

**Draft Recommendations** 

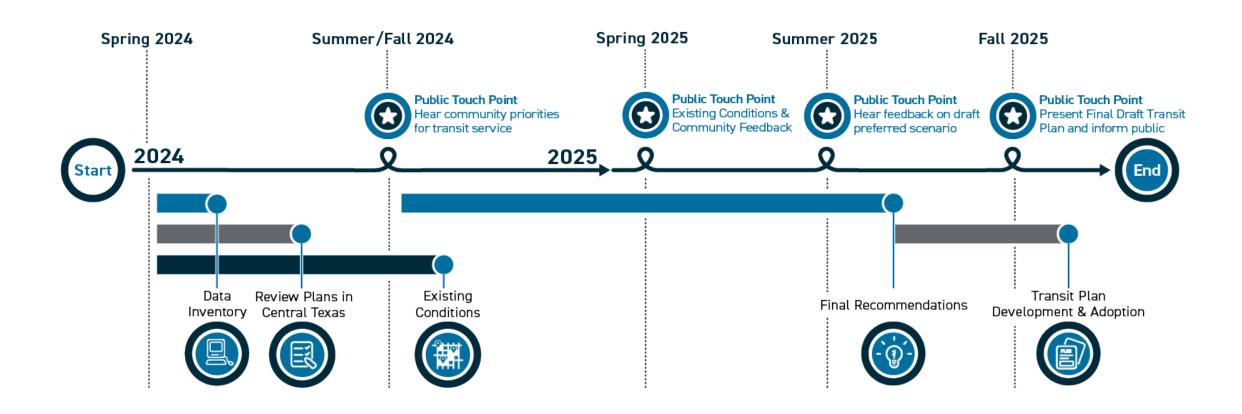
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CapMetro | Transit Plan 2035





# **Project Timeline**





# Community Visioning - By the Numbers



## **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### **FOCUS GROUPS**

19 Focus Group Sessions

**240** Focus Group Attendees

#### **OPEN HOUSE & VIRTUAL WEBINAR**



300 **Attendees** 

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS**

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18

**\*\*\* 5**k+

Community Connectors Hired **Events Organized** & Attended

Community Members Reached



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### POP-UP EVENTS

5,125 People Engaged

AT-STOP OUTREACH

14 Stops/ Centers

1.000 Riders Reached

## **WEBPAGE & EMAILS**

#### **WEBSITE**

18k+ 🖵

**Views** 

8,800 **Participants** 

**OUTREACH BY EMAIL** 

58k+Total Recipients



### **SURVEY & PUBLIC INPUT**

8,100 Total Surveys

7,600 Total Comments



### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

**ADDITIONAL OUTREACH** 

Presentations, Speeches and Committee Meetings



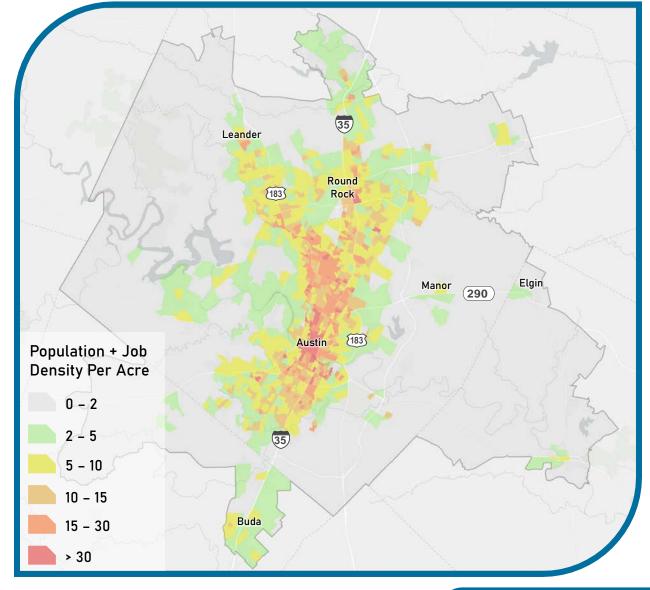
# Population and Employment Today

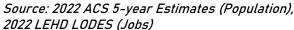
## Significant density concentrations:

- US 183 (West of I-35) & I-35 corridors
- Riverside Dr.
- UT/West Campus
- Lamar Blvd. corridor
- Isolated density pockets in Exurbs



Source: 2022 ACS 5-year Estimates (Population), 2022 LEHD LODES (Jobs)









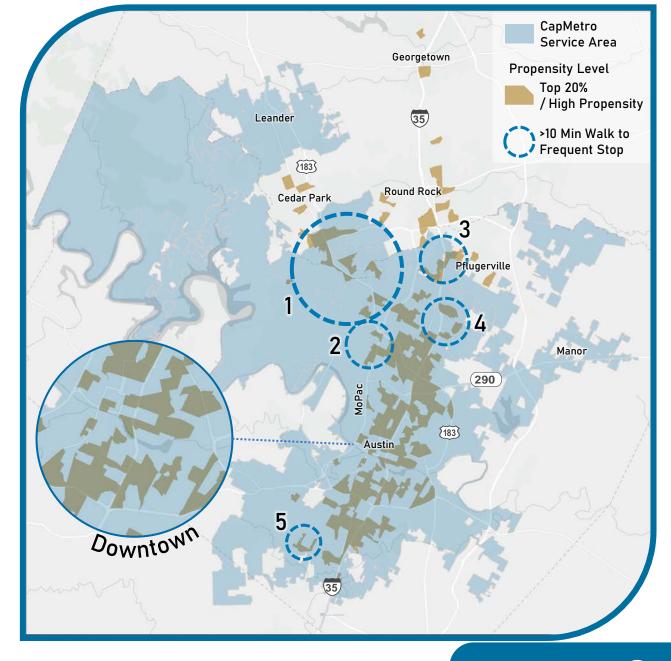
# **Transit Propensity**

## What is the Transit Propensity Index?

Identifies areas with high demand for transit service by combining and scoring ridership and equity metrics.

# Underserved High Propensity Clusters (circled on map):

- 1. US 183 corridor (West of MoPac)
- 2. N. MoPac & US 183
- 3. Windemere
- 4. Walnut Creek at I-35
- 5. Slaughter Lane





# How We Developed Recommendations

This plan is CapMetro's vision and roadmap for the next 5 to 10 years.

Data Analysis **Community Input Fiscal** Responsibility



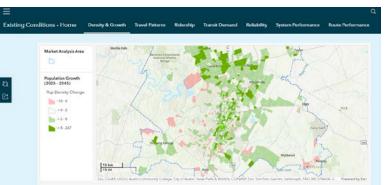
# Service Scenario Development

The combination of community outreach feedback, travel patterns, operations, and market data help us identify changes to the network.

Community Outreach
Round 1 Engagement
Summary (Public)

Market Analysis
Existing Conditions
Virtual Report
(Public)







## Transit Plan 2035 Draft Recommendations

## Recommendation themes include:

- √ aligning our current service with travel patterns,
- √ preparing for high-capacity transit and Project Connect, and

✓ exploring regional expansion.



## **Draft Recommendations Overview**

We're budgeting responsibly, and there are still near-term improvements that can be made with our limited resources.

Outlook Within 5 Years We're thoughtfully planning for improvements that accompany Austin Light Rail and regional growth.

5+ Year Outlook

We continue to build toward a more connected region.

10+ Year Outlook



# Transit Plan 2035 is Not A Service Change

#### CapMetro's Service Change Process



#### Identify the Issues

- Review Feedback
   From the community, board of directors and operators
- Evaluate New StreetsKey Destinations
- Analyze KPIs
   Starting with productivity,
   speed, overcrowding and OTP



#### **Develop Proposals**

- Review Issues & Opportunities
- O Create Proposal or Proposal Options



#### **Evaluate Proposals**

- Origin & Destination Survey Results
- 2 Equity Analysis
  Incorporate demographic data
  on target transit riders
- Ost Feasibility
- A ls it a major service change?

IF YES

FTA Title VI Analysis

Board approval required



#### **Public Feedback**

- CapMetro Advisory Committees
- Public Feedback
- Board of Directors
- Does it need further review?

IF YES

Revisit Proposal(s) Implement Change

IF NO



#### **Implement Change**

- Update Operating & Marketing Materials
- 2 At-Stop Outreach & Rider Education

\* Step requires data analysis



## Online Feedback Tool



Transit Plan 2035 is CapMetro's blueprint for the future of public transportation in Central Texas.

Our plan includes a comprehensive evaluation of our transit system and changes to how people are traveling in the Central Texas region. The final plan will outline strategies to update transit services, upgrade infrastructure and better meet your needs over the next five to ten years.

A well-designed transit plan provides an updated transit system that connects people to jobs, education, and places they enjoy. The plan also lays the groundwork to make the updated transit system a reality. Together, we will identify what changes need to be made, step by step, and what resources are needed to achieve the plans' quality.



#### **Review Our Draft Network**

Community input is at the heart of any good transit plan. Your feedback will shape what the plan prioritizes, based on the preferences and needs of community members. You are shaping the future of public transit in central Texas.



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#### WATCH: Draft Recommendations Overview

Transit Plan 2035 is CapMetro's roadmap for future transit service. Our draft recommendations are the result of data analysis, feedback from the public, and budget constraints.





Use the links above to navigate between the pages of this feedback tool.



# How These Changes Are Organized

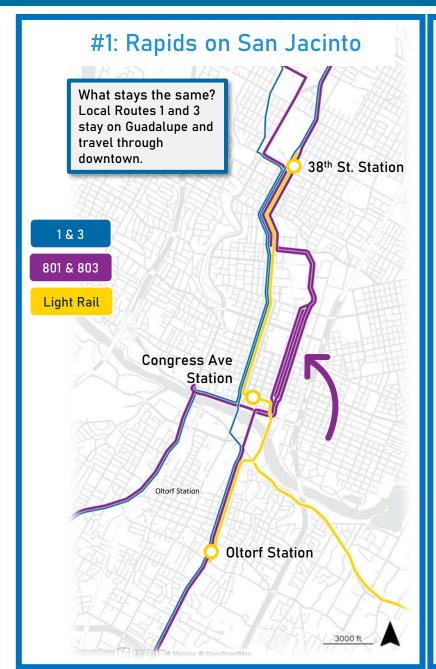


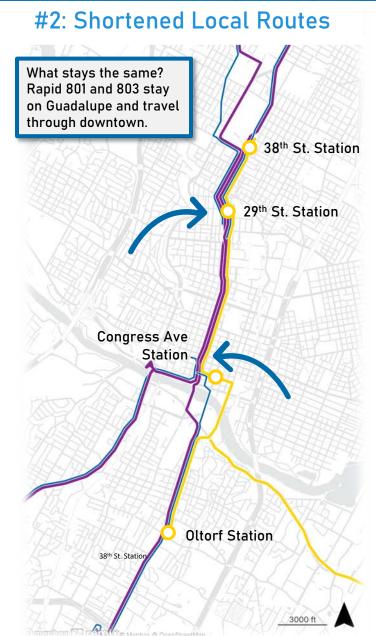
CapMetro Rail

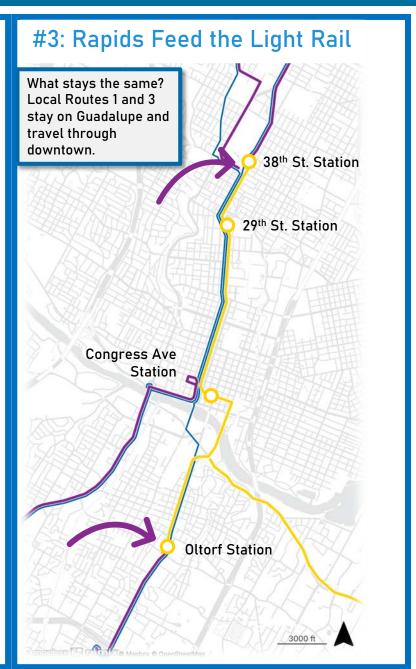
UT Shuttle Network



## Three Options for Buses on Guadalupe with Light Rail









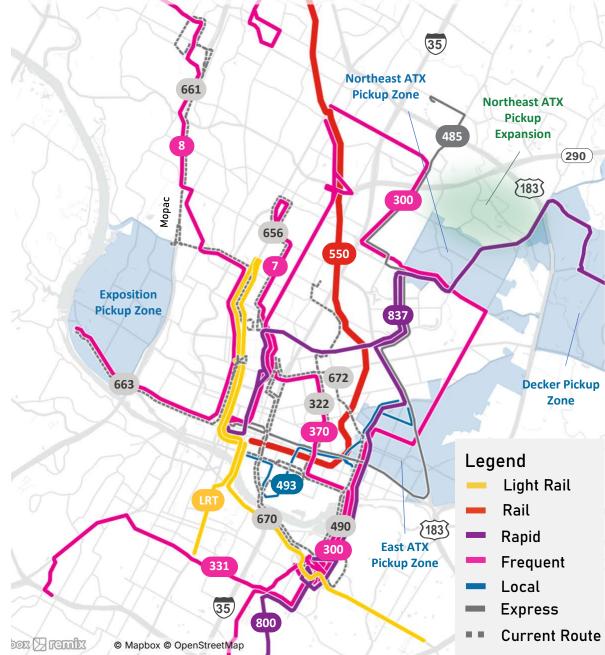
## CENTRAL

## Within the Next 5 Years

- Route 2 extended on Springdale creating a bidirectional loop-makes it easier to travel diagonally
- Route 335 realigned to serve Hancock Center and further east on Manor Rd
- Route 345 discontinued due to low ridership, key destination covered by Hancock

## 5+ Year Outlook

 Route 493 becomes a local route and operates every day Note: Map does not show all route concepts, and displays recommendations for the 5+ Year Outlook.





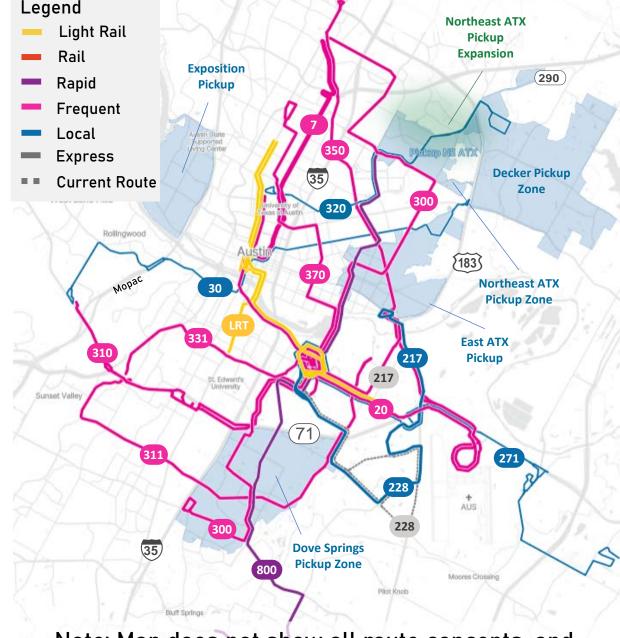
## SOUTHEAST

## Within the Next 5 Years

- Route 310 extended to connect to Barton Creek
   Mall & Eastside Bus Plaza
- Route 350 frequency increased to every 15 minutes
- Route 271 extended to Pleasant Valley to connect to HEB

### 5+ Year Outlook

- Route 20 increase hours and discontinue Route 483
- Route 350 extension to Austin Airport
- Route 217 realigned to serve Vargas
- Route 228 extended to connect Eastside Bus Plaza to Pleasant Valley
- Realign Routes 7 and 300 to serve light Rail
- New Route 331 along Oltorf



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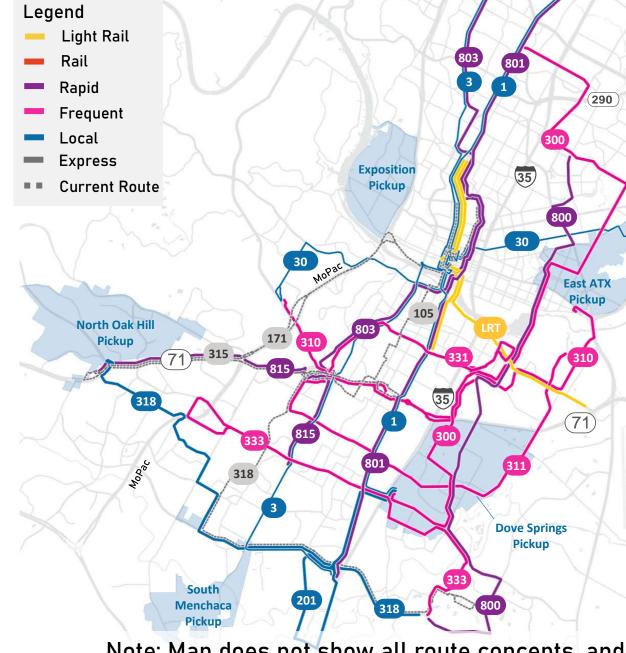
## SOUTHWEST

## Within the Next 5 Years

- Route 333 realigned to serve Goodnight Ranch Park and Ride
- Route 318 extended to connect Oak Hill and Goodnight Ranch
- Route 315 shortened to Westgate Transit Center
- Discontinue Flyers

### 5+ Year Outlook

- Replace Route 315 with new Rapid 815 operating along US Hwy 290 & Menchaca
- Route 310 frequency increased to every 15 minutes



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## NORTHEAST

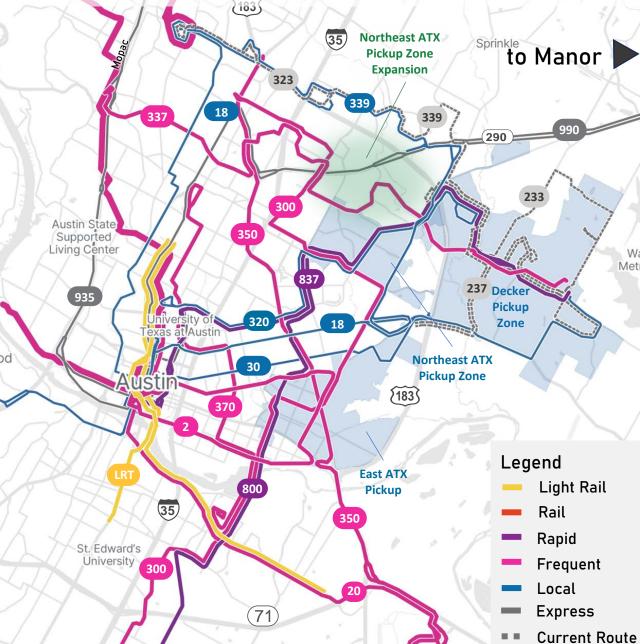
## Within the Next 5 Years

- Rapid 800 and 837 go to 10 min frequency and extended span
- Route 233 and 237 discontinued due to low ridership and Pickup coverage
- Route 18 extended to Community First! Village for improved connection to downtown
- Combination of the 323 and 339, with changes to the 339 to match travel patterns
- Route 20 split at UT and new Route 320 serves Manor Rd

## 5+ Year Outlook

- Expanded Northeast ATX Pickup Zone due to high population of seniors and folks with disabilities
- Additional stop at Highland ACC on Route 990

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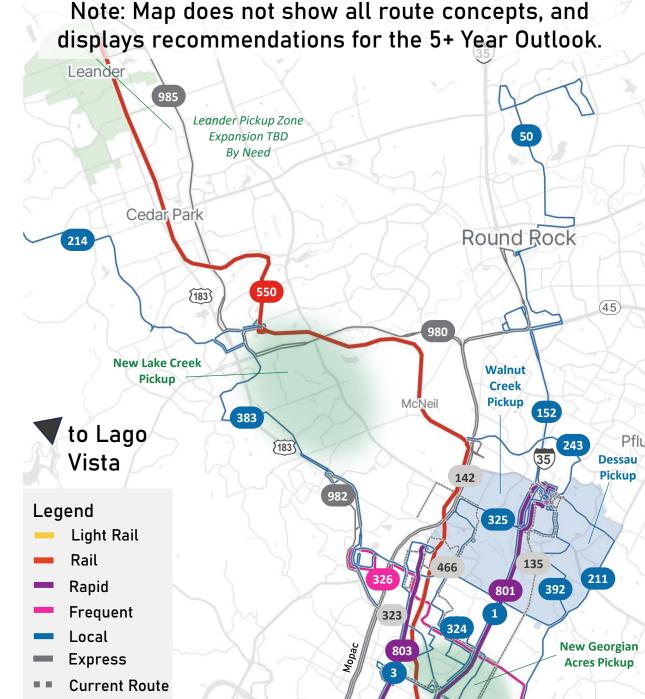
## **NORTHWEST**

## Within the Next 5 Years

- Route 392 extended to connect to Domain and Broadmoor
- 466 Replaced

## 5+ Year Outlook

- Better east/west connections through the new 326, high frequency E/W route on Rundberg
- More direct routes on the 325 to key destinations such as the hospital and Parmer/Mopac HEB
- Route 383 is streamlined, in response to community feedback that it takes too many twists and turns
- NEW Route 211 provides service to high need area
- NEW Pickup Zones in Lake Creek area and Georgian Acres





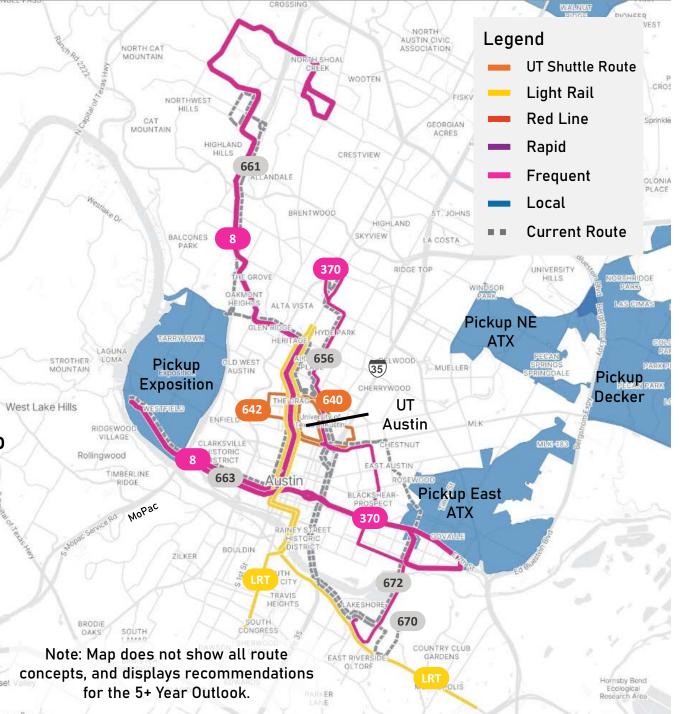
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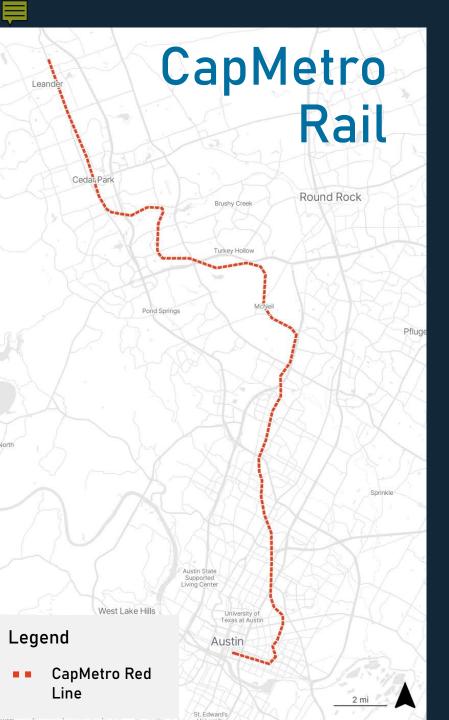
## Within the Next 5 Years

• Route 670 & Route 671 combination (August 2025)

### 5+ Year Outlook

- New Route 8 connecting North Cross/Far West to Lake Austin Blvd
- New Route 370 connecting Pleasant Valley to Intramural fields
- New routes replace Route 656, 661, 663, 670, 672





### Outlook within 5 Years



Broadmoor station opening near Domain



Double tracking improvements at Plaza Saltillo



Positive Train Control improvements



Extend weekday span to 9PM and Saturday span to 8AM

### 5+ Years Outlook



Extend weekday span to 9PM and Saturday span to 8AM



I-35 rail bridge



Increase weekday and Saturday service to 30 minutes

### 10+ Years Outlook



Additional capital investments, including potential infill stations



Introduce Sunday service on the Red Line



CapMetro Rail Green Line service

# CapMetro 10+ Year Vision List

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#### CapMetro is committed

to delivering on its promises to the community. This list of investments will serve as a guide for how the agency will spend the funds that become available for capital investment, as markets develop, and supportive infrastructure is built. Project Connect, when it was passed enthusiastically by voters in 2020, identified a vision for transit in Central Texas and that vision remains on the horizon.

Transit Plan 2035 has identified additional recommendations that, invested in over time, will strengthen the state of the system. CapMetro will continue to seek funds and partnerships to deliver on these promises.

Route 243 Extension to Pavilion Park & Ride Transit Plan 2035 Westward extension via Howard Ln, to Pavilion Park & Ride 0 Route 350 Extension to Rundberg Transit Plan 2035 North extension from North Lamar Transit Center to the Rundberg Ln. HEB 51st Street Local Route Transit Plan 2035 Local route covering portions of discontinued Route 345, primarily along 45th St. and 51st St. Bus Lakeline/Round Rock Local Route Transit Plan 2035 Local route connecting Round Rock to Eakeline via RM 620 Local route operating on Slaughter Ln. between Oak Hill and Easton Park Slaughter Local Route Transit Plan 2035 Sunset Valley/Brodie/Manchaca Local Route Transit Plan 2035 Local route from Westgate Transit Center to San Leanna via Brodie Ln., Slaughter Ln. and Menchaca Rd. East Express Project Connect Commuter service from Elgin to Downtown Austin via primarily US 290 Four Points Express Project Connect Commuter service from Four Points to Downtown Austin via primarily Ranch Rd 2222 and MoPac Manor/Expo Flyer Transit Plan 2035 Peak only service connecting Manor to future Green Line Station and Expo Center Park & Ride North Express Project Connect Commuter service from Georgetown/Round Rock to Downtown Austin via primarily 1-35 and MoPac Northeast Express Project Connect Commuter service from Hutto/Pflugerville to Downtown Austin via primarily SH 45 and MoPac Express Northwest Express Project Connect Commuter service from Leander/Lakeline Blvd. to Downtown Austin via primarily US 183 and McPac South Central Express Project Connect Commuter service from San Marcos/Buda to Downtown Austin via primarily I-35 South Express **Project Connect** Commuter service from Lockhart/Easton Park to Downtown Austin via crimarily US 183 Southeast Express Project Connect Commuter service from Bastrop/Del Valle to Downtown Austin via primarily SH 7 Southwest Express Circle C Project Connect Commuter service from Wildflower Center to Downtown Austin and UT via primarily MoPa Southwest Express Oak Hill Project Connect Commuter service from Oak Hill to Downtown Austin and UT via primarily McPac Pickup Pickup Goodnight Ranch Project Connect Pickup zone near Staughter Ln. and Easton Park serving Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride Green Line Phases 1-3 Project Connect CapMetro rail from Downtown Austin to Colony Park, second extension to Elgin, and third extension to Mano Rail Red Line Expanded Connectivity Transit Plan 2035 Potential infill stations (subject to further analysis and feedback) and introduction of Sunday service Cameron/Dessau CapMetro Rapid Rapid service between Tech Ridge and Highland along primarily Dessau Rd. in Northeast Austin Project Connect Crosstown 7th St Lake Austin CapMetro Rapid **Project Connect** Rapid service connecting Westfield and the Eastside Bus Plaza along primarily Lake Austin Blvd. and 7th St. Gold Line CapMetro Rapid Project Connect Rapid service connecting Highland and Downtown Austin along primarily Airport Blvd., Red River St. and Trinity St. Rapid Menchaca CapMetro Rapid Project Connect Rapid service connecting Downtown Austin and William Cannon Dr. along primarily Lamar Blvd, and Menchaca Rd. MLK CapMetro Rapid Rapid service connecting Expo Center and Westfield through Downtown Austin along primarily FM 969 and MLX Jr. Blvd. Project Connect Parmer CapMetro Rapid Project Connect Rapid service connecting Manor and Lakeline Blvd, along primarily Parmer Ln.

Build towards a more connected region.

Project Connect elements including Express Network, Rapid Lines, and elements.

Transit Plan concepts that require partnerships and investment.



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Thank you!

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