



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

**ATP Office | Conference Room**

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

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

**Members in Attendance:**

Susan Somers- Vice Chair  
Awais Azhar- Chair  
Michael Gorse  
Catalina Berry  
Jay Blazek Crossley  
Marcel Garza- Secretary  
Ruven Brooks  
Cshamari Reed  
Jeremy Hendricks

**Members Absent:**

Elisabeth Meyer

**Attendees:**

Lee Crawford  
Yannis Banks  
Sophie Petkus  
Jennifer Pyne  
Peter Partheymuller

Melissa Ortiz  
Matthew Mejia  
JD Simpson  
Anna Lan  
Nadia Barrera-Ramierz

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 10th, 2025.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

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

### **Community Communication**

No communications at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the June 12th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the June 12th, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Vice Chair Somers, seconded by Member Hendricks; confirmed with 9 in favor. (9-0).

### **Discussion Items**

- 1. CapMetro TOD Guidebook**

- a. Anna Lan, TOD Manager and Matthew Mejia, TOD Planner, gave a presentation on the Transit Oriented Development Guidebook. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

- 2. CapMetro Bikeshare Program Update**

- a. Nadia Barrera-Ramierz , Cross-Agency Transit and Mobility Program Manager with CapMetro gave an update on the CapMetro Bikeshare Program including the upcoming fare adjustment and station expansion. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
  - i. Contributions to the conversation were provided by JD Simpson, CapMetro's Bikeshare Program Manager.

### **Staff Updates**

- 1. Austin Transit Partnership Update**

Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager with Austin Transit Partnership, gave an

update on the timeline for the Final Environmental Impact Statement as well as the procurement of the progressive design and construction partners.

**2. City of Austin Staff Update**

Peter Partheymuller, Strategic Communications Consultant with the City of Austin, gave an update on the Project Connect Office's review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement as well as the FY26 budget engagement opportunities.

**3. CapMetro Staff Update**

Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement and Public Involvement with CapMetro, gave an update on the FY26 engagement opportunities and Transit Plan 2035.

**4. Working Group/TAC Updates**

Chair Azhar gave an update on the anti-displacement working group and the governance working group.

**Future Items**

Vice Chair Sommers requested a presentation on Transit Plan 2035 and FY26 budget presentations from ATP and CapMetro.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM without objection.