



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

MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 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
Jeremy Hendricks
Cshamari Reed

Members Absent:

Marcel Garza- Secretary

Attendees:

Yannis Banks
Jocelyn Vokes
Jennifer Pyne
Peter Partheymuller
Melissa Ortiz

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 9th, 2025.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

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

Community Communication

No presentations at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the September 11th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the September 11th, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Member Berry, seconded by Vice Chair Somers; confirmed unanimously (7-0)

Action Items

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

Discussion Items

- 1. Long Range Population Forecast**
 - a. Lila Valencia, Demographer for the City of Austin, gave a presentation on the Delphi, Trends, and Imagine Austin (DTI) Forecast. 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 active solicitation for the Progressive Design Build Partner as well as the upcoming Business Assistance Program presentation that will be shared at the November CAC meeting. An update on the CAC applications was also given and current CAC members were reminded to submit reapplications by October 31st, 2025.

2. City of Austin Staff Update

Peter Parthymuller, Strategic Communications Consultant for the City of Austin, gave an update on the new City of Austin brand rollout. The new brand identity will be phased in over the next 3 years. It was also noted that the former “Project Connect Office” will now be recognized as “Austin Project Connect”. An update was also given on the planning of the Central City District. An open house will be held to discuss the Central City District on November 10th.

3. CapMetro Staff Update

No updates at this time.

4. Working Group/TAC Updates

Chair Azhar gave an update on the Anti Displacement Working Group on the work being done with Austin Housing on the community engagement planning. Chair Azhar also noted that there is availability on several working groups. Member Crossley also shared that the ETOD Working Group will be meeting in the coming weeks.

Future Items

Member Berry requested a presentation on the CapMetro Standard Service Guidelines.

Vice Chair Somers requested an update on the Strategic Housing Blueprint and the Light Rail EIS.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM without objection.