

CENTRAL CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP

MEETING #1 – CCAG Organization / Overview

June 26, 2013

Austin City Hall, Room 1029

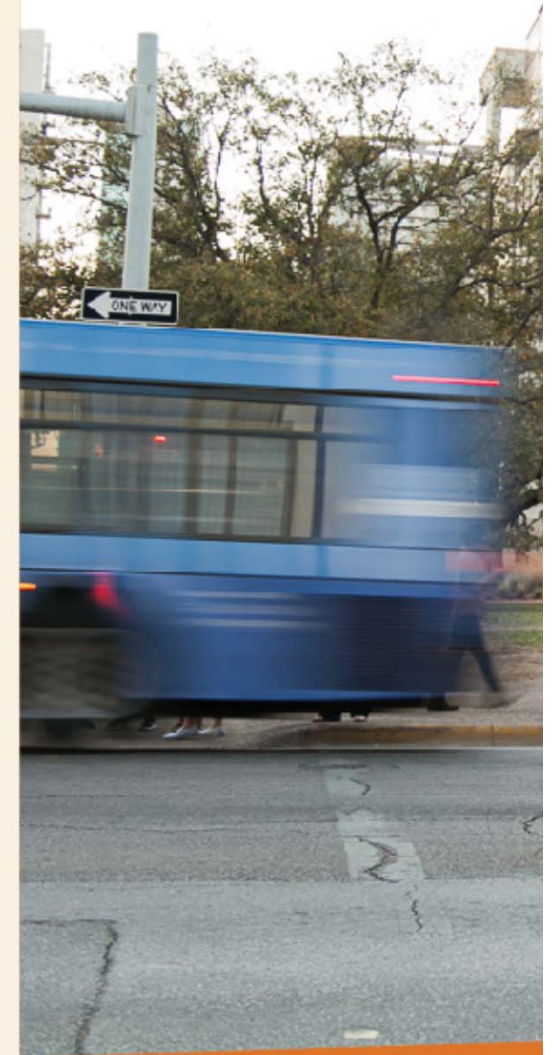


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Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Central Corridor Advisory Group Charge
- 3) Overview of Project Connect
- 4) Overview of Central Corridor
- 5) Central Corridor Work Plan – Next Steps
- 6) Next Meeting – August



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CCAG Members

Mayor Lee Leffingwell* - Mayor, City of Austin

Council Member Bill Spelman*+ – Council Member, City of Austin

John Langmore* - Vice Chair, Capital Metro Board of Directors

Sid Covington*+ – Chair, Lone Star Rail Board of Directors

Pat Clubb - University of Texas at Austin

Martha Smiley*+ – Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), Austin Chamber

Tom Stacy* – Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)

Natalie Madeira Cofield – President & CEO, Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC)

Greg Hartman – President and CEO Seton Medical Center Austin

Aundre Dukes*+ – Portfolio Manager and Public Liaison, Texas Facilities Commission

Ali Khataw, P.E. – Immediate Past Chair, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce (GAACC)

Andy Martinez+ – President and CEO, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC)

Julia Montgomery – Citizen (Austinites for Urban Rail Action-AURA)

Dave Sullivan – Citizen (former COA Planning Commission Member)

Tim Taylor – Citizen (Partner, Austin Office of Jackson Walker LLP)

Boone Blocker – Citizen; Vice Chair, Urban Transportation Commission

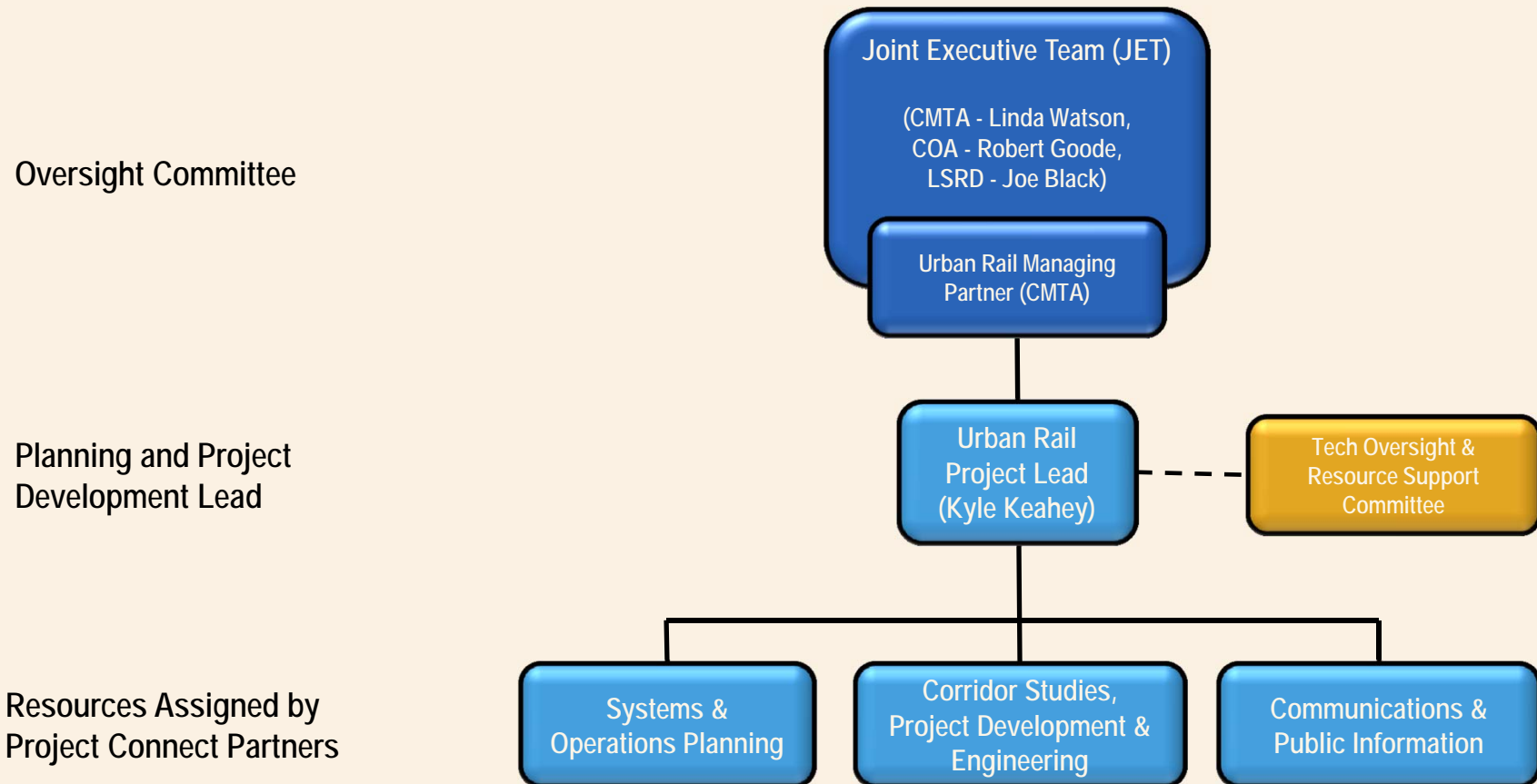
*CAMPO Transit Working Group (TWG) Member

+Project Connect: North Corridor (PCNC) Project Advisory Group (PAG) Member

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Who 'We' Are – Project Organization

Inter-Agency Team Established by Project Connect Interlocal Agreement



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CCAG Charge

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CCAG Charge

The CCAG will:

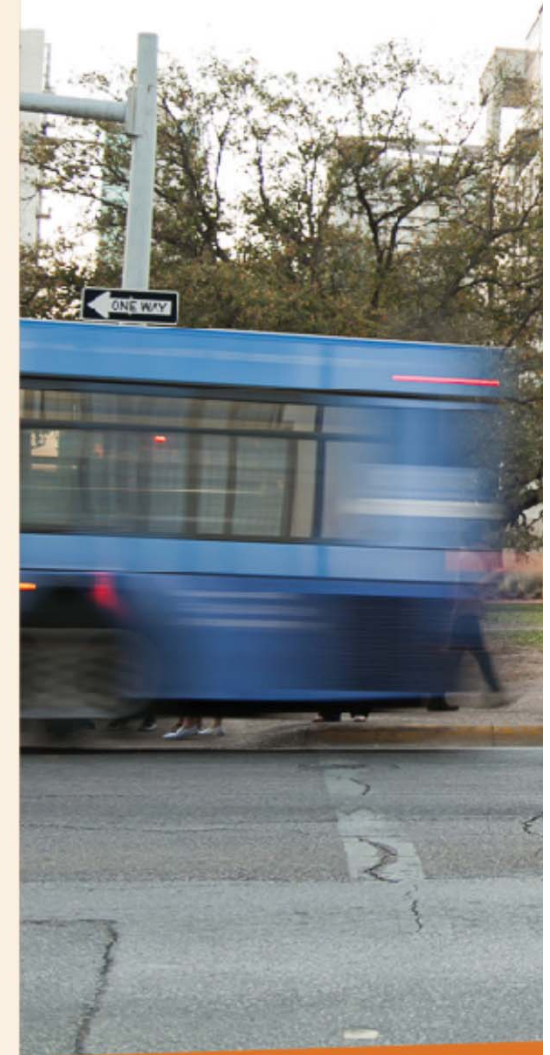
- Ensure open and transparent public process
- Advise Mayor and project team in prioritizing and defining a preferred alignment for the next high-capacity transit investment for the Central Corridor
- Assist project team in a meaningful dialogue with the community



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CCAG Process

- **Frequency:** Monthly Meetings, typically Fridays at 1:30
- **Location:** Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions room (typically)
- **Agendas:** Published in advance, available online
- **Video:** Channel 6, available on-demand
- **Public Involvement:** During milestone meetings, via website and email, community workshops



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Overview of Project Connect

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Project Connect

- A **partnership** between Central Texas transportation agencies
- A regional, long-range high-capacity transit **system plan** for Central Texas

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Project Development Process

- **Regional Plan**
- **System Plan**
- **Corridor Studies**
- **Preliminary Design/Environmental Analysis**
- **Final Design**
- **Construction**
- **Operation**



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Project Connect

- **System:** How will high capacity transit components in CAMPO 2035 plan work as a system?
- **Organization:** How will our region organize to develop and operate the system?
- **Funding:** How will we pay for the system over the long term?



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Transit Working Group

- CAMPO subcommittee
- Primary stakeholder group in the Project Connect process
- 26 meetings over past 18 months
- Role: Evaluate and provide input on a regional high-capacity transit plan for Central Texas



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High-Capacity Transit

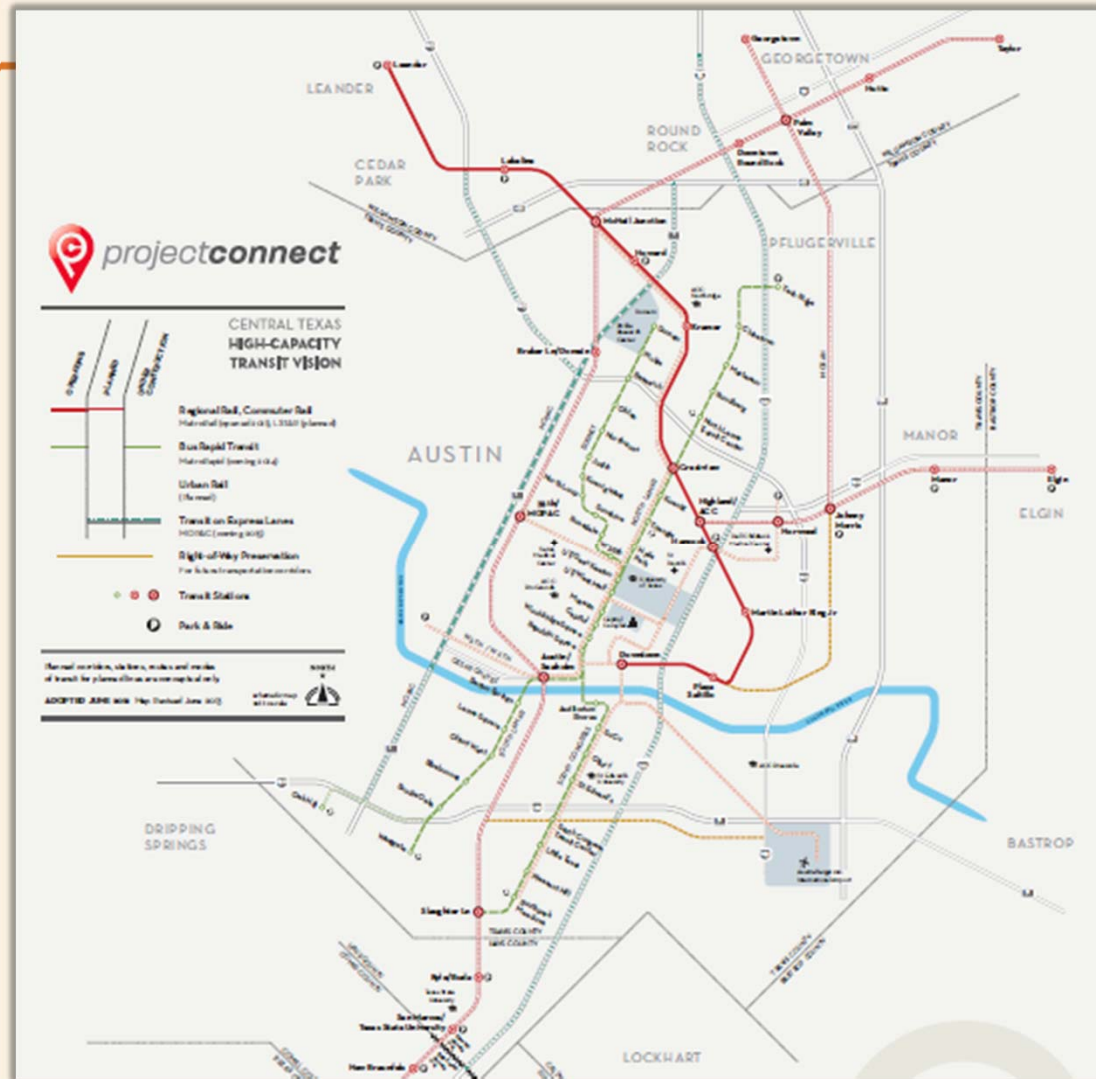
- Has one or both of the following:
 - Dedicated lane/right-of way for at least a portion
 - Transit priority
- Fewer stops, higher speeds, more frequent service, carries more people
- Congestion Resistant/Proof



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Vision Map

- 25 Centers & ABIA
- 4 Counties/13 Cities
 - Bastrop: Elgin
 - Hays: Buda, Kyle, San Marcos
 - Travis: Austin, Manor, Pflugerville
 - Williamson: Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto, Leander, Round Rock, Taylor

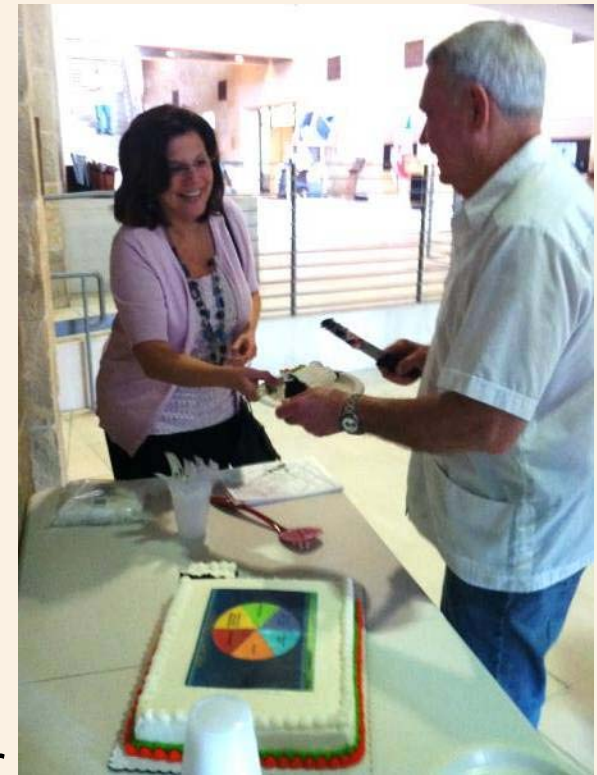


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TWG Recommendations

TWG Resolution

- Endorses the vision
- Encourage the Corridor Studies to use the System Plan - TWG Priorities and Recommendations
- CAMPO should use the report as they develop the 2040 plan
- Project Connect Team should work with regional partners to garner their endorsement
- TWG members garner endorsement from organizations
- TWG continue receiving updates on corridor studies



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Supporting TWG & Project Connect

- Austin Chamber
- Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA)
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA)
- Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)
- Movability Austin
- Congress for the New Urbanism Central Texas Chapter (CNU-CTX)

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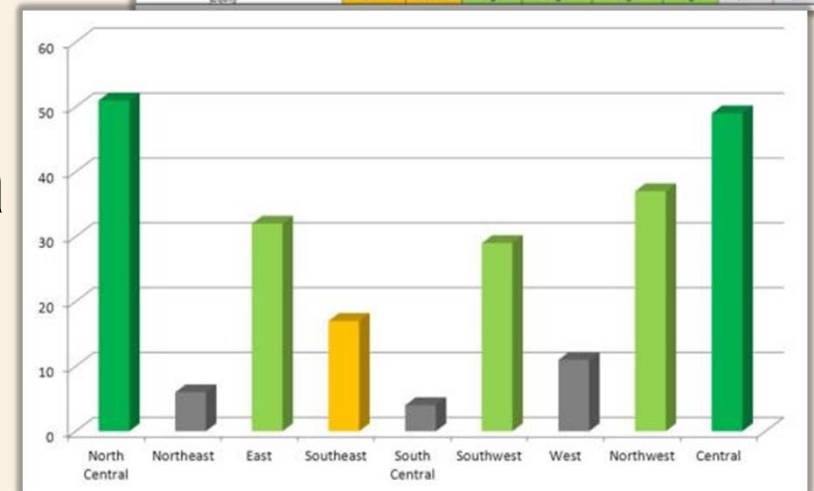
Overview of Central Corridor

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Project Connect Corridor Prioritization

1. Five criteria categories
 - Centers, Congestion, Core, Constraints, Growth
 - 19 specific criteria
2. Corridors created
3. Data collected on criteria
4. Corridors analyzed
5. Corridors ranked

Factor	Criteria	North Central	Northeast	East	Southeast	South Central	Southwest	West	Northwest	Central
CENTERS	Number of CAMPO Centers	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium
	Transit-Supportive Economic Development	High	Low	Medium	High	Low	Low	Low	High	High
	Building Permits within existing Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Centers	High	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Low
CONGESTION	Estimated Congestion in Corridor (2010)	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	High	High	High
	Projected Congestion in Corridor (2035)	Medium	Low	High	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
	Total Vehicle Hours Traveled per Mile (2010)	High	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
	Total Vehicle Hours Traveled per Mile (2035)	High	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	High
CORE	Transportation Demand per Acre (2010)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Transportation Demand per Acre (2035)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Trips to Core per Acre (2010)	High	Low	High	Low	Low	High	Low	High	High
	Trips to Core per Acre (2035)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	High	Low	Medium	High
CONSTRAINTS	Environmental Suitability	High	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low
	Existing Rail ROW	High	Medium	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	High
GROWTH	Existing Population (2010)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	High	Low	High	High
	Existing Employment (2010)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Projected Population (2035)	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Low	High	Low	High	High
	Projected Employment (2035)	High	Low	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High
	Equity	Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Medium

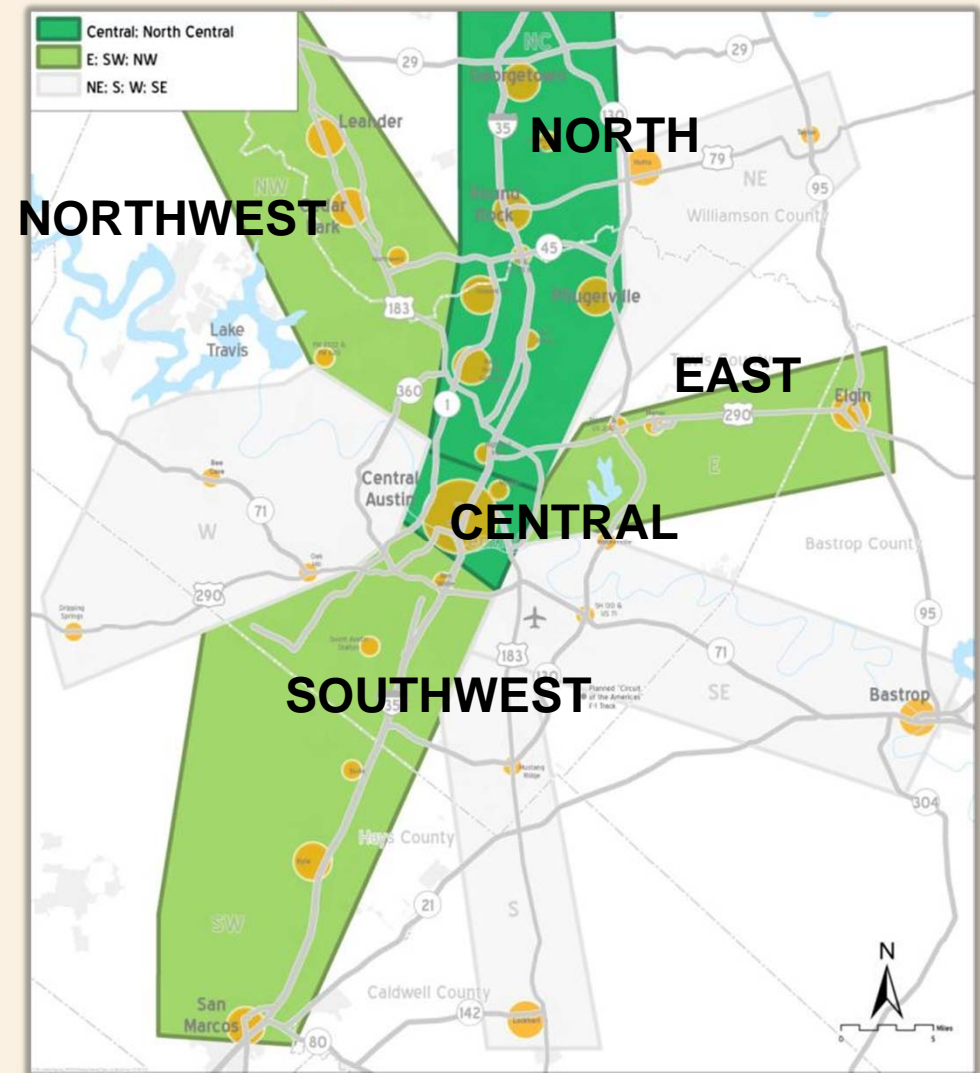


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Project Connect Corridor Prioritization (cont.)

5 High Priority Corridors:

- North
- Central
- Northwest
- Southwest
- East

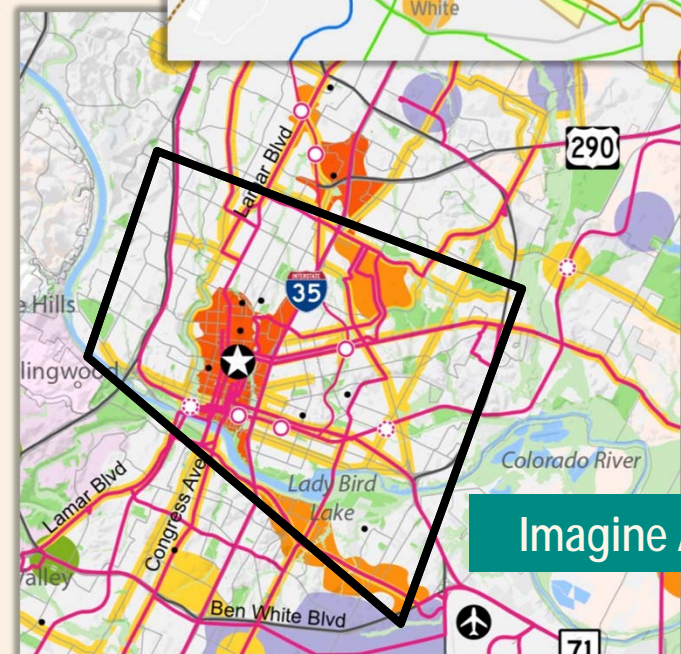
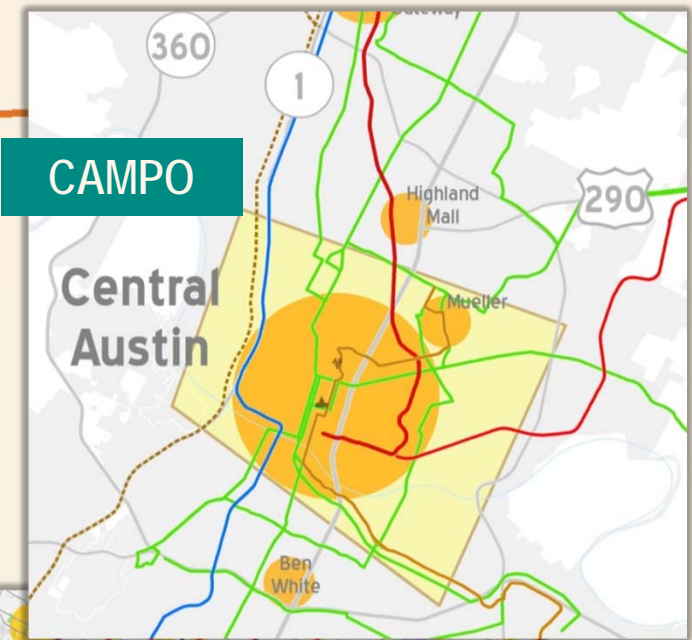


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Central Corridor

Centers

- CAMPO
 - Central Austin & Mueller
- Imagine Austin
 - Regional Center, Town Centers, Neighborhood Centers, Activity Corridors
- Plan is to link Centers with transit



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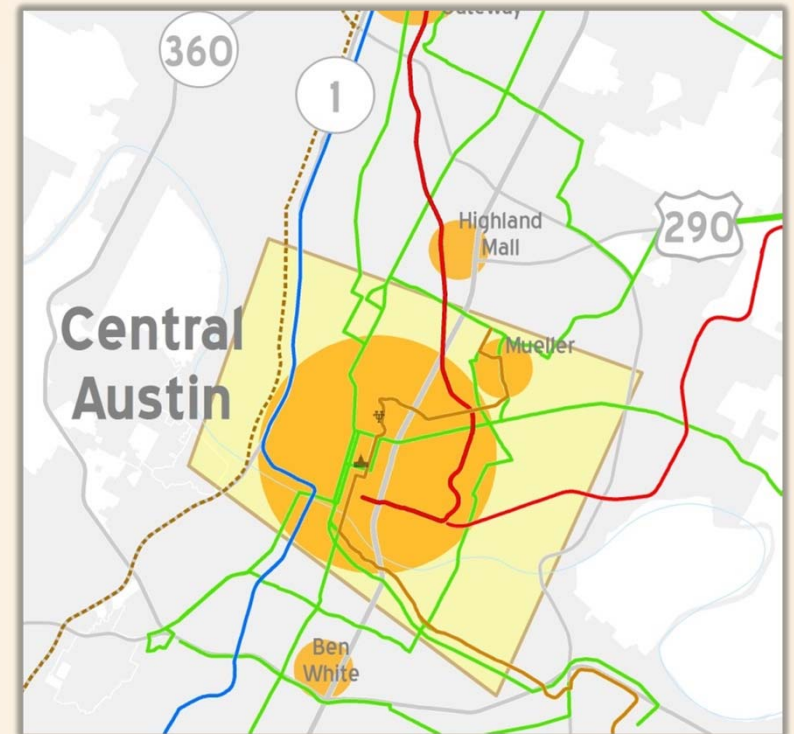
Central Corridor (cont.)

Key Factors

- 166,500 Residents
- 197,000 Employees (23% of Region)
- 269,000 Daily Work Trips to Central
- 47,000 Daily Work Trips within Central

Projected Growth 2010-2035

- 42% Population increase
- 48% Employment increase



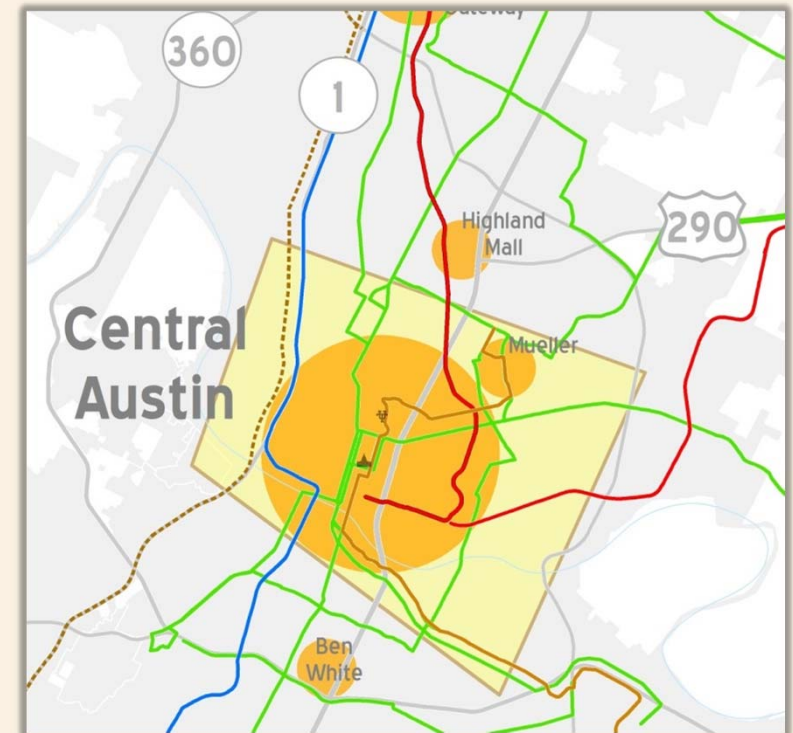
Source: Adopted CAMPO 2035 Travel Demand Model, US Census Bureau LEHD OnTheMap 2011 (Regional Employment)

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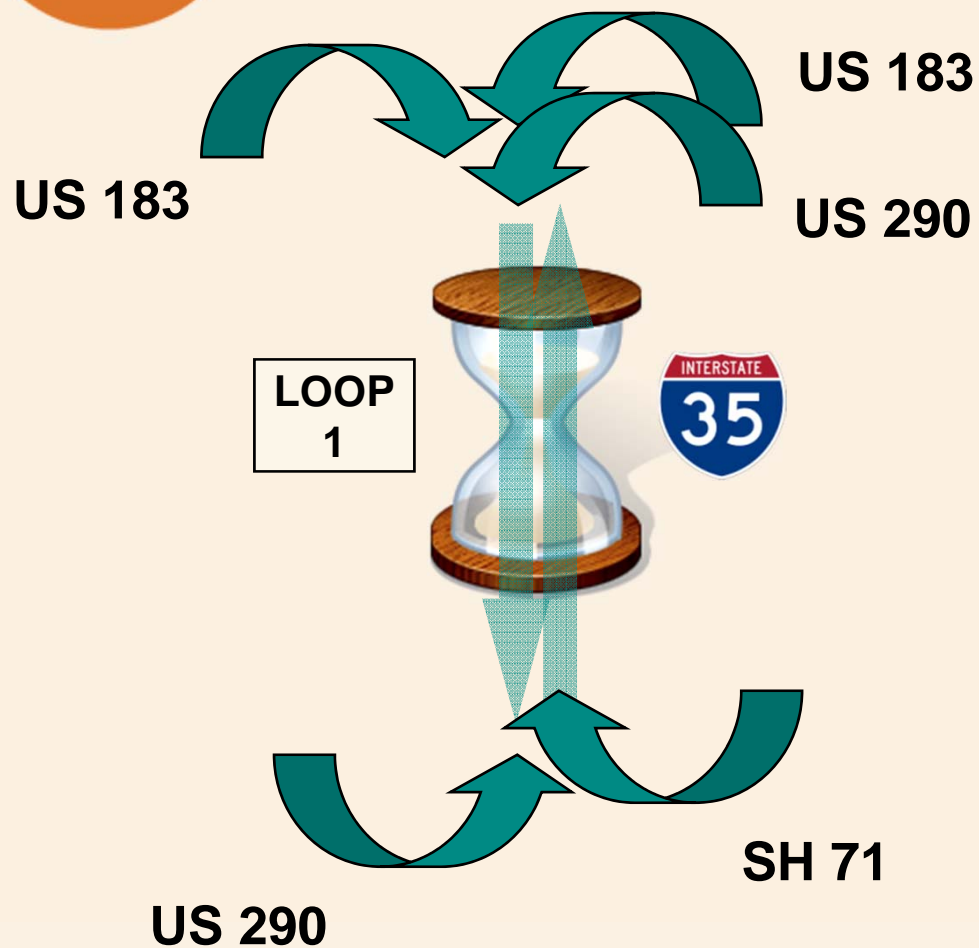
CAMPO 2035 High-Capacity Modes

- Regional Rail
- Commuter Rail
- Urban Rail
- BRT
- Transit in Express Lanes



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Central Corridor Work Plan

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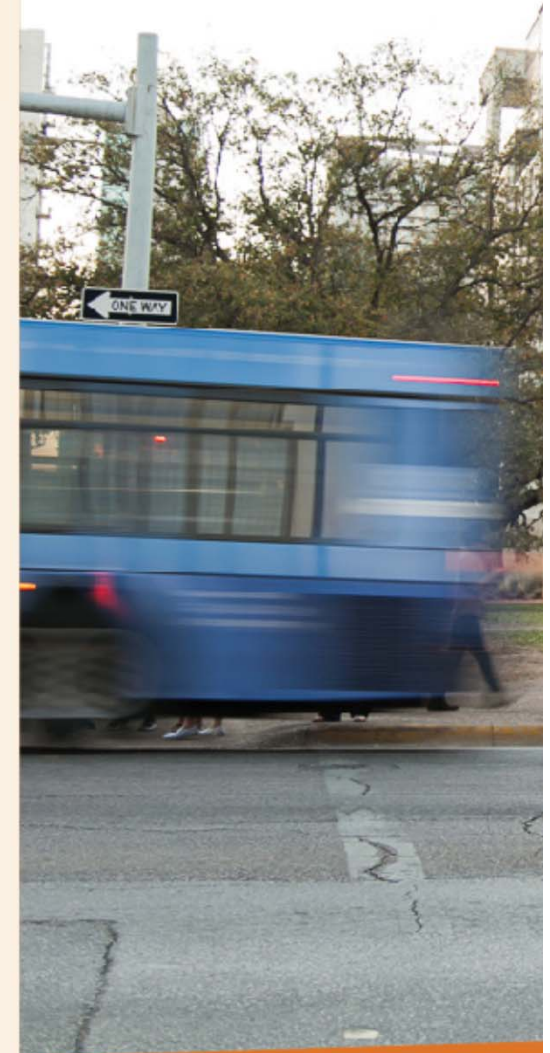
- Work Plan is under development by staff and consultants
 - Project Management Team (PMT) established
 - Consultant scopes of work under development
- Work Plan will be presented to CCAG at August meeting



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Central Corridor Work Plan_(cont.)

- Work Plan Objectives:
 - Establish Robust Public Involvement Program
 - Evaluate and Select Priority Sub-Corridor within Central Corridor
 - Identify Alternative Alignments for Evaluation
 - Conduct Comparative Evaluation of Alternative Alignments and Modes
 - Select Preferred Alternative for Potential Bond Election and Advancement into Environmental
 - Develop Project Funding Plan - Capital and O&M Costs



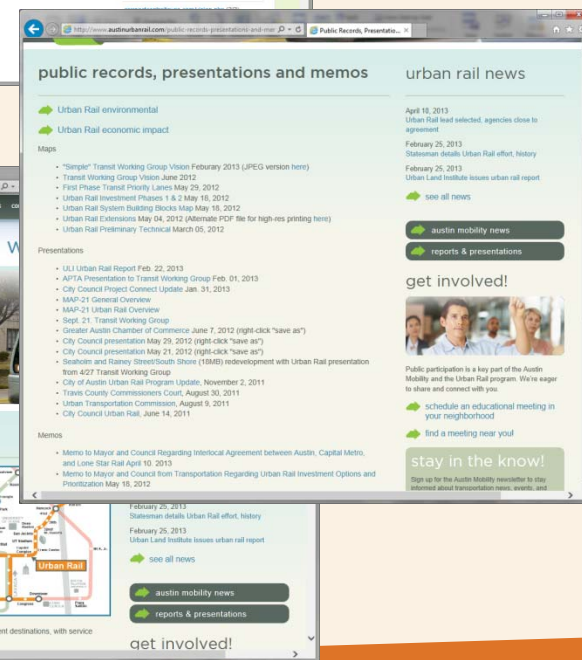
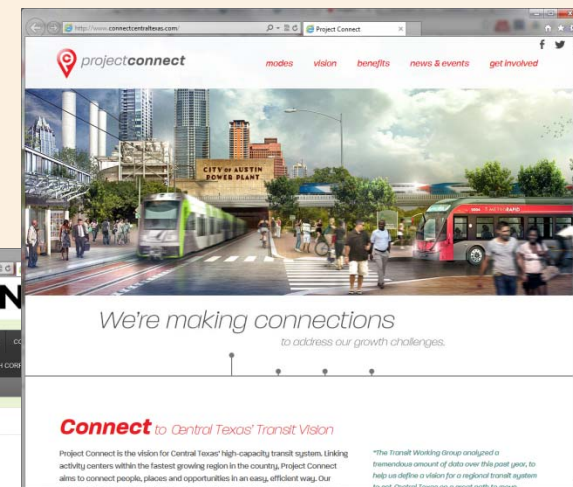
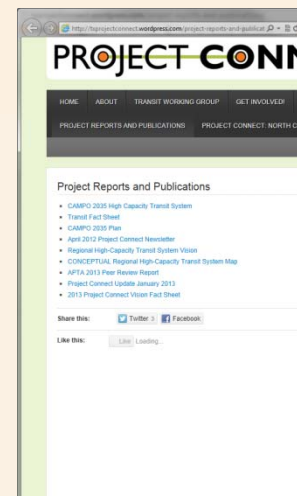
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CCAG Next Steps

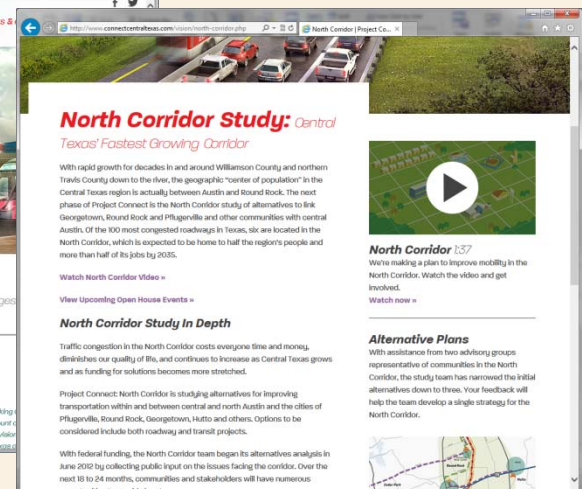
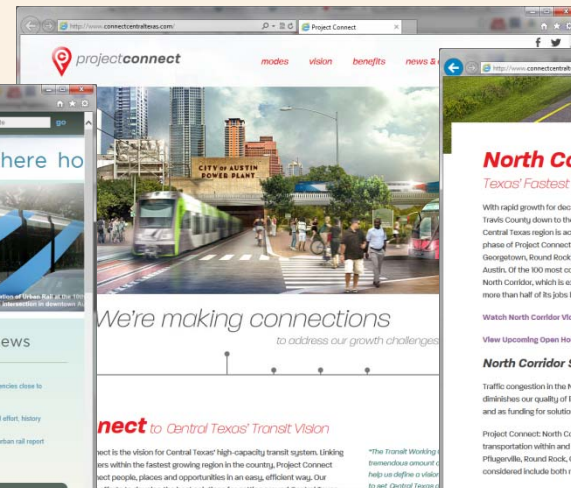
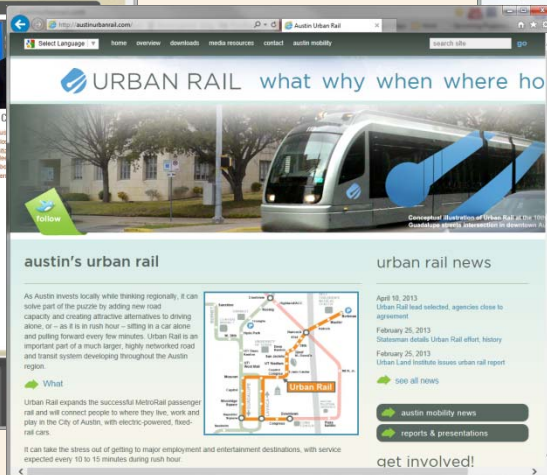
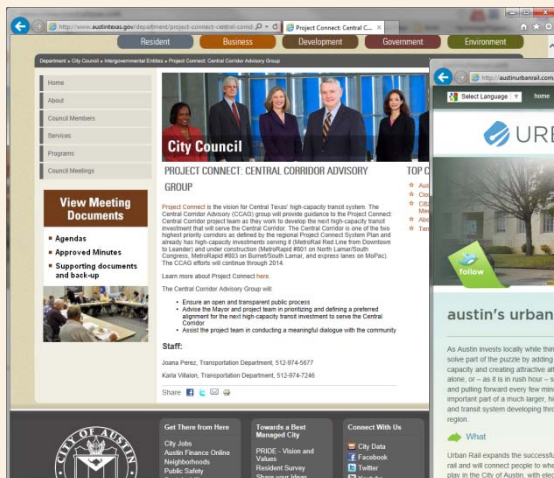
- Next Meeting: August 16th 1:30 pm
- Homework(?!)
 - Project Connect
 - connectcentraltexas.com
 - txprojectconnect.wordpress.com/project-reports-and-publications
 - Urban Rail
 - www.austinurbanrail.com
 - www.austinurbanrail.com/public-records-presentations-and-memos



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More Information

- CCAG: www.austintexas.gov/departments/project-connect-central-corridor-advisory-group
- Project Connect: www.connectcentraltexas.com
- Urban Rail: austinurbanrail.com
- Project Connect: North Corridor: www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision/north-corridor.php



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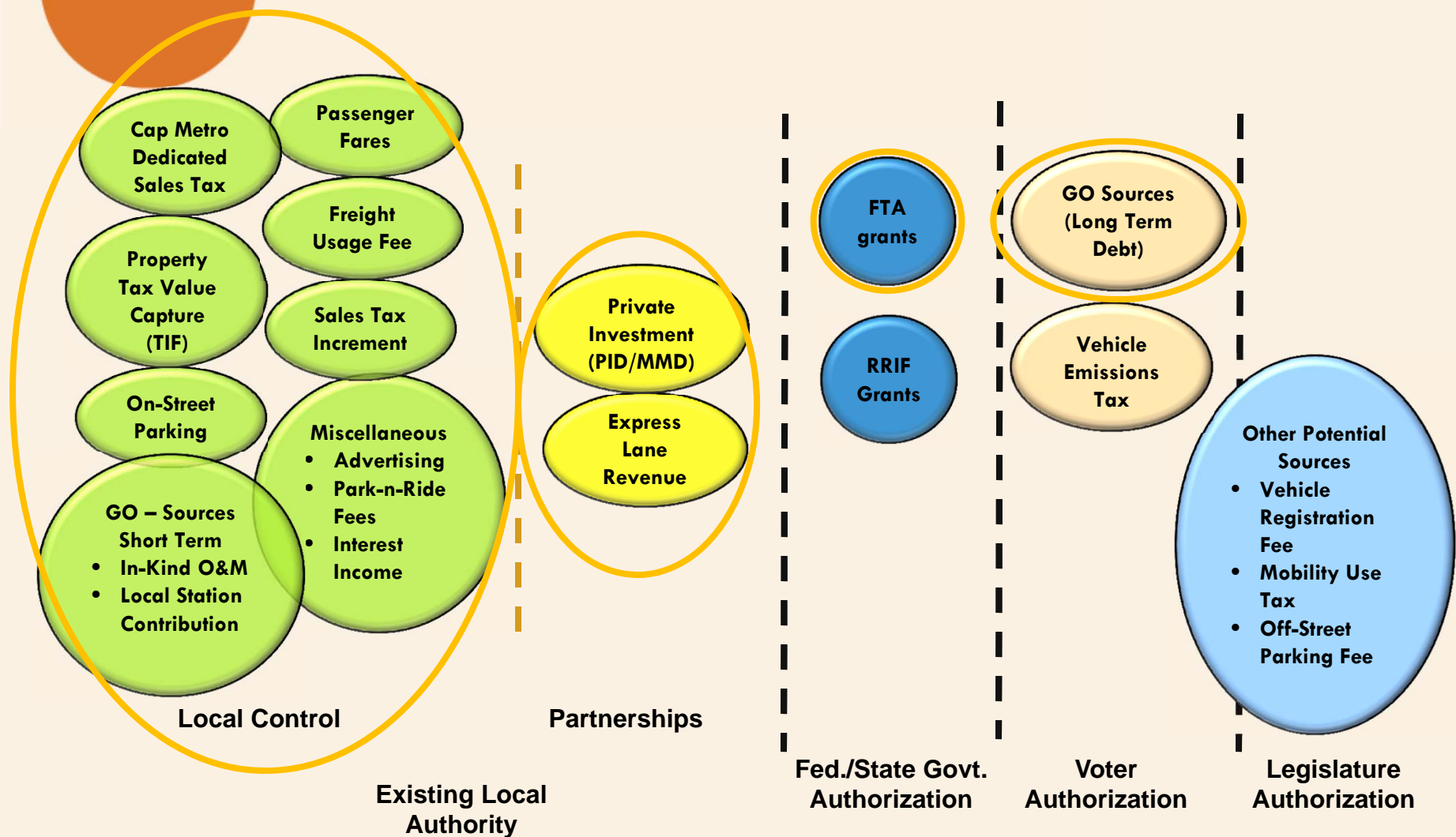


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Project Connect Funding Sources

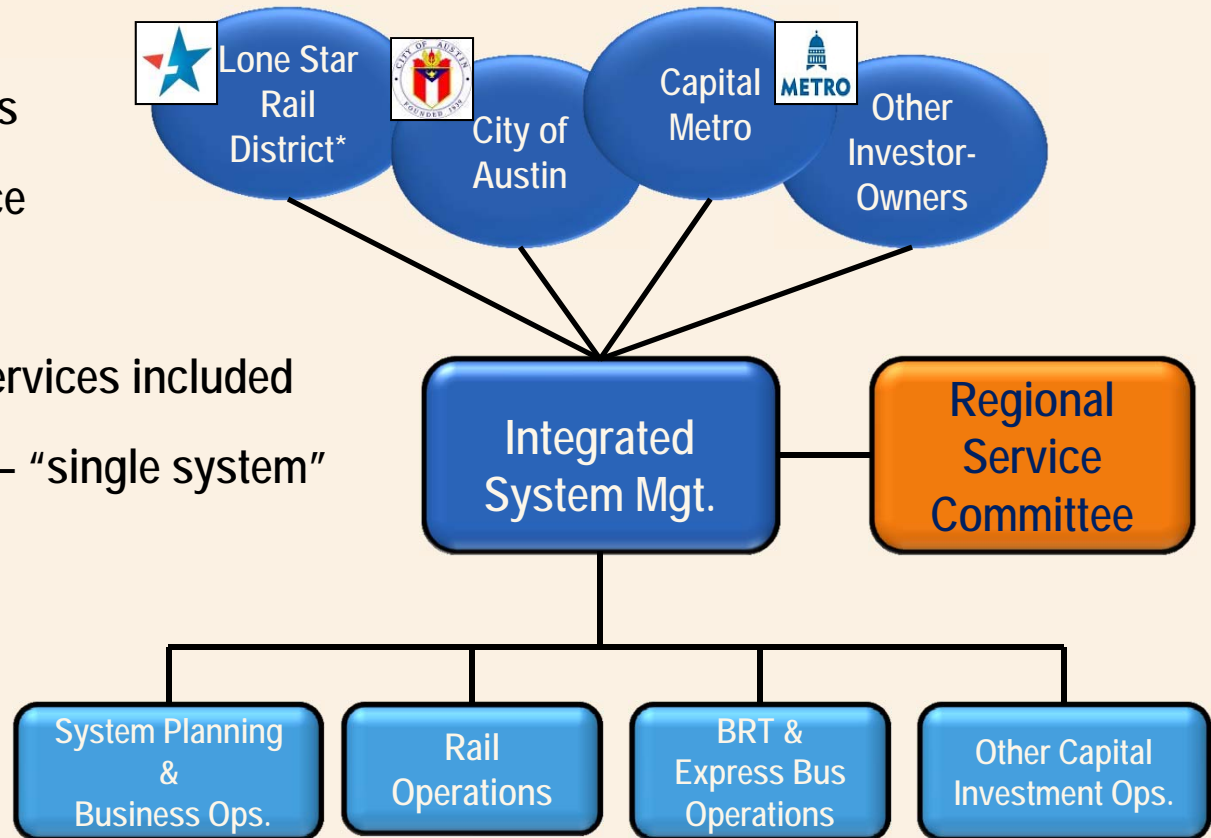


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Project Connect Organization

- ✓ 1. Regional services focus
- ✓ 2. Non-political governance
- ✓ 3. Scalable and adaptable
- ✓ 4. Urban and commuter services included
- ✓ 5. Seamless functionality – “single system”
- ✓ 6. Planning for all modes



*Relationship will need to accommodate LSRD inter-regional service delivery and internal governance structure.