

New CAC Member Onboarding

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ATP Representatives



Jennifer Pyne
EVP Planning, Environment
and Community Partnerships



Lindsay Wood
EVP Construction and
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Lisa Storer
SVP Architecture
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VP Community Engagement
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Community Engagement
Coordinator



Lynn Stroud
Sr. Manager, Legal Services
and Records Management



Kate Russell
IT Project Manager



Daniel Potteiger
IT Project Manager

CAC Responsibility

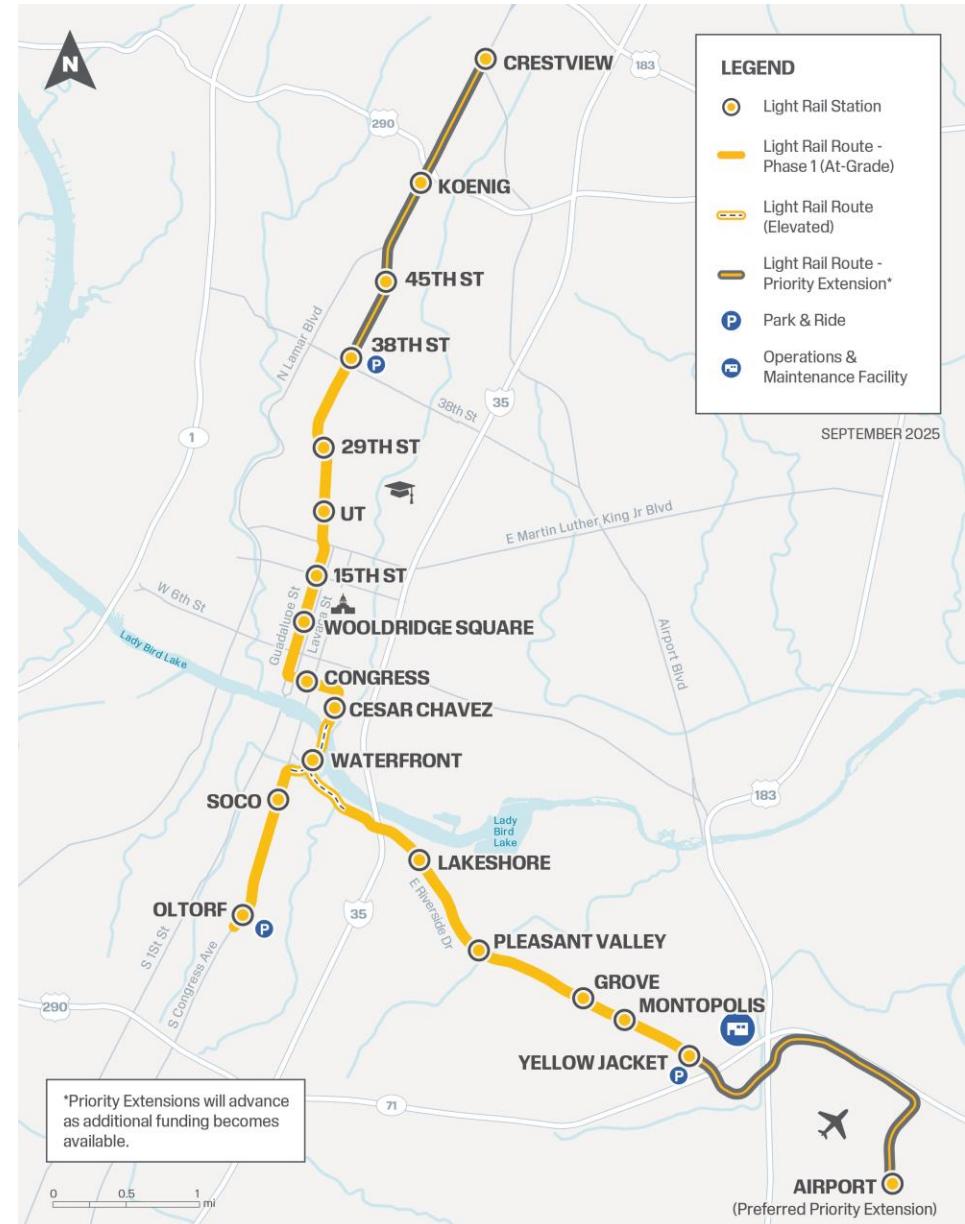
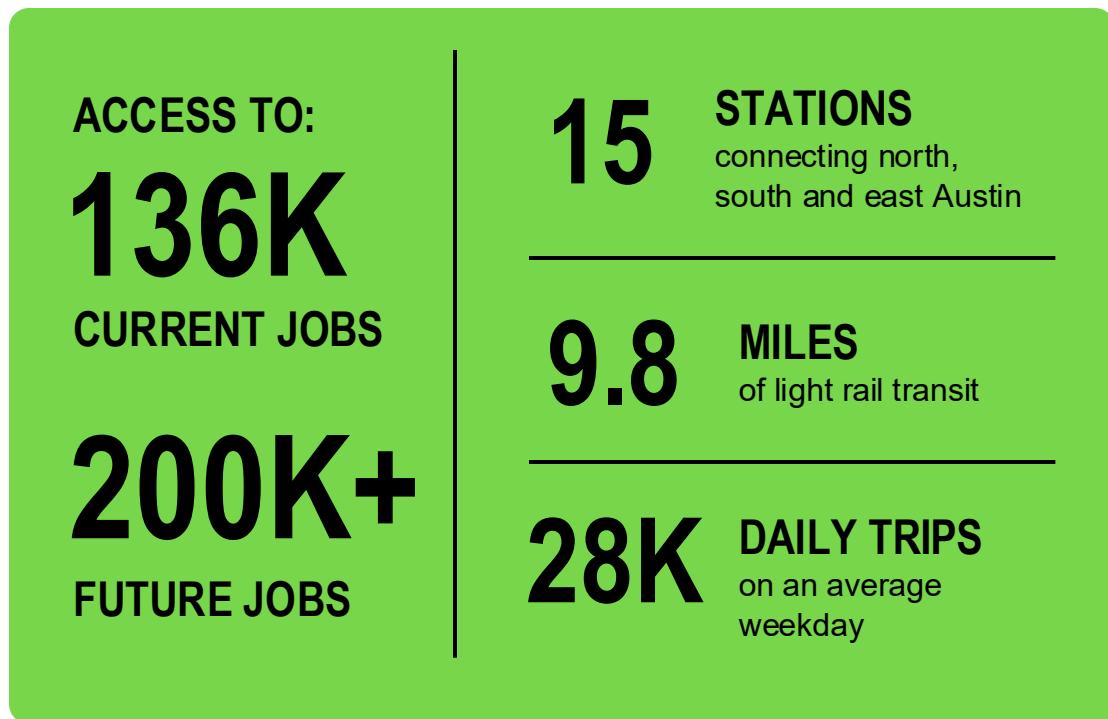
- To assist the Austin City Council (City Council), CapMetro Board, and ATP Board in engaging the community and advising on anti-displacement and equity matters related to Project Connect, in its entirety, as well as to assist the community and City Council in creation and evaluation of neighborhood-level anti-displacement strategies and priorities and the identification of Key Performance Indicators related to equity and displacement
- Recommendations made by the CAC related to displacement mitigation measures or equity issues that impact historically underserved populations must be considered at a public meeting of the ATP Board, City Council or the CapMetro Board as appropriate, in accordance with the recommendations made.
- As provided in the City Contract with the Voters (Res. No. 20200812-015), the City shall “create with the community, neighborhood-level prevention and mitigation strategies” and shall make “recommendations for funding proposals and implementation of identified strategies.”. Further, ATP shall provide funding and “enter into interlocal agreements and/or grant agreements with the City to timely develop and implement anti-displacement strategies.” The CAC will provide support in the creation and implementation of these strategies
- As provided in the Joint Powers Agreement, the CAC shall also review Project Connect business impact mitigation strategies and public involvement plans prior to their approval
- Review the Ethics Policy training presentation and the ATP Ethics Policy sent to your email and sign the acknowledgement.

General Ethical Standards of Conduct – Prohibited Conduct

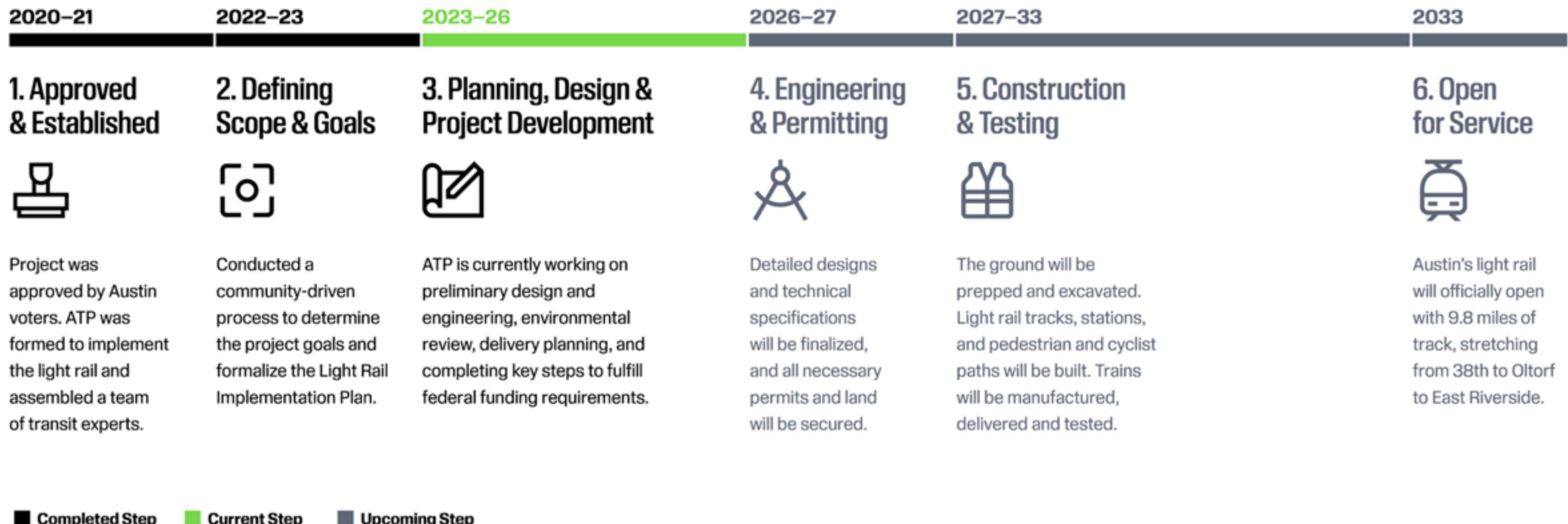
- Accepting or soliciting influential gifts, favors, services or benefits.
- Disclosing confidential or nonpublic information
- Negotiating for or accepting other employment that could reasonably impair judgement or impede performance of ATP official duties
- Making conflicting personal investments or having a personal or financial interest that could impair performance of ATP duties
- Utilizing ATP time, property, facilities, or equipment for non-official business.
- Knowingly making false or misleading statements or providing false information in the course of ATP business
- Engaging in political activity while on duty or using ATP resources for political activity

Austin Light Rail Phase 1

Light rail is an expandable electric train system designed for metropolitan areas, serving as an integral part of the transit network by connecting people to essential destinations where they live, work and play.



Proposed Light Rail Timeline



Light Rail in Other Cities



Paris, France



Phoenix, Arizona



Seattle,
Washington



Minneapolis, Minnesota

East Riverside



Pleasant Valley



Artist conceptual visualization

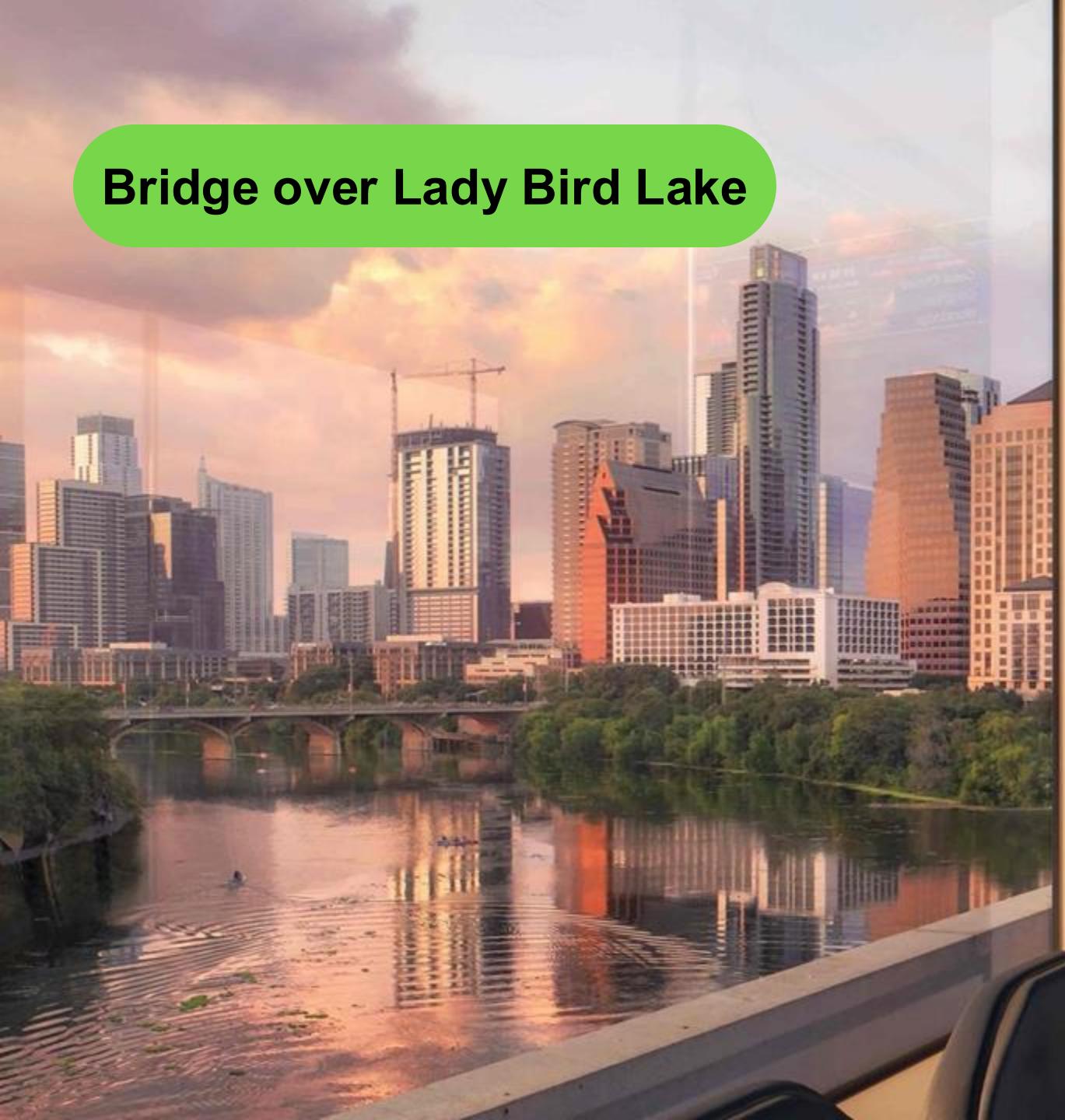


The Drag

Oltorf



Bridge over Lady Bird Lake



Artist conceptual visualization

Q&A



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Austin Light Rail Update



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Achieving Milestones

- Advancing through the Capital Investment Grants program
 - Received a medium-high rating - the highest rating awarded by the Federal Transit Administration in the Fiscal Year 2026 cycle
 - Completing all requirements for the Project Development phase
- On track to complete the NEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement in January 2026, **the first major New Starts project to do so within the required 2-year deadline**
- Procuring Progressive Design-Build teams in 2026



Austin Light Rail Phase 1

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement / Record of Decision

January 2026

Federal Transit Administration



PROJECT CONNECT

Austin's light rail project gets federal vote of confidence, on track for 2027 groundbreaking

The new rating positions Austin to compete for roughly \$4 billion in federal funding.

Government & Regulation

Project to build light rail system through Austin gains steam

Construction of first phase to start in 2027, wrap by 2033

PROJECT CONNECT

Austin light rail plans moving quickly for a transit project of its magnitude

by: Abigail Jones
Posted: Dec 4, 2025 / 05:02 PM CST
Updated: Dec 4, 2025 / 08:07 PM CST

Transportation

Austin's light-rail is on the verge of clearing a major hurdle with the Trump administration

KUT 90.5 | By Nathan Bernier
Published December 11, 2025 at 5:05 AM CST



How is feedback informing the project?

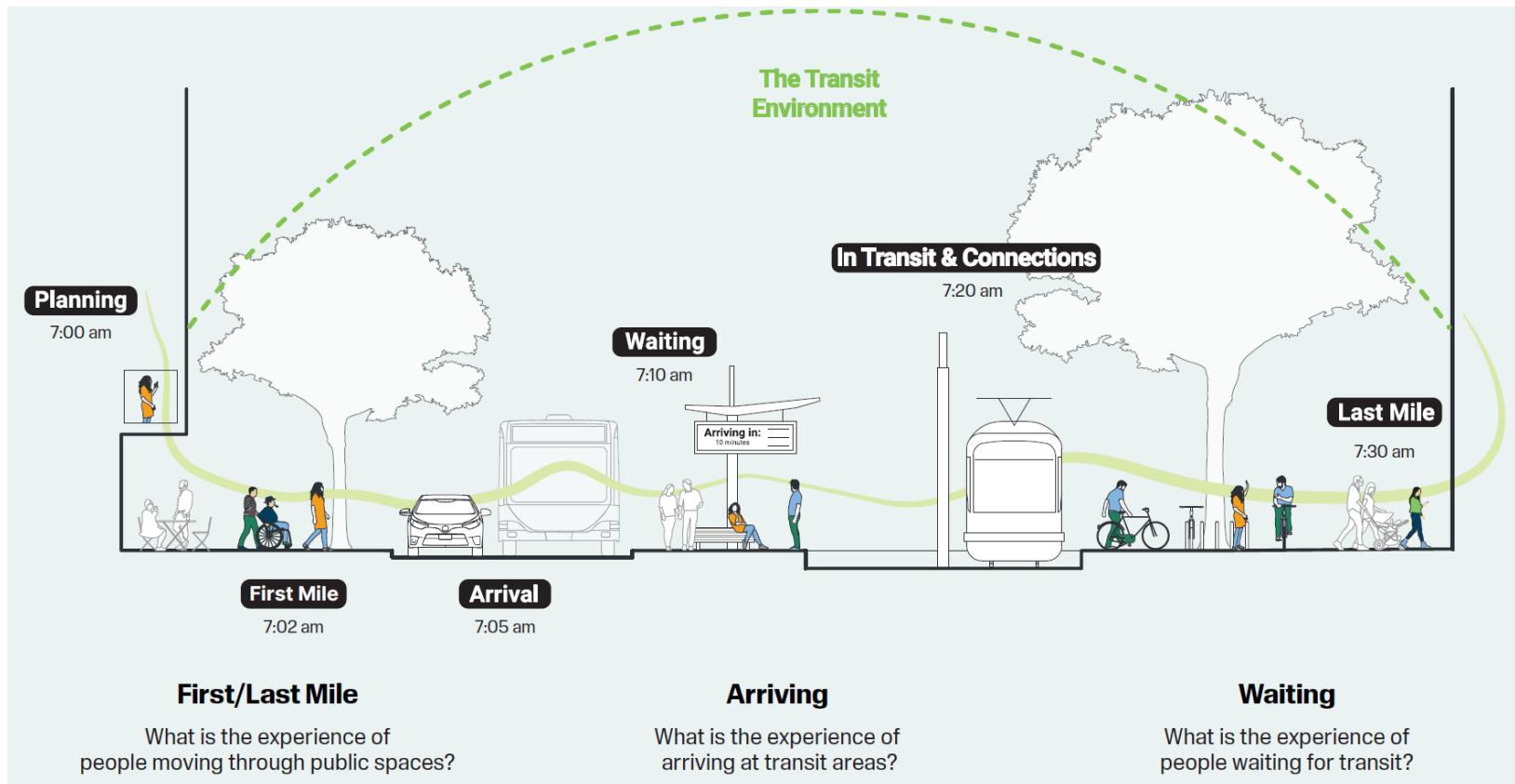
-  Reduced property impacts and eliminated all residential displacements
-  Continuing refinements of Park & Ride concepts
-  Shifted alignment on Trinity based on coordination with stakeholders
-  Mitigation commitments

As design continues there will be more opportunities for public input in 2026 and 2027



People-First Design

Implementing Austin Light Rail will change how people experience the public realm by redesigning streets for the user journey around people-centered, performance-based outcomes.



Performance-Based Design Goals

ATP is embracing an innovative approach to designing Austin Light Rail around framing goals, rather than prescribing solutions that dictate specific materials, components or construction methods.

These five framing goals will be considered throughout the design and construction of Austin Light Rail.



1 User Experience

No matter your ability or confidence level, light rail is designed to ensure ease of use.



2 The Outdoors

Austin Light Rail will offer a new way to navigate Austin, connecting people to the city's greenways and trails.



3 Culture

Austin Light Rail will reinforce and enhance neighborhood character, fostering safer, more active public spaces.



4 Place

Austin Light Rail will be a memorable system that responds to neighborhoods by balancing uniformity with local character.

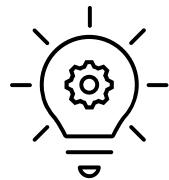


5 Legacy

By prioritizing high-quality materials, long-term durability, and operational efficiency, the light rail can keep up with the growth of the city while maintaining a reliable and efficient transit network.

What is Progressive Design-Build?

A collaborative construction method where the owner works with the designer & builder from an early stage



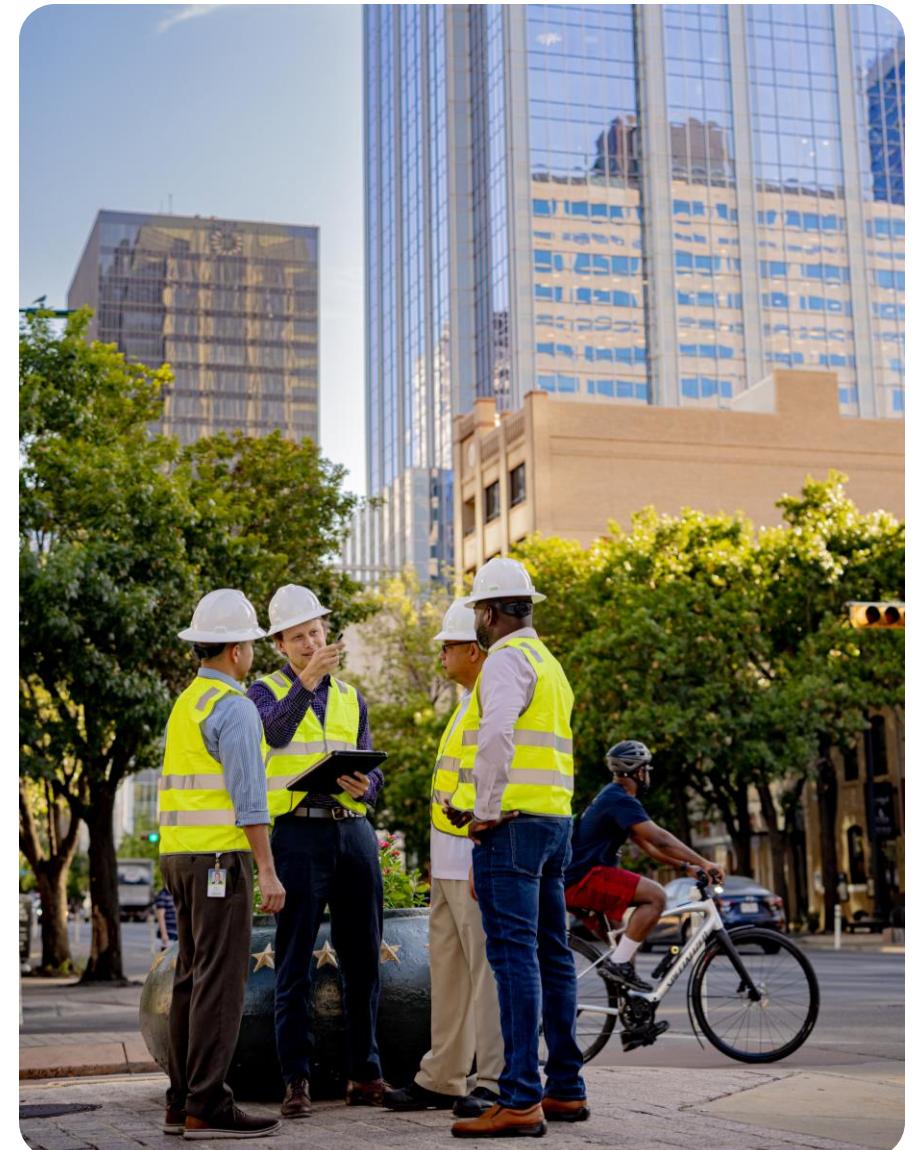
Helps identify opportunities for innovation and optimization



Reduces and manages risks by having all parties at the table at an earlier stage



Frequent and early collaboration enhances efficiency and timeliness of delivery



Contracts to be Awarded in 2026



Civils, Rail, Stations, Systems

- Progressive Design-Build
- Q1 2026 Award
- Phase 1: Preconstruction (continuing design and planning)
- Phase 2: Construction



Operations & Maintenance Facility

- Progressive Design-Build
- Q2 2026 Award
- Phase 1: Preconstruction (continuing design and planning)
- Phase 2: Construction

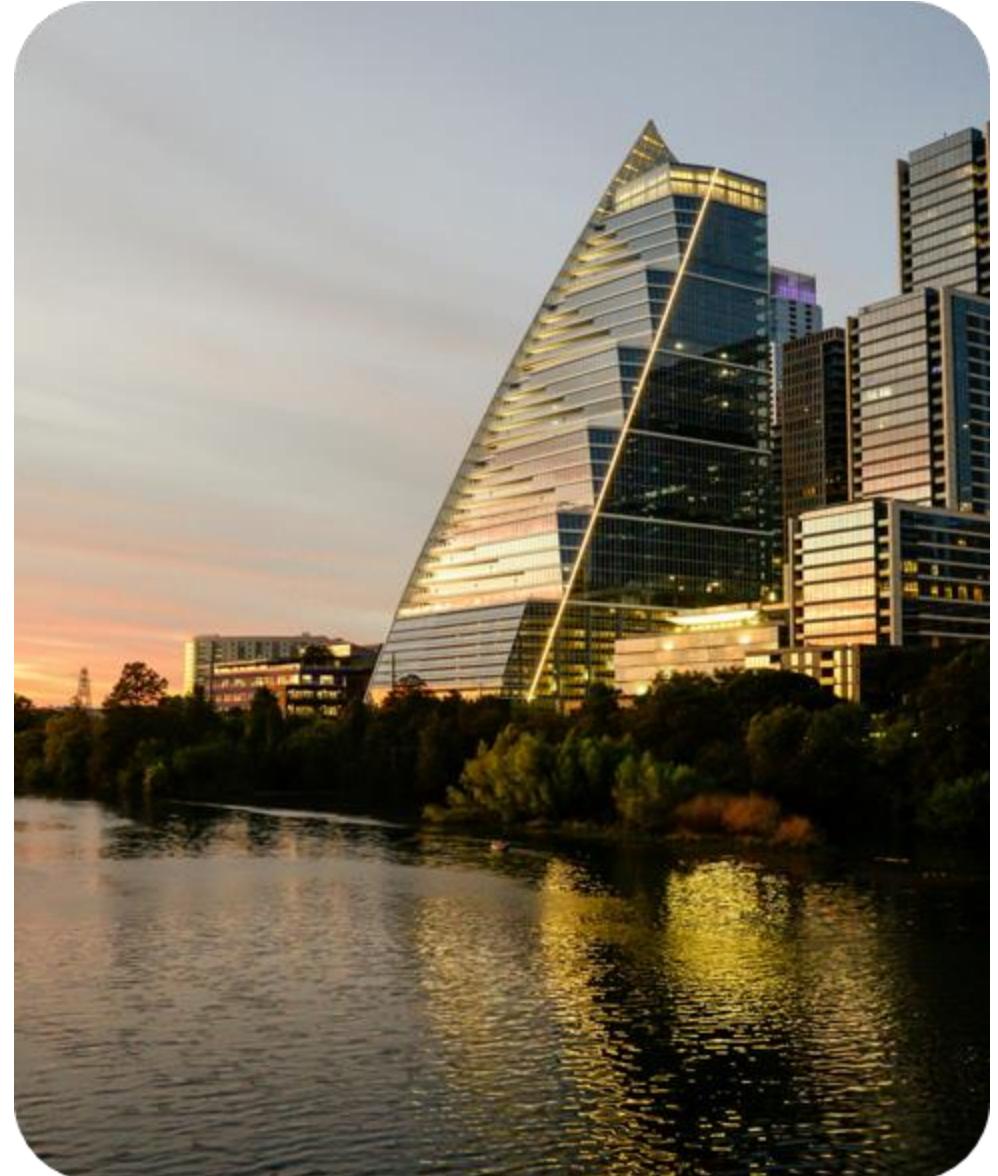


Light Rail Vehicles

- Q2 2026 Award
- Supplier selected and begins design coordination with PDB teams.
- Vehicle design and manufacturing

Planning for Construction

- **Sequencing & Scheduling:** PDB teams to start planning how construction will be sequenced and scheduled.
- **Supporting Businesses:** Performing a needs assessment to explore supporting businesses during construction.
- **Public Art:** Readyng a public art program that celebrates and integrates with Austin's creative DNA.
- **Construction Coordination:** Enhancing coordination with local agencies to improve public safety and reduce impacts on residents, businesses, and travelers through the Central Texas Construction Partnership Program.



Thank You.



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