



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2026
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
Jay Blazek Crossley
Ruven Brooks
Catalina Berry
Edgar Handal
Stacey Suits
Liz McGehee

Attendees:

Yannis Banks
Jennifer Pyne
Peter Partheymuller
Melissa Ortiz
Deron Lozano

Members Absent:

Marcel Garza- Secretary
Cutter Gonzalez

Ana Villareal
Jocelyn Vokes
James Dyer

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee was convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 12th, 2026.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

Member Berry read the CAC Land Acknowledgement statement, on behalf of the CAC.

Community Communication

James Dyer gave public comments on the CAC application process.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2026, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the January 8, 2026, general meeting was approved on a motion by Member Berry, seconded by Member Crossley; confirmed unanimously (8-0)

Action Items

- 1. CAC Anti-Displacement Funding Recommendation**

The CAC Anti-Displacement Funding Recommendation was approved on a motion by Chair Azhar, seconded by Member Crossley; confirmed unanimously (8-0)

Discussion Items

- 1. ATP Update on FEIS**

- a. Deron Lozano, SVP Environment and Project Development, gave a presentation on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Austin Light Rail. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were added by Jocelyn Vokes, VP of Community Engagement and Yannis Bank, Public Involvement Manager.

- 2. City of Austin ETOD East Riverside Planning Update**

- a. Ana Villareal, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the East Riverside Corridor Planning Initiative, including the engagement work that was done and the next steps for this initiative. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

No updates were provided at this time.

2. City of Autin Staff Update

No updates were provided at this time.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates were provided at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

No updates were provided at this time.

Future Items

Vice Chair Somers requested an update on the Austin Light Rail South Congress focus groups as well as an Austin Light Rail Art Program introduction.

Member Berry requested a presentation on CapMetro's digital wayfinding.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM without objection.