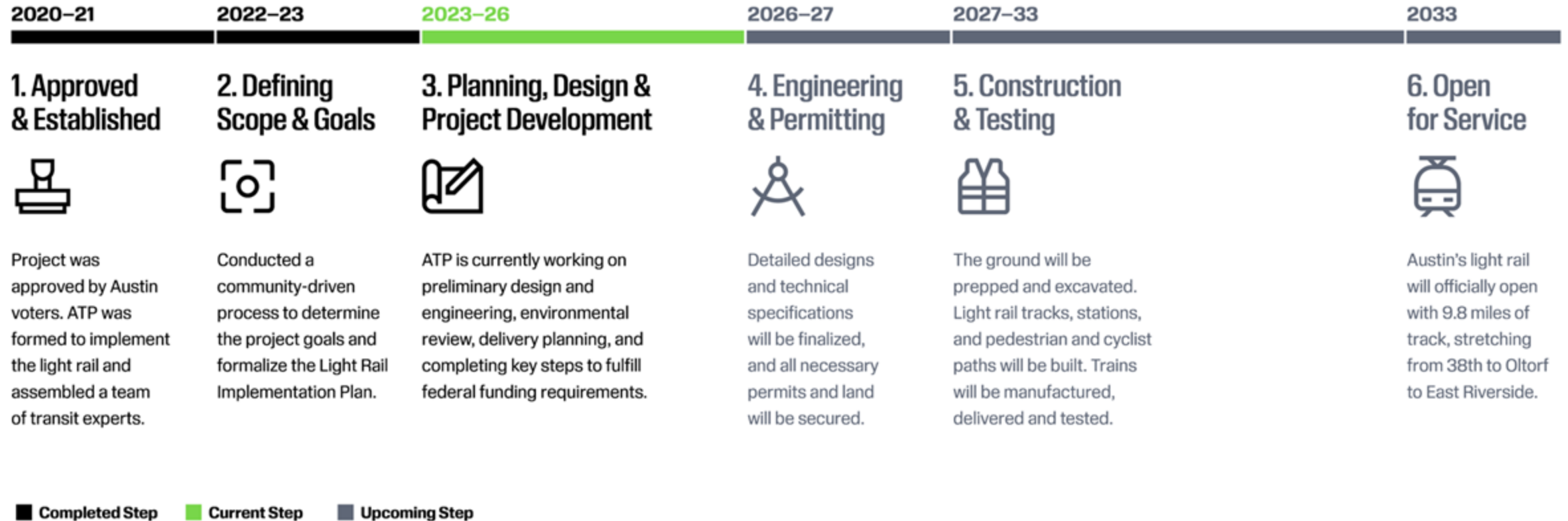


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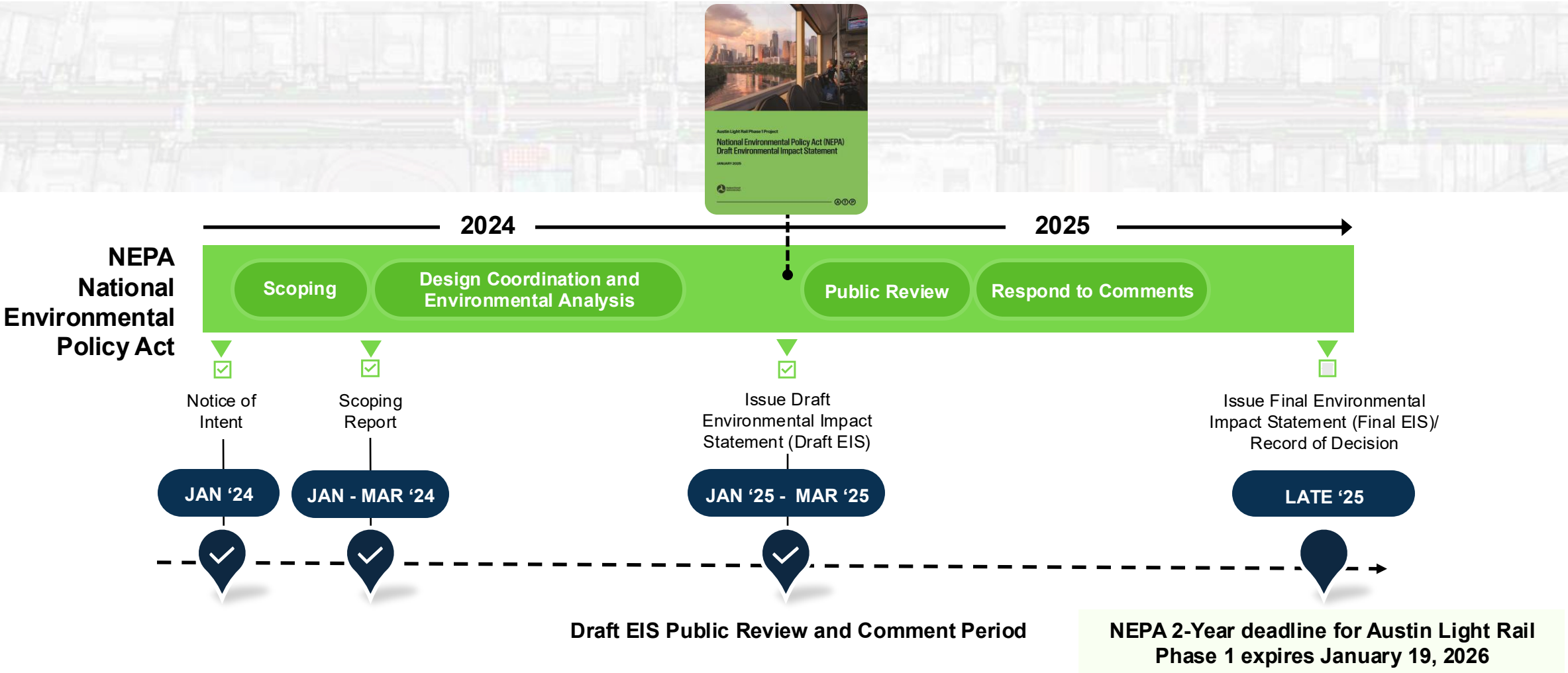
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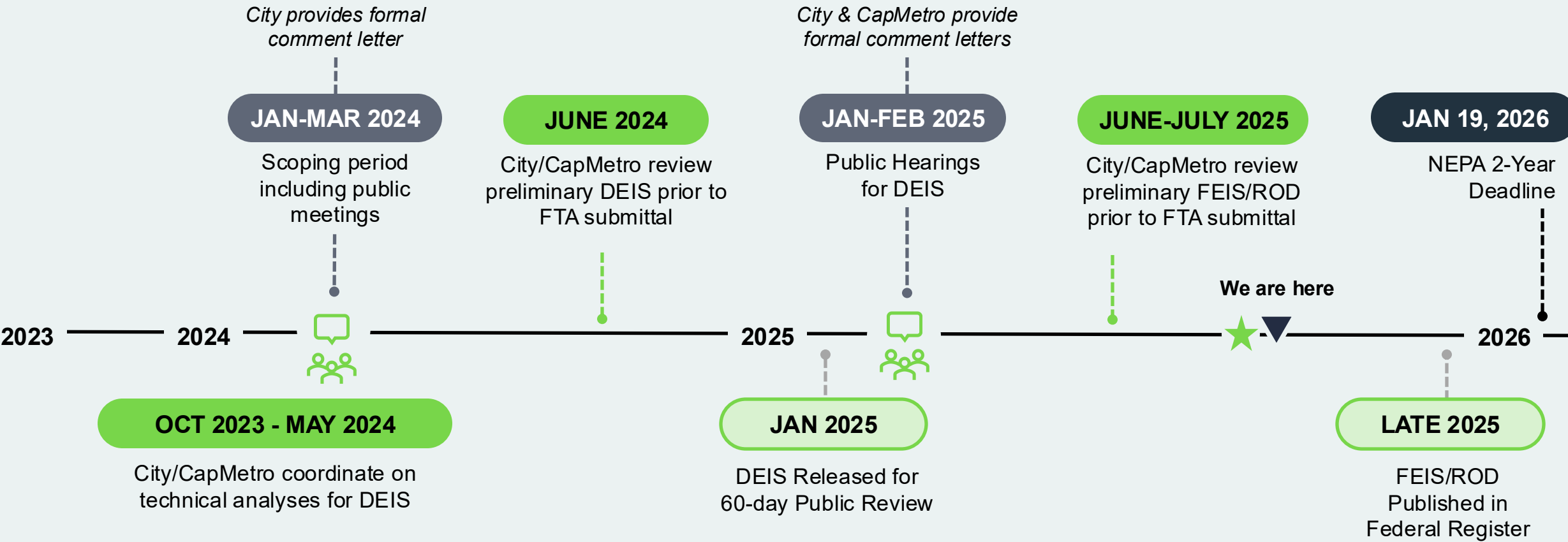
# Austin Light Rail Timeline



# National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



# Input Milestones & Opportunities During NEPA



Formal NEPA Comment Opportunity



City/CapMetro Coordination



Initiated review process of FEIS/ROD with FTA late July 2025



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# Engagement Summary: January – March 2025

## OUTREACH EVENTS:

**4** ATP PUBLIC MEETINGS

**14** BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MEETINGS

**16** COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS & EVENTS

**40** AT-STOP OUTREACH EVENTS

## ATP ENGAGED WITH:

**1,454** people at at-stop outreach events

**617** people at open houses

**322** people at boards & commissions

**445** people at community presentations & events

TOTAL PEOPLE ENGAGED WITH:

**2,838**



# Summary of Feedback during DEIS Public Comment Period

*(Jan-Mar 2025) (~2,500 comments received)*

## Recurring Comment Themes



Airport Extension support



Support for Design Options



Park and Ride considerations



South Congress light rail constraints and opportunities



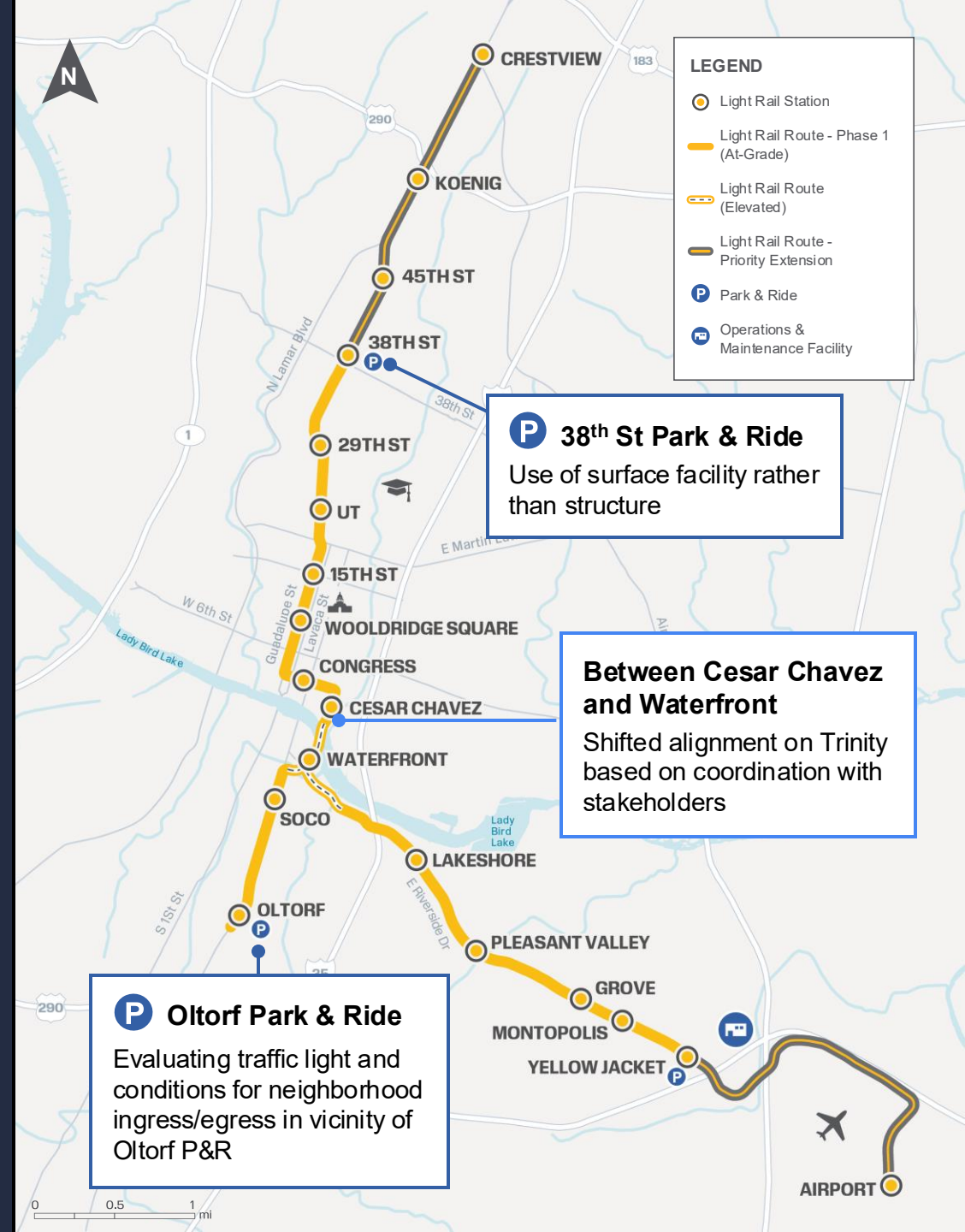
Bike/Pedestrian connectivity support



# How is feedback informing the project?

## Some examples:

1. Reduced property impacts and eliminated all residential displacements
2. Park & Ride concepts
  - 38<sup>th</sup> St P&R use of surface facility rather than structure
  - Evaluating traffic light and conditions for neighborhood ingress/egress in the vicinity of Oltorf P&R
3. Shifted alignment on Trinity based on coordination with stakeholders
4. Development of mitigation measures





# Mitigation as Defined by FTA

- Avoiding an impact by not taking a certain action or parts of an action
- Minimizing an impact by limiting the degree or magnitude of the action
- Rectifying an impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected environment
- Reducing or eliminating an impact over time
- Compensating for an impact by replacing or providing substitute resources or environments

*FTA grants are conditional on the performance of mitigation commitments outlined in the environmental document.*



# Examples of Mitigation Measures and Commitments

- ATP shall develop a Business Assistance Program to reduce the burden on businesses prior to and during construction.
- ATP shall work with emergency response agencies to establish an Emergency Response Plan and communication protocols to support coordinated response during construction and operations.
- ATP contractors shall prepare a detailed Noise Control Plan....to comply with the Project Connect noise ordinance and to identify the contractor's specific equipment and methods of construction.
- ATP shall consult with a Austin bat advocacy group to minimize impacts the roosting Mexican Free-Tailed bats at the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge during construction
- In compliance with the Clean Water Act and under USACE general permit conditions, ATP contractors shall design and construct crossings of WOTUS to maintain low flows and avoid stream relocations during construction and operation of the Project.

# Next Steps

## 1. Completing the Final EIS and the NEPA process

- Coordination with FTA and Cooperating Agencies – August/Sept 2025
- Legal Review of FEIS and ROD – Fall 2025
- Complete documentation and FTA issues FEIS/ROD – Late 2025/Early 2026

## 2. Project Delivery Procurements

- Designer/builder (Progressive Design Build) teams for light rail and the OMF will be onboarded in 2026
- A solicitation to procure vehicles is in development

## 3. Continuing Design

- Ongoing coordination with City and CapMetro on design topics
- Input will continue to be incorporated into the next design deliverable, once the new designers are onboarded



# Thank You.

