



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 13, 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  
Jay Blazek Crossley  
Ruven Brooks  
Jeremy Hendricks  
Marcel Garza- Secretary  
Catalina Berry

**Members Absent:**

Cshamari Reed

**Attendees:**

Yannis Banks  
Jennifer Pyne  
Peter Partheymuller  
Melissa Ortiz  
Frances Jordan

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 13th, 2025.

Chair Azhar called the Committee meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

## Land Acknowledgement

Chair Azhar 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 October 9th, 2025, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the October 9, 2025, general meeting was approved on a motion by Vice Chair Somers , seconded by Member Brooks; confirmed unanimously (7-0)

## Action Items

## Discussion Items

- 1. Needs Assessment for Businesses During Construction**
  - a. Frances Jordan, Community Engagement Manager and Jennifer Pyne, Executive Vice President of Planning, Environment and Community Partnerships gave a presentation on the creation of a needs assessment for businesses during light rail construction. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

## Staff Updates

- 1. Austin Transit Partnership Update**

Yannis Banks, Public Involvement Manager, invited the CAC members to a service acknowledgment ceremony. Jennifer Pyne, Executive Vice President of Planning, Environment and Community Partnerships gave an update on the FEIS process and timeline for release and the active procurement solicitations.

- 2. City of Autin Staff Update**

No updates were provided at this time.

**3. CapMetro Staff Update**

Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement and Involvement, gave an update on the CapMetro fare box replacement.

**4. Working Group/TAC Updates**

Vice Chair Somers gave an update on the ETOD Working Group and the work being done on the East Riverside corridor.

**Future Items**

Member Brooks requested a presentation on the Austin Opportunity Fund.

Vice Chair Somers requested a presentation on the City of Austin Transit Enhancement Program.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM without objection.