

Project Connect: Central Corridor Advisory Group

May 2, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. Austin City Hall 301 West 2nd Street Council Chambers

Mayor Lee Leffingwell - Chair

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Public Involvement Update
- 3) Evaluation Results
- 4) Locally Preferred Alternative Recommendation
- 5) Next Steps
- 6) Citizen Communication
- 7) Next Meeting May 16, 2014

Background

Project Connect is a *partnership* and a *vision* for a Central Texas high-capacity transit system. The Central Corridor is one of the region's two highest priority corridors and includes the region's core employment, education, and cultural destinations. As the foundation of Central Texas' envious success, it also faces some of the greatest pressures due to our explosive growth.

The Central Corridor is also home to an emerging high-capacity transit system – the vision – with multiple investments in high-capacity transit beginning to take shape. The MetroRail Red Line, from Leander to Downtown, opened in 2010 and there are currently two other investments in Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), MetroRapid #801 on North Lamar/South Congress and MetroRapid #803 on Burnet/South Lamar, and one in express lanes on MoPac converging on the Central Corridor.

Central Corridor Advisory Group

The project's Central Corridor Advisory Group (CCAG) charge is to:

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

The CCAG efforts will continue through 2014. Learn more about Project Connect at: <u>projectconnect.com</u>

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