

#### Project Connect Update



#### **Project Overview**



#### System investments to support our future











Mobility Hubs MetroRapid MetroRail MetroExpress Circulators

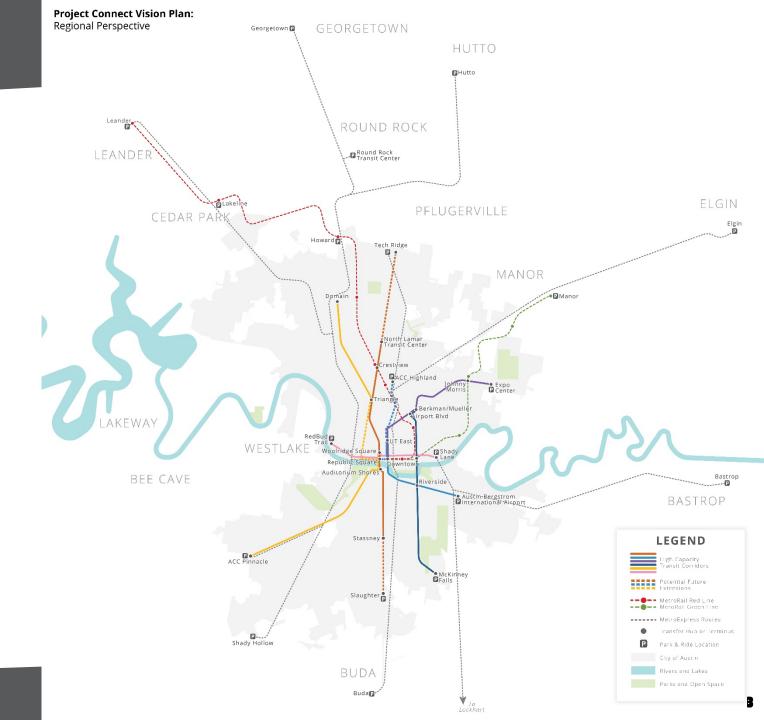
- + Emerging Technologies
- + Multimodal Integration





#### **Regional System Vision**

- Continued coordination with Central Texas
  Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA)
- Park & Rides
- Regional Express Routes
  - To Georgetown
  - To Leander
  - To Hutto
  - To Elgin
  - To Bastrop
  - To Lockhart
  - To Buda
  - To Oak Hill
  - To Circle C





#### **System Vision**

- High-capacity transit with dedicated pathways
  - Orange Line: North Lamar/South Congress Corridor (Potential Extension)
  - Blue Line: Riverside Corridor (Potential Extension)
- 4 BRT-Light Lines
  - Purple Line: Manor/Dean Keeton Corridor
  - Yellow Line: Burnet to South Lamar
  - Pink Line: 7<sup>th</sup>/Lake Austin Corridor (Crosstown)
  - Navy Line: Pleasant Valley Corridor
- 2 Commuter Rail Lines
  - Upgraded Red Line
  - Green Line to Manor
- Neighborhood Circulators



## **Phased Approach to Project Development**



With public input, identify and review potential projects for building a high capacity transit system.

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#### REAL SOLUTIONS

Study the selected projects and present options to the community that are consistent with regional and local priorities.



#### PATH TO IMPLEMENTATION

Approval of Project Connect system vision and development of partnerships with stakeholders, agency board and community members.



#### GO/NO-GO DECISION

Begin Preliminary Engineering to provide the community with detailed transit projects and a potential vote for project construction.

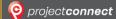


#### ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

Finalize design, acquire real estate and begin construction on the program of projects.

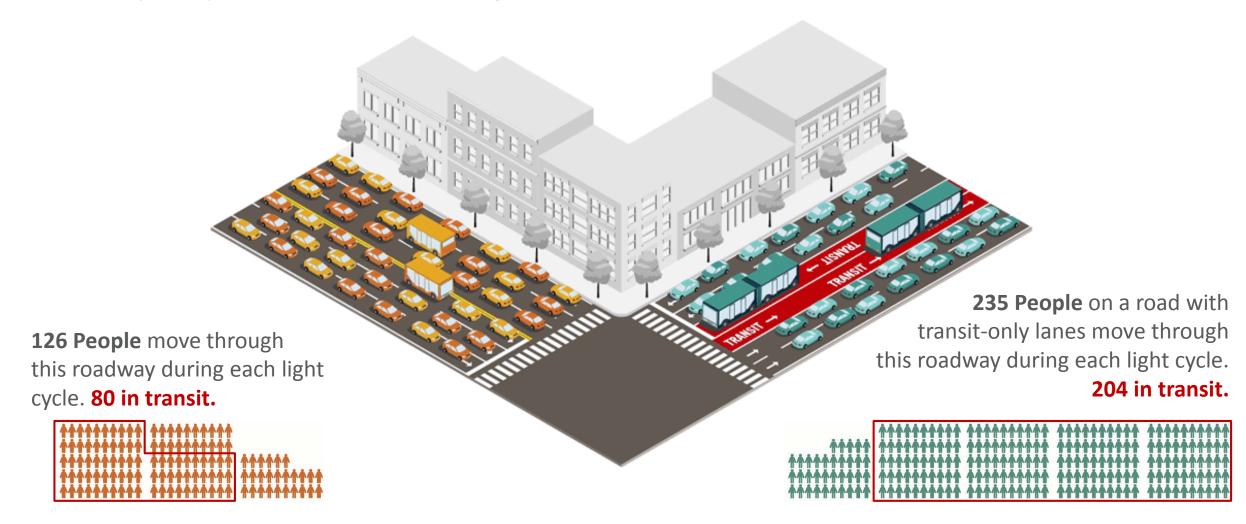






### It's A Question of Geometry

How Many People Can We Get Through an Intersection in a Minute?



### **Project Connect High-Capacity Modes and Vehicle Selection**

#### **Bus Rapid Transit** (BRT)



- Stops every 1/2 mile
- Average speed 12 18 MPH
- 50 100 passengers per vehicle
- Could be ART\*

Sources: National Transit Database (NTD) Full Report



#### **Light Rail Transit** (LRT)



- Stops every 3/4 1.5 miles
- Average speeds 18 30 MPH
- 140 240 passengers per car, with 2 – 3 cars in a train
- Could be ART\*



#### **Autonomous Rapid** Transit (ART)\*



- Stops every 1/2 1 mile
- Average speed 15 25 MPH
- Under development, but likely 100 – 200 passengers per vehicle





#### **Step One: ENGAGE (2016-2018)**

How many people do we need to move and where?



- Establishment of advisory committees (TAC,MCAC)
- Three public "Traffic Jam" events
  - 550+ total attendees
  - 14 partner agencies participated
- Six geographically targeted "Mini Jams"
- 34 outreach events, including pop-up and engagement bus outreach
  - 600+ engaged



#### **Step Two: PLAN (2018-2020)**

What will it look like, and how much could it cost?



- Vision plan presentation
  - Community Conversation on October 3, 2018
  - Town Hall meetings November-December, 2018
- Project Connect Community Office opens downtown
- Expansion of advisory committee (MCAC)
- Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review
  - Corridor working groups
- Vehicle selection and final system plan

#### **Step Three: UNITE (2020)**

Are we ready, and do we have your support?



- MCAC continuation
- Community Conversations
- Program Management Plan
- Program Phasing and Schedule
- Funding and Financial Model
- Potential Vote



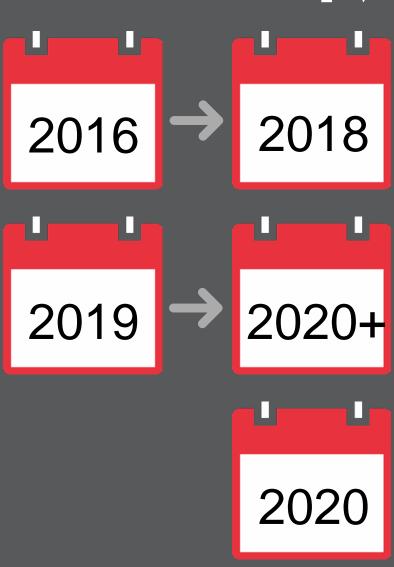
### **Step Four: BUILD (2021-beyond)**

How do we implement quickly and efficiently with the fewest disruptions?

- Implementing the plan
- Mitigating construction Impacts
- Local Business Assistance Program
- Construction partnership integration

## METRO projectconnect





- Community Engagement
- Corridor Selection

- Community Engagement
- Engineering and Environmental Review
- Vehicle Review
- Vehicle Selection (Early 2020)
- Vote (Nov. 2020)



# Questions?