



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 9 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
Catalina Berry
Michael Gorse
Jay Blazek Crossley
Jeremy Hendricks
Marcel Garza
Ruven Brooks
Cshamari Reed

Members Absent:

Jay Blazek Crossley

Attendees:

Terry Hockens
Yannis Banks
Sophie Petkus
Jennifer Pyne

Peter Partheymuller
Deron Lozano
Brandon Carr

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

Member Berry read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement, on behalf of the CAC.

Community Communication

One community member presented at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2024, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the December 2nd, 2024, general meeting was approved on a motion by Member Garza, seconded by Member Berry; confirmed with 8 in favor and 2 abstaining. (8-0).

Discussion Items

- 1. Update on Austin Light Rail Phase 1 Implementation: Progress on Design - ATP**
 - a. Deron Lozano, Senior Vice President of Planning and Federal Programs gave a progress update for Phase 1 of Austin light rail and an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager and Sophie Petkus, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Austin Transit Partnership.
- 2. CapMetro Fare Payment System Changes**
 - a. Brandi Mohler, Director of Revenue and Affairs, presented on the fare technology system changes that are being implemented by CapMetro. The presentation included an overview of the hardware, fare payment and CapMetro app updates. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement and Public Involvement for CapMetro.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

No updates were provided at this time.

2. City of Austin Staff Update

No updates were provided at this time.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates were provided at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

Chair Azhar gave an update on the Governance Committee and the Anti-Displacement Working group.

Future Items

Secretary Sommers requested an update on the 2016 Mobility Bond.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM without objection.