



CAC SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

May 4, 2023

MARCH 21 – MAY 2 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE



Six-week community dialogue allows time and space for gathering meaningful and informed feedback



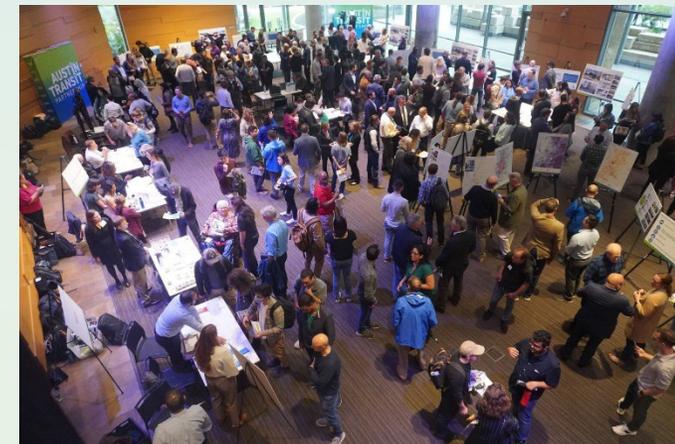
More than 80 community engagement events since March 21:

- 532 participants attended the ATP Light Rail Open House
- 161 participants joined the ATP Virtual Community Update Meeting

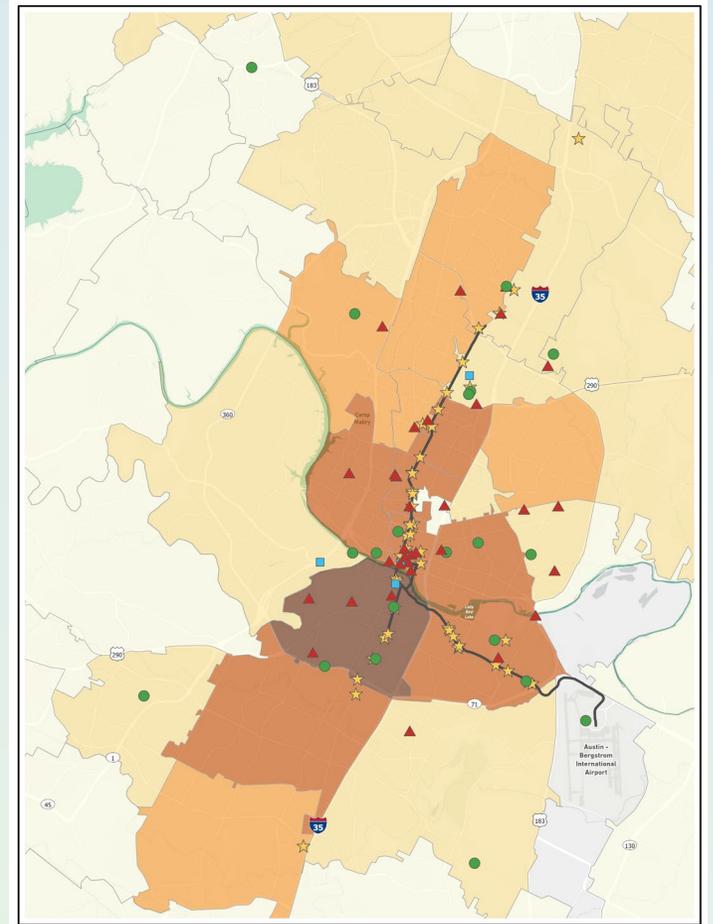
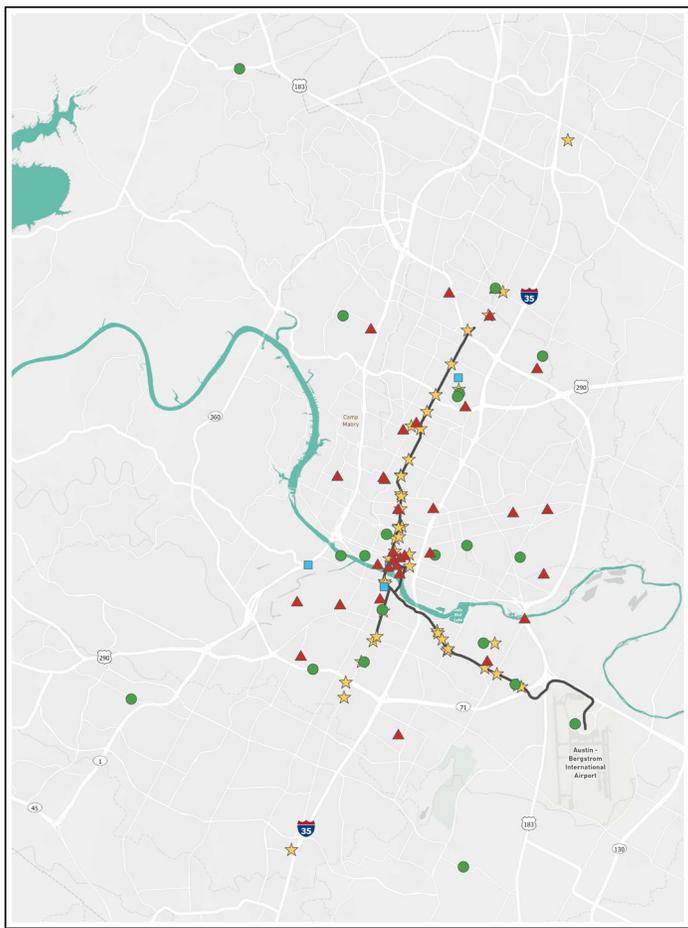


Currently analyzing comments for continued planning and technical team discussions:

- 5,951 total comments received*



WHERE WE HAVE BEEN



LEGEND

- Boards, Commissions, and Committees
- Community Event
- ▲ Community Conversation
- ★ At-Stop Outreach

ACS Median Household Income \$

- > 75,000 - 80,000
- > 80,000 - 150,000
- > 150,000 - 250,001
- > 45,000 - 75,000
- 2,499 - 45,000
- No Value

of comments

- 1-8
- 9-22
- 23-55
- 56-99
- 100+



WHAT ARE WE HEARING

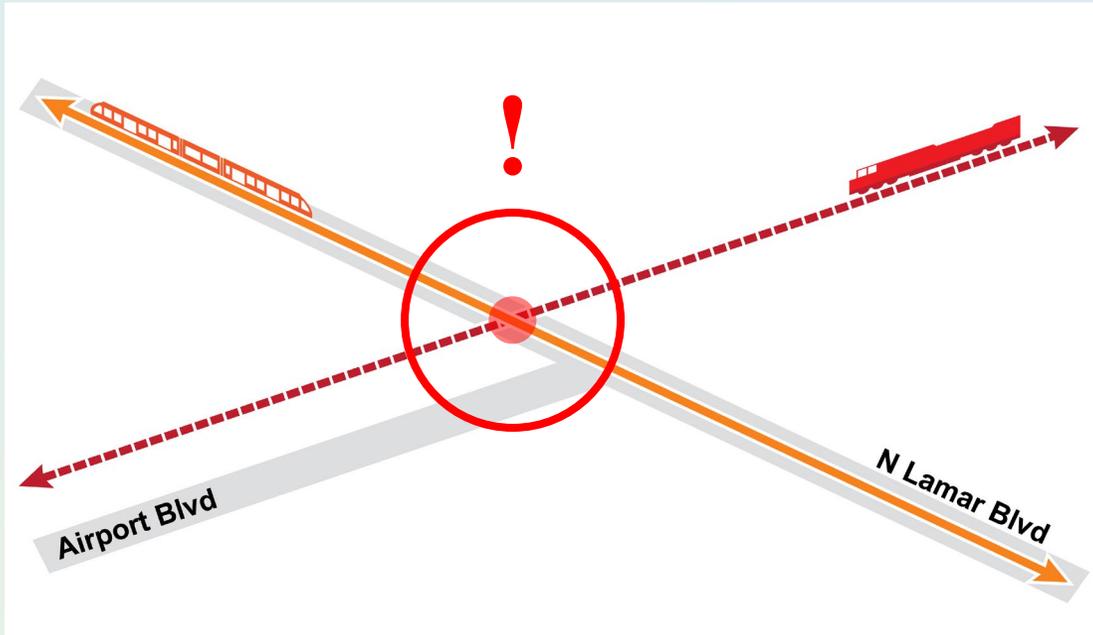
-  Support for ATP to build light rail as soon as possible
-  Questions about length and value of underground segment
-  Desire to reach farther north and south
-  Questions about timeline and budget
-  Questions about elevated options downtown
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 - How light rail connects with other modes of transportation
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 - Mixed feedback about reaching airport
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 - Questions about traffic operations and impacts, and reliability of options downtown

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Austin Light Rail Implementation Discussion Topics:

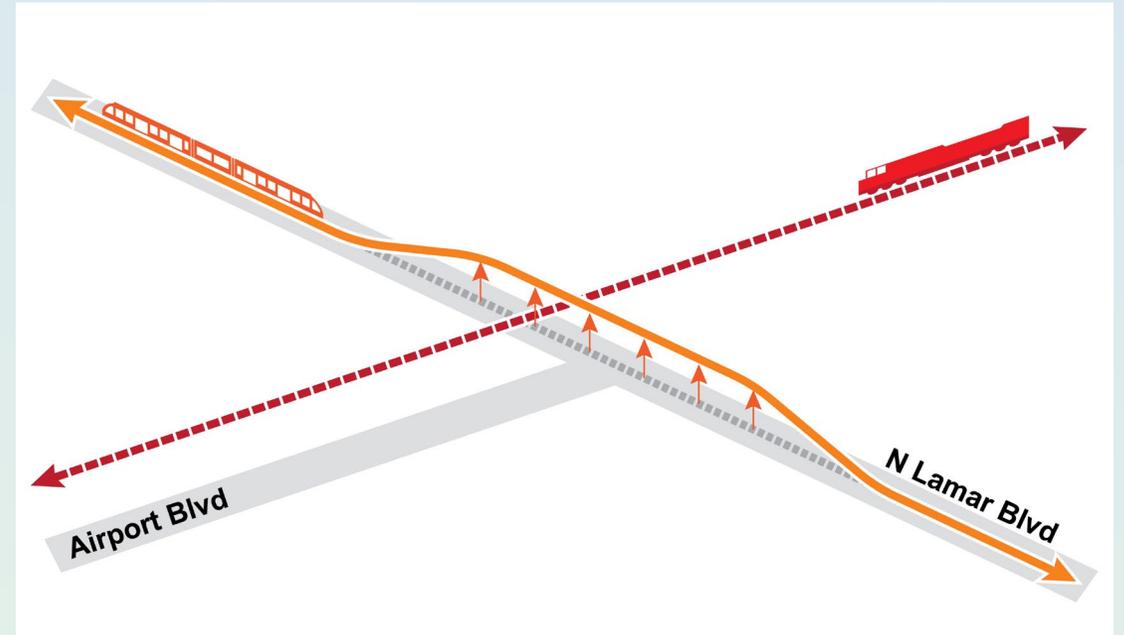
1. Crestview/Redline Crossing
2. Grade Separation
3. Connection to the Airport
4. Maintenance Facility
5. State Right of Way

LIGHT RAIL / RED LINE INTSERSESECTION



Constraint

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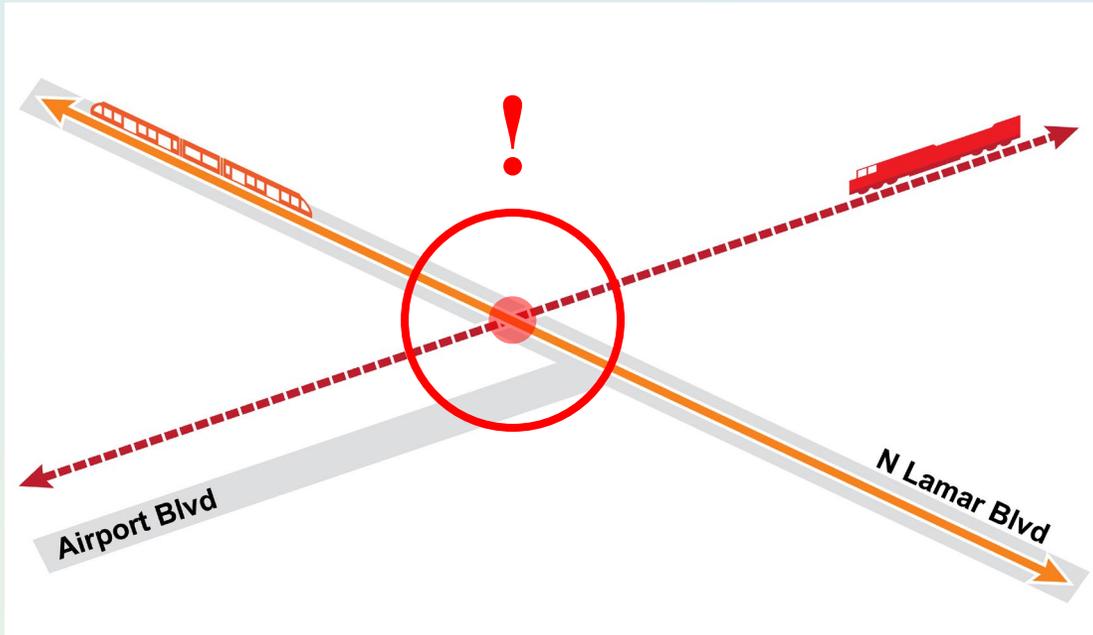
Current Condition

Light Rail: ELEVATED

Red Line & Freight: AT-GRADE (No Change)

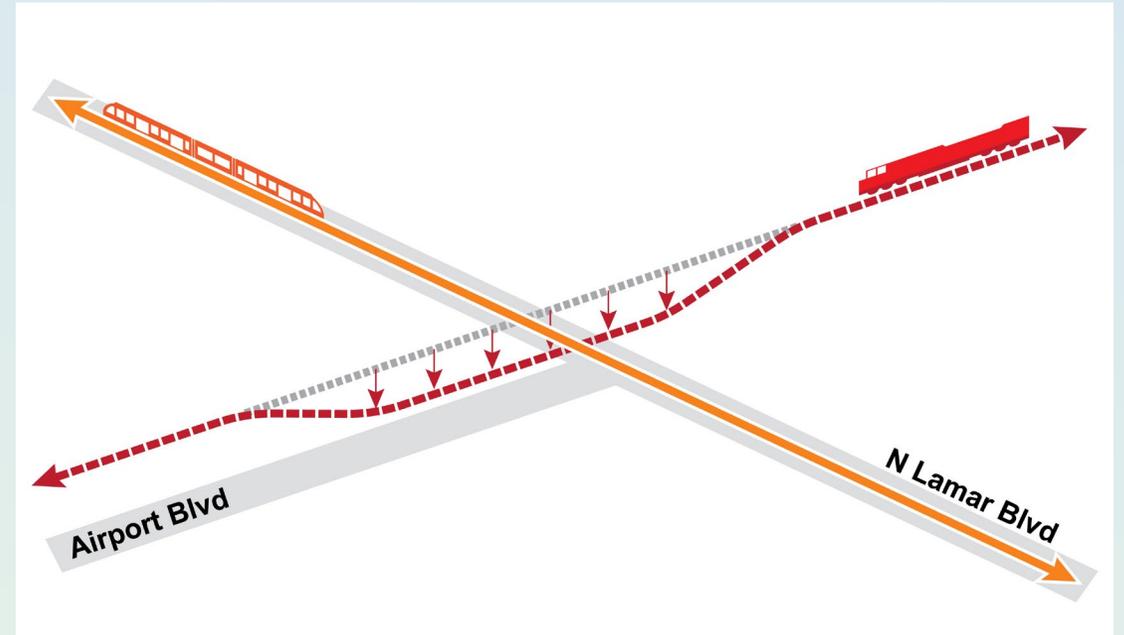
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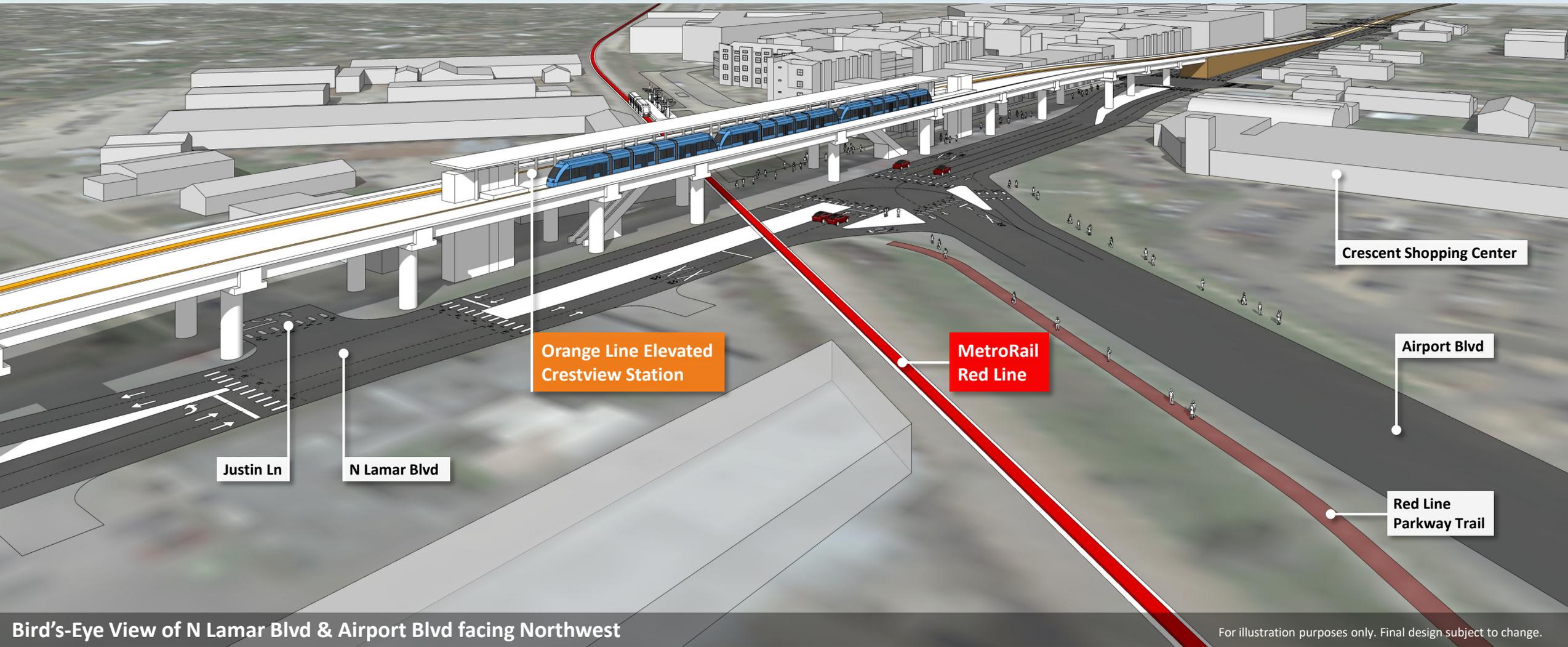
Opportunity

Light Rail: AT-GRADE

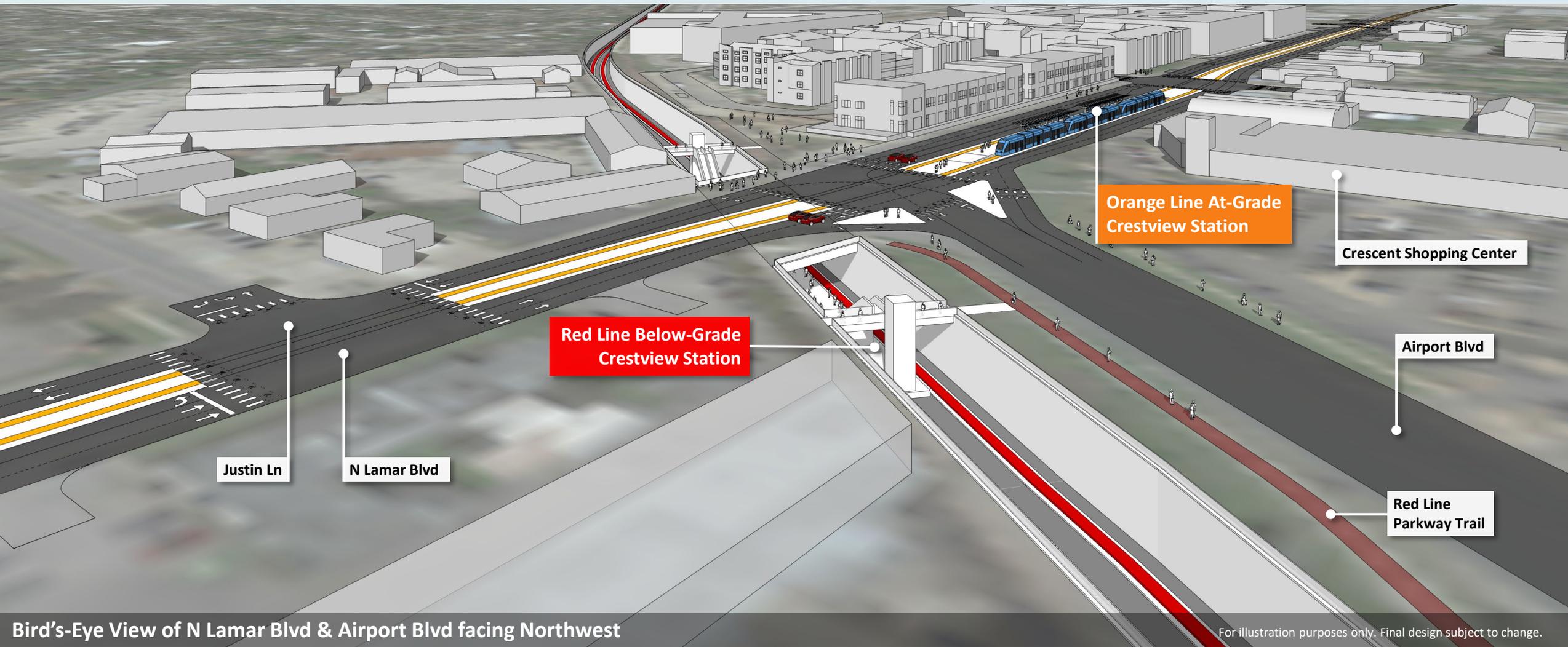
Red Line & Freight: BELOW-GRADE*

*construction not yet funded

LIGHT RAIL ELEVATED STATION: VIEW FACING NORTH



LIGHT RAIL ON-STREET STATION: VIEW FACING NORTHWEST



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MAINTENANCE FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

To ensure that any future maintenance facility created as a part of Austin Light Rail does not have a disparate impact on the surrounding community, consider the following:

- Environmental Review and Transparency
 - Ensure that environmental review documentation is shared with the public in a transparent and timely fashion.
 - Public engagement efforts as a part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process must follow the Community Engagement and Inclusion Commitments included in the Joint Powers Agreement.
 - Assess and consider impacts from an environmental justice perspective.
 - As appropriate, include the CAC in this process.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ongoing Environmental Evaluation and Transparency
 - Throughout the lifetime of the facility, periodically track any potential air quality and noise impacts.
 - Ensure that any data from tracking is shared periodically with the Community Advisory Committee in a meeting open to the public.
 - Share any data from tracking on an easily accessible webpage for the public to review.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Facility Design and Environmental Sustainability
 - Engage with the surrounding community and the Community Advisory Committee in the design of the facility.
 - Minimize impacts on any adjacent residential uses, including any site utilized for providing shelter to unhoused neighbors.
 - If there is to be any fuel storage, ensure that there is no underground fuel storage.
 - Ensure that there is proper on-site stormwater mitigation.
 - If possible, allow direct pedestrian access to the facility from the surrounding neighborhood, to allow workers and community members to access the site easily.
 - If a sound wall or other solid barrier is built, consider working with the community on a public arts project similar to that for the former Holly Power Plant.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Noise and Light Mitigation
 - Utilize a landscaped buffer and setbacks from residential uses.
 - Where necessary, create a sound wall or other solid barrier.
 - Utilize shielded and directional light fixtures.
 - Locate any potential noisy activities on the site further away from residential uses and enclose in a structure, where possible.
 - If necessary, provide adjoining residential property owners the opportunity to soundproof openings in the direction of the facility, this includes both owner and renter-occupied properties.
 - Ensure that there is minimized idling of non-light rail vehicles on the site.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Community Benefits

- Explore the potential for education and workforce partnerships with local school districts and community college to create work opportunities for local residents during the construction and operation phases.
- Withing the constraints of federal guidelines, create a space accessible to the community for hosting meetings and other activities.
- Explore the ability to provide walking paths on the periphery of the facility.
- Proactively work to ensure the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the project, with an aim to support business of all types.
- Explore opportunities to incorporate public art programs, such as those at the former Holly Power Plant site.

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THANK YOU!