



Project Connect. A Transit Plan Designed for Austin.

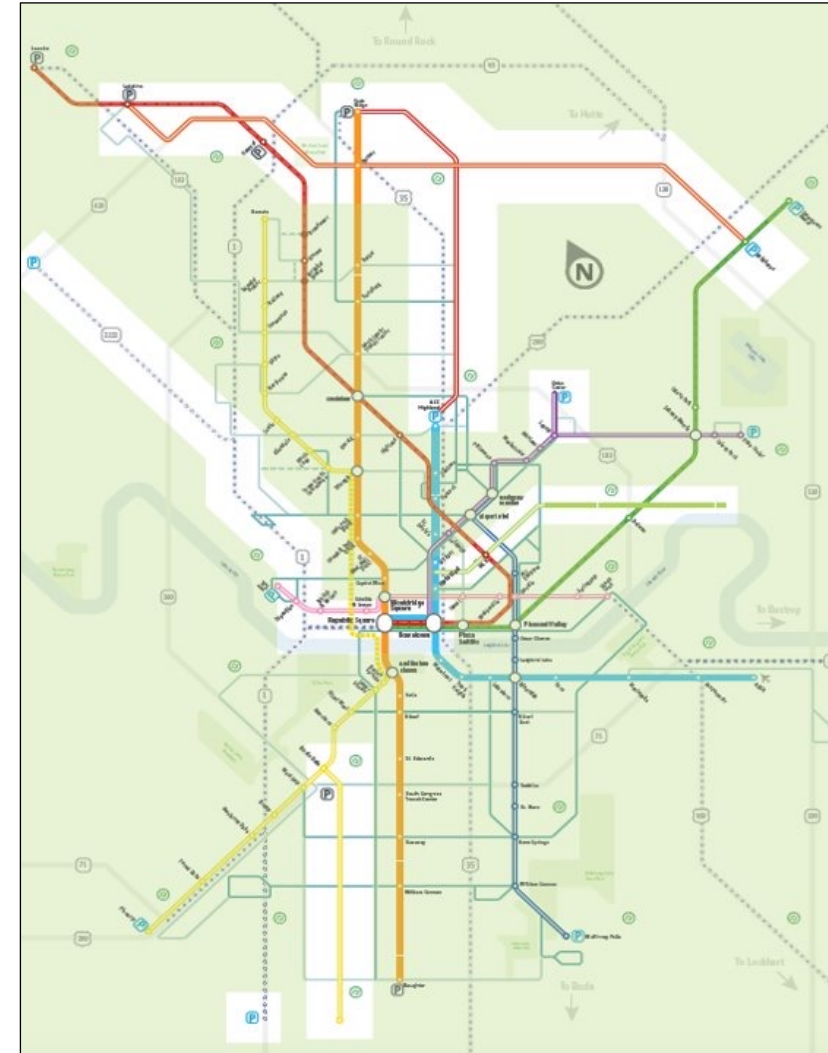
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Project Connect Vision Plan

Unanimous Board Approval - December 17, 2018

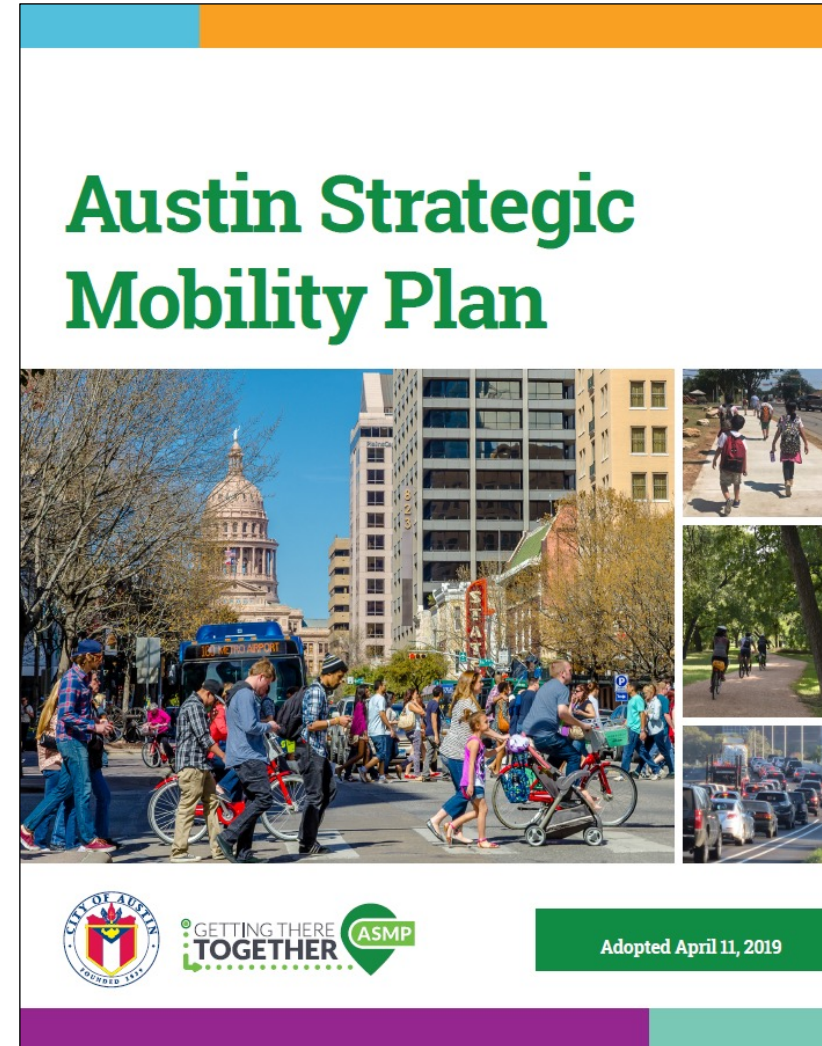
- Result of multi-month engagement process, including council district Community Conversations
- Board guidance on initial technical plan:
 - Vision should be bolder
 - Inclusion of Project Connect corridors in ASMP
 - Plan for new development, reserve land and ROW
- Board authorized staff to pursue preliminary engineering, NEPA review, continued engagement



Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

Unanimous City Council Approval – April 11, 2019

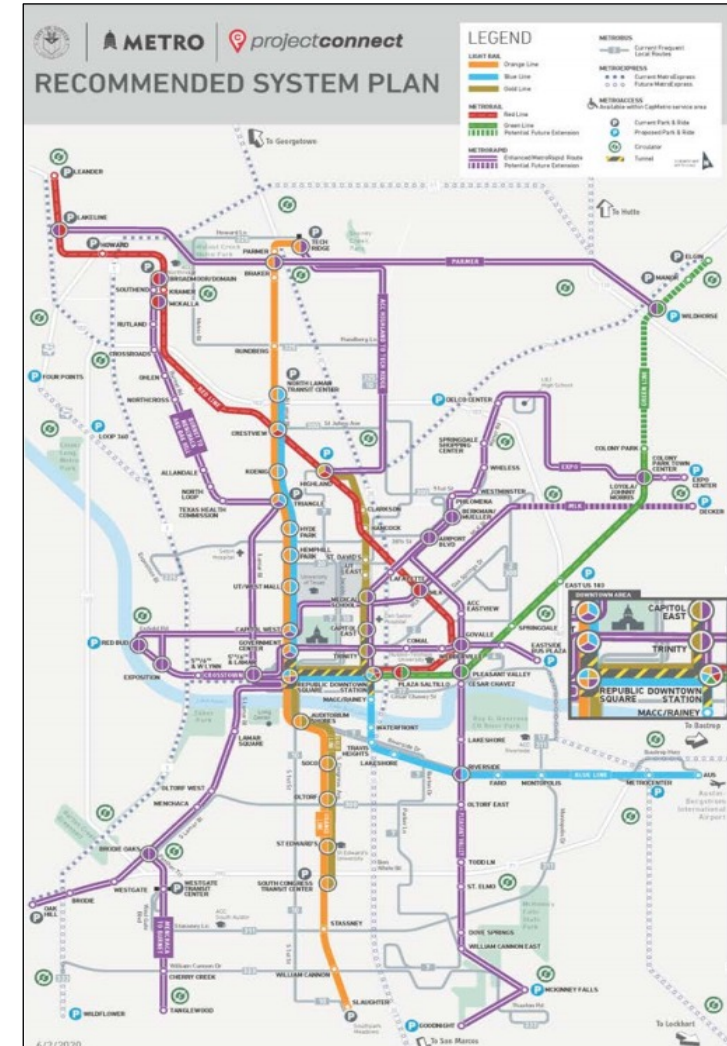
- Result of two-year community and technical process
- Goal to reach 50/50 non-SOV mode share by 2039
 - 16-percent mode share goal for transit
- “We should invest in a complete public transportation system, with high-capacity vehicles in dedicated transit pathways, because it has the ability to move the most people in the region...”



Project Connect System Plan

Unanimous Board and Council Approval – June 10, 2020

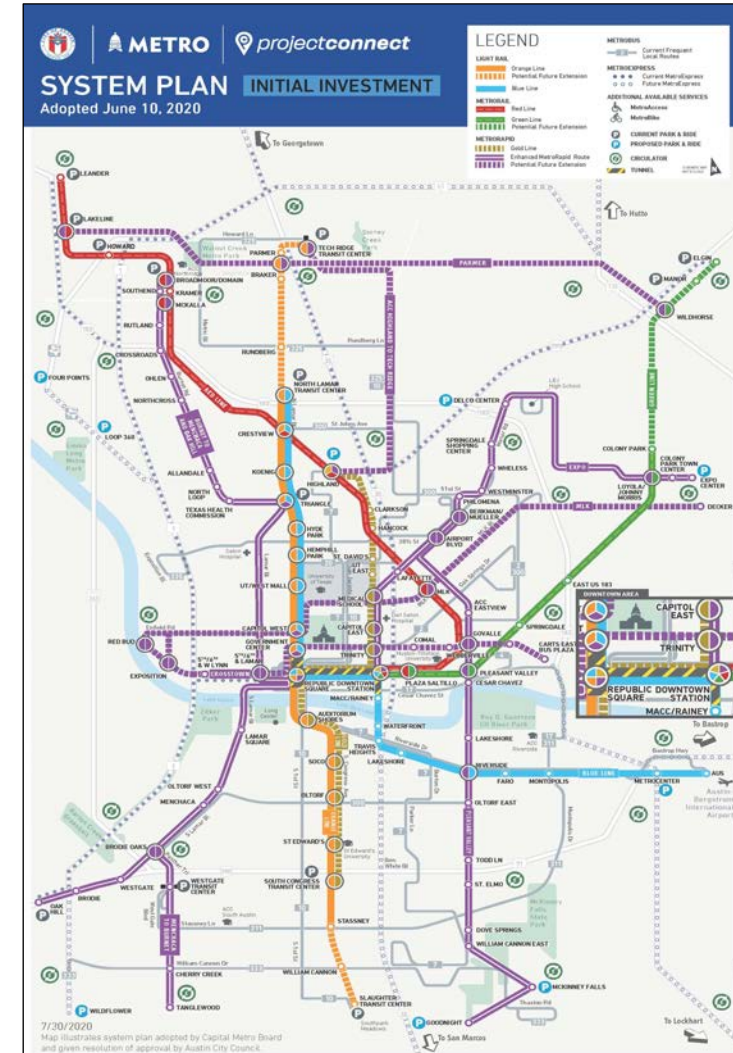
- Capital Metro approval of the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs)
- Austin City Council resolution of support for the System Plan and LPAs, direction amend the ASMP
- Action followed City Council/Board Virtual Community Meetings and a month-long Virtual Open House



Project Connect Investment Decision

Unanimous Board and Council Approval – July 27, 2020

- Austin City Council direction to staff to include the Project Connect Initial Investment Plan in the city tax rate and prepare necessary documents
- Capital Metro Board direction to staff to fund Project Connect projects in the agency FY2021 budget and return with a detailed financial plan
- Over 60,000 engaged, nearly 700 community events throughout the process



Light Rail Transit

Conceptual Illustration



AIRPORT STATION PLATFORM
Artist Conceptual Rendering



Downtown Transit Tunnel: Republic Square Station



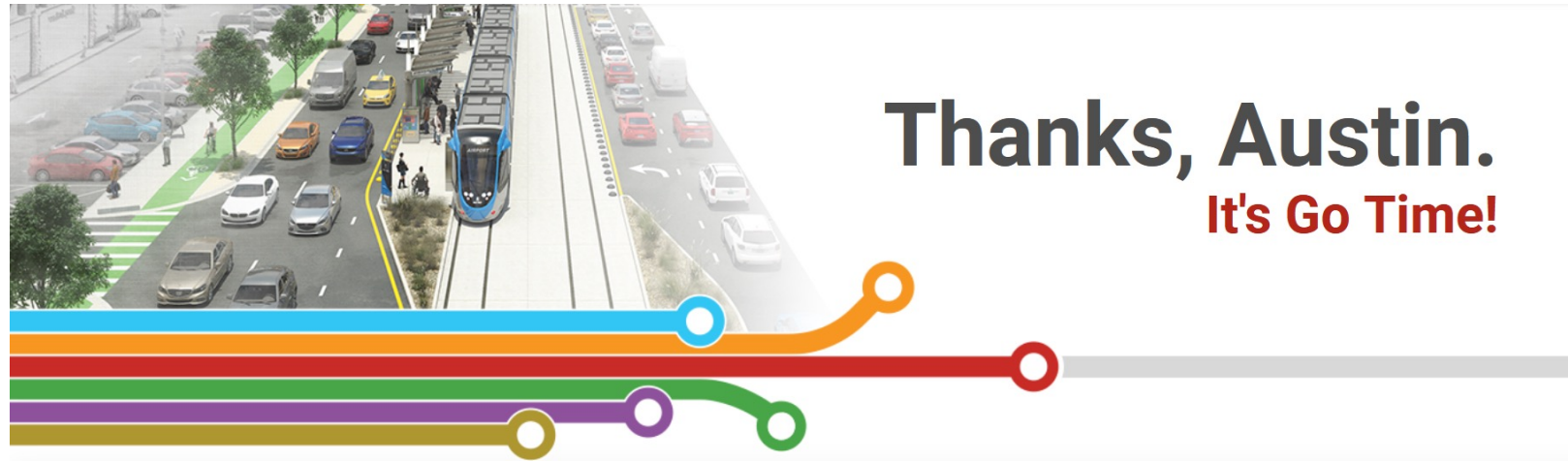
Park & Ride Station



Proposition A

58% Yes vote – Nov 3, 2020

- Dedicated local funding contribution for Initial Investment projects
- Provided through a Tax Rate Election of 8.75¢ on \$100 of home value
- Complements Federal Funds that are being pursued



Thanks, Austin.
It's Go Time!



Thank you!

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