**METRORAPID**

**THE PROJECT**

Austin is among the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., with its population expected to double to four million by 2040. This growth will cause additional strain on the roadway network, result in increased travel times and costs, decrease our mobility and hinder our region’s economic health, and threaten our air quality.

Capital Metro is moving forward with four new MetroRapid lines that provide the Austin community and visitors with alternate routes to get around the city. Plans for MetroRapid include an all-electric expanded bus service, newly designed stations and an improved customer experience.

Capital Metro currently operates two MetroRapid services:

- **Route 801**  
  Extends along N. Lamar, Guadalupe and S. Congress from Tech Ridge to Slaughter Lane

- **Route 803**  
  Travels along Burnet, Guadalupe and S. Lamar from the Domain to Westgate Transit Center

These routes provide frequent service with a limited number of stops for faster travel times. Route features include priority lanes, transit signal priority, queue jumps, enhanced and improved stations and higher frequency operations.

The four proposed MetroRapid routes include:

- **Pleasant Valley** - Mueller to the Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride
- **Expo Center** - East Austin to University of Texas and downtown Austin
- **The Gold Line** - Austin Community College-Highland to Republic Square. (The Gold Line will begin as a MetroRapid service and could be converted eventually to light rail as a part of the System Plan)
- **Burnet** - The Domain to Menchaca and Oak Hill

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**Proposed alignments for the METRORAPID PROJECT**

Initial phase of Gold Line will be MetroRapid from ACC Highland to Republic Square. Future conversion of Gold Line to light rail will extend the line further south to South Congress Transit Center.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Capital Metro and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the development of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) documents for the Expo and Pleasant Valley corridors in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines and other regulatory requirements.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Capital Metro engages the community on the project by hosting public meetings to discuss proposed improvements to MetroRapid and gather feedback.
- The project team develops CE documentation to assess the potential benefits and impacts of the project.
- Public comments and technical analyses are addressed and incorporated in the design of the stations and the CE documentation is finalized.

GET INVOLVED

We welcome your input. Share your comments and questions with the project team.

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