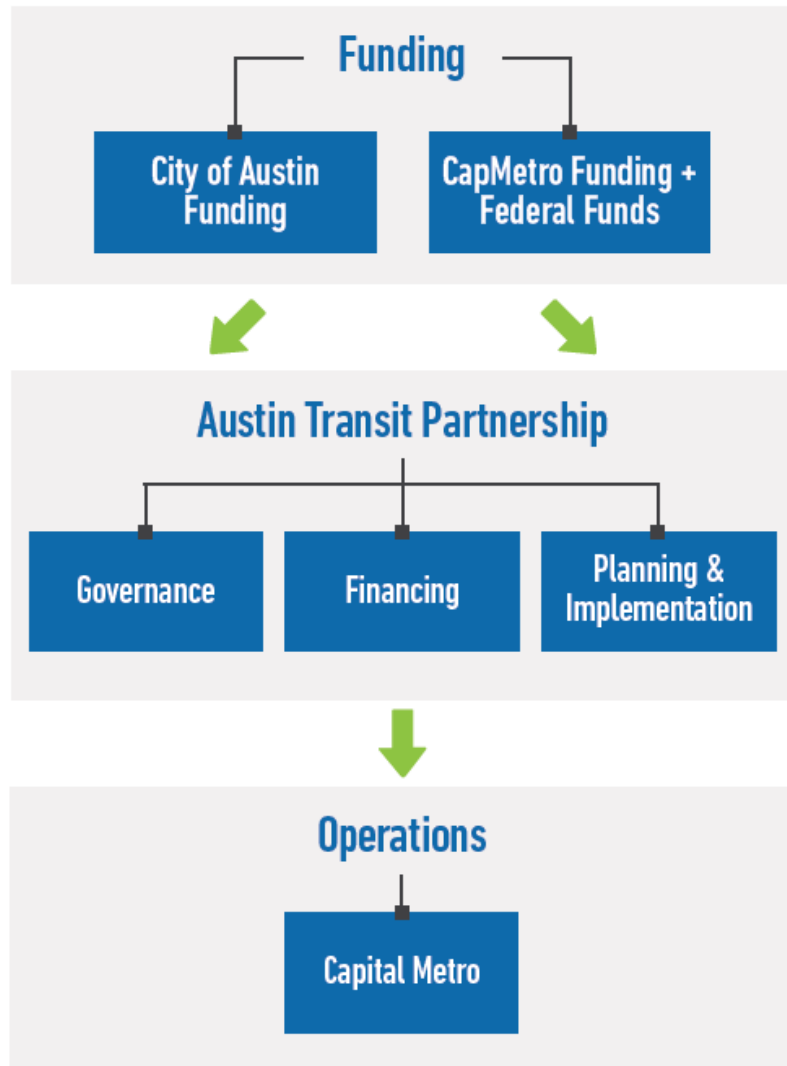


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AUSTIN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP



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



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