



Transit Working Group

Friday, May 4, 2012

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

City Council Chambers, Austin City Hall
301 Willie Nelson Boulevard, Austin, Texas

Call to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Urban Rail update (continuation)
3. Potential Funding Sources
4. Citizen Comment
(15 min.; limit 3 minutes per speaker – may be in reverse order of previous meetings frequency)
5. Adjourn

Transit Working Group Membership

Lee Leffingwell, Mayor, City of Austin (*Chair*)
John Langmore, Board Vice Chair, Capital Metro. Trans. Authority (*Vice Chair*)
Alan McGraw, Mayor, City of Round Rock
Ronnie McDonald, County Judge, Bastrop County
Bill Spelman, Council Member, City of Austin
Sarah Eckhardt, County Commissioner, Travis County
Will Conley, County Commissioner, Hays County
Martha Smiley, Austin Area Research Organization
Sid Covington, Chair, Lone Star Rail District
Aundre Dukes, Portfolio Manager, Texas Facilities Commission
Scott Flack, President, Real Estate Council of Austin
Jesus Garza, Executive Vice President and COO, Seton Family of Hospitals
Bobby Jenkins, Board Chair, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
Johnny Limon, Board Member, Housing Works Austin,
Chair, City of Austin Community Development Commission
Barry McBee, Vice Chancellor, University of Texas
Darrell Pierce, CEO, Snap Management Group
Tom Stacy, Downtown Austin Alliance

Working Group Charge, 2011-2012: As a committee of CAMPO, the Transit Working Group will evaluate and provide input toward a regional high capacity transit plan for Central Texas and explore how its various components work as a system to fulfill the region's transportation and future growth needs.

Providing a regional high capacity transit system has been a key goal for Central Texas for decades. Progress towards the rail elements is already underway: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) 2035 Regional Transportation Plan has been adopted; Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Capital Metro) MetroRail Red Line is open; and the City of Austin's Urban Rail and the Lone Star Rail District's intercity regional rail line have developed detailed plans and analyses. Capital Metro is also working to implement bus rapid transit portions of the system.

The Working Group will work toward clarifying and articulating the basis for developing high capacity transit in Central Texas and how its various components work as a system toward meeting community transportation needs. Additional topics expected to be addressed in this effort include how to organize to develop and operate the system and, what potential sources of funding can be formed into a long term conceptual financing plan that can accomplish the system's components.

Regional coordination and collaboration on this effort will be provided through the joint efforts of CAMPO, City of Austin, Lone Star Rail District and Capital Metro staff members. The name "Project Connect" has been coined to identify this joint administrative effort. Additionally, The City of Austin has provided funding to Capital Metro, who has tasked their general planning consultant, URS Corporation, to provide technical and public outreach consulting.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- May 11, 18, 25
- June 1