



**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROJECT CONNECT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 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
Marcel Garza- Secretary
Michael Gorse
Jay Blazek Crossley
Ruven Brooks
Catalina Berry
Edgar Handal
Stacey Suits
Liz McGehee
Cutter Gonzalez

Members Absent:

Attendees:

Yannis Banks
Jennifer Pyne
Emma Martinez
Peter Partheymuller
Melissa Ortiz
Deron Lozano

Terry Hockens
Lawrence Deeter
Grace Cintron Lee
Jocelyn Vokes
Zenobia C Josephs

CALL TO ORDER

The Project Connect Community Advisory Committee was convened in a regular

meeting on Thursday, March 12th, 2026.

Vice Chair Somers called the Committee meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

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

Community Communication

Zenobia C Josephs presented during this time.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2026, general meeting of the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee.**

The minutes of the February 12, 2026, general meeting was approved, with the request for a spelling amendment for the spelling of Member Gonzalez, on a motion by Member Berry, seconded by Member Handal; confirmed unanimously (8-0)

Action Items

- 1. Working Group Appointments**

Chair Azhar made a motion to add Member Handal and Gonzalez to the Anti-Displacement and Austin Light Rail Design Working Group, add Member Gonzalez and Vice Chair Somers to the Governance Working Group and to remove Member Crossley from the Austin Light Rail Design Working Group. This motion was seconded by Member Berry, passing unanimously (11-0).

Discussion Items

- 1. CapMetro Service Standard Guidelines**

- a. Emma Martinez, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the CapMetro Service Standard Guidelines. This presentation outlined the Transit Stop and Station Design Guidelines, the amenity dashboard and an update on amenity maintenance. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.
 - i. Contributions to the conversation were added by Melissa Ortiz, Director of Community Engagement.

2. CapMetro June 2026 Service Changes

- a. Emma Martinez, Principal Planner, gave a presentation on the upcoming June 2026 CapMetro services changes. The process for deciding which changes will be made and the process for implementation was outlined. This presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

3. Budget Process Discussion

- a. Chair Azhar outlined the process and timeline for making budget recommendations to Austin Transit Partnership, City of Austin and CapMetro.

Staff Updates

1. Austin Transit Partnership Update

No updates were provided at this time.

2. City of Austin 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 a presentation on the CapMetro Accessibility Transition Plan.

Member Brooks requested a Financial Plan update for Austin Transit Partnership.

ADJOURN

Chair Azhar adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM without objection.