



# Project Connect Updates

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# Project Connect CapMetro Roles

- **Joint Powers Agreement**
  - Responsibility for Project Connect components
  - CAC member selection
  - Coordination with Austin Transit Partnership (ATP)
    - Funding for Project Connect components
    - Light Rail Environmental, Design, Construction, Operations
- **Coordination with City of Austin (COA)**
  - Roles and Responsibilities



# Project Connect CapMetro Components

- Bus Service
  - Bus Rapid Transit
  - Pickup
  - Express Routes
- Commuter Rail Projects
  - Red Line
  - Green Line
- New Transit Facilities
  - Park & Rides
  - Operations & Maintenance Facilities



# Transit Service: Rapid Overview

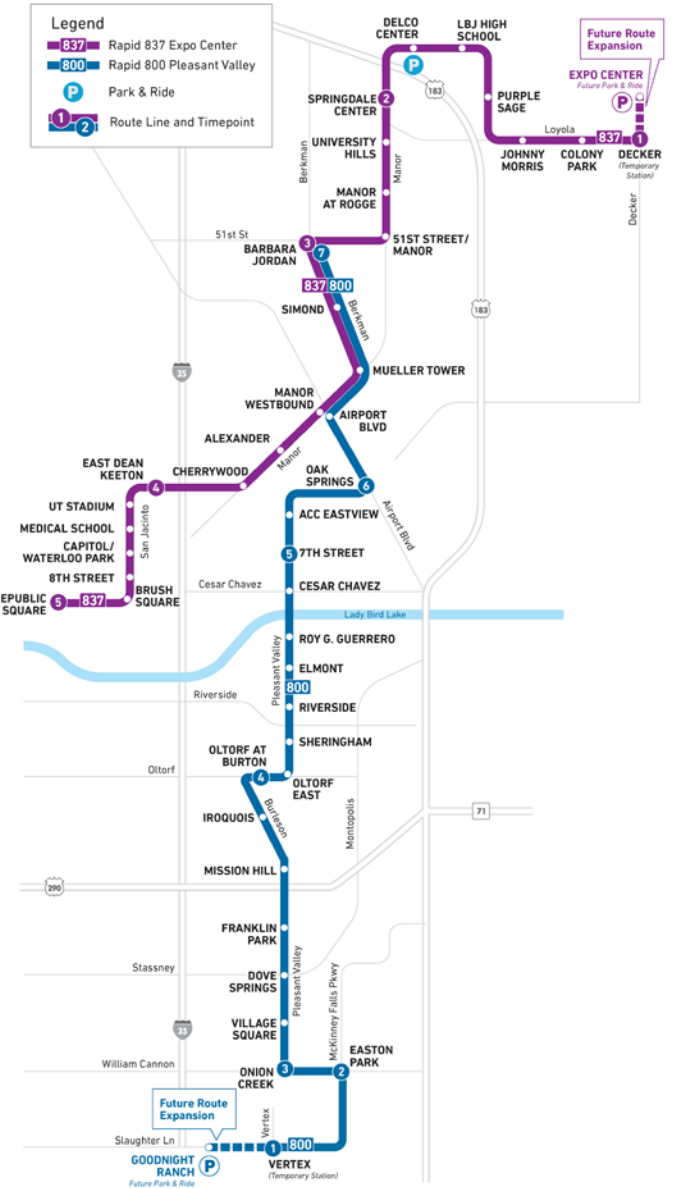
Project Connect initial investment includes Rapid 800 and 837 – full service Mid-2026

## Features:

- 3 New Park & Ride Facilities
- 10 to 15 minute frequency with full service
- All-electric fleet, with end of line charging



Awarded  
**\$38M**  
2022  
FTA Capital  
Investment Grant





# Transit Service: Pickup by CapMetro

Project Connect includes Pickup's neighborhood circulators, focused on bringing more equitable neighborhood-based transit options throughout the City of Austin

## Service Overview

- On-demand, point-to-point service within defined zones
- \$1.25 one-way fare

## Pickup zones delivered as part of Project Connect:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ✓ Decker (2025)         | ✓ Dove Springs (2024)   |
| ✓ North Oak Hill (2021) | ✓ South Menchaca (2021) |
| ✓ Dessau (2021)         |                         |



# Commuter Rail Projects

## Rail Projects Status:

- **Lakeline/Leander Double Tracking**
  - Status: Completed January 2023
- **McKalla Station (Q2 Stadium)**
  - Status: Completed February 2024
  - Platforms and trail connection
- **Plaza Saltillo RAISE grant**
  - Status: Started Design 2025
  - Double tracking & platform expansion
  - Supports Red Line & future Green Line
- **Green Line Planning**
  - Status: Future Project
  - Determining project components
  - Evaluating funding and phasing



Plaza Saltillo



# Transit Facilities

## Transit Facility Status:

- **Charging Facilities at 2910 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street**
  - Status: Completed 2024
  - Plug-in Power Design
  - Powers new electric buses
- **Expo Park and Ride**
  - Status: Targeted Completion Summer 2026
  - End-of-line charging for 837
  - 140 Spaces
- **Goodnight Ranch**
  - Status: Targeted Completion Summer 2026
  - End-of-line charging for 800
  - 65 Spaces
- **South Base Demand Response**
  - Status: Funding Agreement 2025, Resource Mobilization 2026
  - Service facility for Access & Pickup
  - Improved regional coverage





# Thank you!

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