



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

MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 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
Elisabeth Meyer

Members Absent:

Jeremy Hendricks

Attendees:

Lee Crawford
Yannis Banks
Sophie Petkus
Jennifer Pyne
Peter Partheymuller

Melissa Ortiz
Lawrence Deeter
Rose Lisska
Bryan Rivera
Sarah Holle

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 14th, 2025.

Vice Chair Somers called the Committee meeting to order at 5:07 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 July 10th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the July 10th, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Secretary Garza, seconded by Vice Chair Somers; confirmed with 6 in favor and 2 abstaining. (6-0).

Action Items

- 1. Light Rail Advisory Group Appointment**

Member Brooks as the primary and Member Crossley as the alternate were confirmed as members of the Light Rail Advisory Group on a motion by Vice Chair Somers, seconded by Chair Azhar and passing unanimously. (9-0).

- 2. City of Austin, ATP & CapMetro Budget Recommendations**

The City of Austin, ATP & CapMetro budget recommendations were passed on a motion by Member Meyer, seconded by Chair Azhar, passing with 7 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstaining. (7-1-1).

Discussion Items

- 1. ATP NEPA Update**

- a. Jennifer Pyne, Executive Vice President of Planning, Community and Federal Programs, and Deron Lozano, Senior Vice President of Environment and Project

Development, gave an update on the progress of the Austin Light Rail NEPA process. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

2. CapMetro Transit Plan 2035

- a. Lawrence Deeter , System Development Manager, Rose Lisska, Principal Planner, and Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement and Involvement, gave a presentation on the CapMetro Transit Plan 2035. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

No updates at this time.

2. City of Autin Staff Update

No updates at this time.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

No updates at this time.

Future Items

Vice Chair Somers requested a follow up presentation on Transit Plan 2035.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Somers adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM without objection.