



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 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-Vice Chair
Michael Gorse
Catalina Berry
Jay Blazek Crossley
Ruven Brooks
Cshamari Reed
Jeremy Hendricks

Members Absent:

Marcel Garza- Secretary

Attendees:

Lee Crawford
Yannis Banks
Sophie Petkus
Rose Lisska

Jocelyn Vokes
Peter Partheymuller
Melissa Ortiz
Emma Martinz

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 11th, 2025.

Chair Azhar 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

One community member presented at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the August 14th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the August 14th, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Chair Azhar, seconded by Member Crossley; confirmed unanimously (8-0)

Action Items

- 1. Community Initiated Solutions Application Recommendations**
 - a. This item was moved to a future meeting agenda.

Discussion Items

- 1. CapMetro Transit Plan 2035**
 - a. Rose Lisska, Principal Planner, Emma Martinez, Senior 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.
- 2. Project Connect Anti-Displacement Funding Planning**
 - a. Chair Azhar gave a presentation on the Anti-Displacement Funding Planning for the upcoming year. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

Jocelyn Vokes, Vice President of Community Engagement and Public Involvement for ATP, gave an update on the upcoming CAC application process.

2. City of Austin Staff Update

No updates at this time.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

Vice Chair Somers gave an update on the Governance Working Group and the upcoming CAC applications.

Future Items

Vice Chair Somers requested a presentation on the Strategic Housing Blueprint.

Member Berry requested a presentation from the City of Austin Bond Commission.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM without objection.