



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 6th 2025**

**ATP Office | Conference Room**

**203 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701**

**(with some members of the CAC participating via video conference)**

**Members in Attendance:**

Awais Azhar - Chair  
Susan Somers – Secretary  
Gretchen Flatau – Vice Chair  
Jay Blazek Crossley  
Marcel Garza  
Ruven Brooks  
Cshamari Reed  
Elizabeth Meyer

**Members Absent:**

Catalina Berry  
Jeremy Hendricks  
Mike Gorse

**Attendees:**

Yannis Banks  
Sophie Petkus  
Courtney Chavez

Peter Partheymuller  
Larsen Andrews

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Community Communication**

No comments at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the February 13th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Secretary Somers, seconded by Vice Chair Flatau; confirmed with 8 in favor. (8-0).

**Action Items**

- 1. Recommendation regarding ATP's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Austin Light Rail**
  - a. Chair Azhar led a discussion on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement recommendations. The recommendations were approved on a motion by Member Garza, seconded by Secretary Somers and passed unanimously (8-0).

**Discussion Items**

- 1. Staff Recognition**
  - a. Chair Azhar led a recognition of Courtney Chavez, Director of Advocacy at the Lone Star Justice Alliance, formerly Senior Vice President of Community Engagement at Austin Transit Partnership.
    - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by Secretary Somers.

**Staff Updates**

- 1. Austin Transit Partnership Update**

No updates were provided at this time.

**2. City of Autin Staff Update**

Peter Partheymuller, Strategic Communications Consultant, provided an update on the ETOD public hearings.

**3. CapMetro Staff Update**

No updates were provided at this time.

**4. Working Group/TAC Updates**

Chair Azhar gave an update on the Anti-displacement and Governance working groups.

**Future Items**

Secretary Somers requested an update on the CapMetro Service Update Plan, a presentation from Community Initiated Solutions and a presentation on the ATP finance model. Chair Azhar requested an update on the ADCA Program. Member Crossley requested a presentation on the Project Connect Budget.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM without objection.