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# **Capital Metro Information Technology**

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### Cap Metro's Civic Purpose



To transform the daily lives of Central Texans by providing a robust, sustainable, transportation network that connects people and communities to jobs and opportunities.

2014-2019 Strategic Plan

#### **Cap Metro Fast Facts**







• Current Ridership: 27.7 M boardings (21,095 per day)



• FY2020 Budget: \$361,247,984 (funded in part by a 1% sales tax)

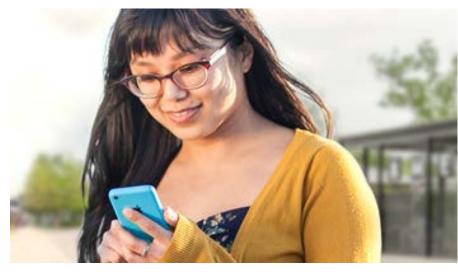


• Staffing: 1,400+ overall



• Vehicles: 819 (bus, rail, express, vanpools, paratransit)







#### **Cap Metro Transit Systems**

- Staff: 6 Application Administrators, supported by 2 DBAs, a GIS specialist, 3 IT project managers, and a dozen software companies.
- FY2020 Budget: \$12 M (OPEX/CAPEX)
- Systems: 22 different systems for Bus, Rail, Paratransit, and Customers



#### **Civic Priorities**



- Reduce vehicle traffic
- Prepare for Austin's growth



#### **Continued Ridership Gains**

- Ridership up 4.5% for the year since Cap Remap, including a 14% increase on MetroRapid
- 8% increase over September 2018, including a 38% increase on MetroExpress
- Ridership has increased across all Pickup zones, with record high numbers last week in the Walnut Creek and Northeast Austin zones



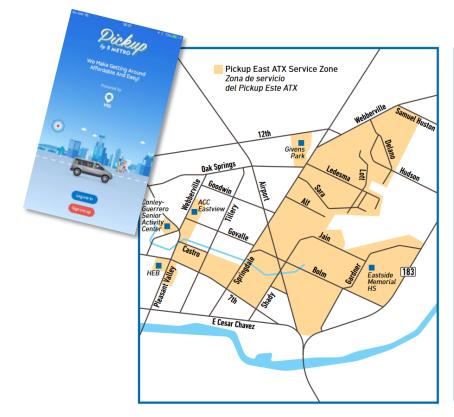
### **New Initiatives: Updated Mobile App**

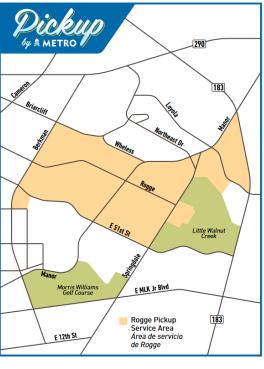
- Easier Fare/Pass Purchasing
- Apple Pay and Google Pay
- Quicker Pass Access
- Faster Real-Time Tracking
- More Robust Trip Planner



#### **New Initiatives: Pickup Zones**

- Door-to-Door service for price of regular fares
- Five zones operational (East ATX, Exposition, Manor, Northeast ATX, Walnut Creek)
- More zones in the future





**Pickup East ATX** 

**Pickup Northeast** 





### **New Initiatives: Ticket Vending Machines**

- Replacements for existing TVMs at Rail Stations
- Additional TVMs at other transit centers



#### **New Initiatives: E-paper DMS Signs**

#### **Real-time Departures**



Wayfinding



**PSAs** 



#### New Initiatives: Detour aware real-time data

- Blocks are enumerated by calendar day with time slices
- Correlation & assignment of unique
   IDs
- GTFS Merged data
- Available to Mobile App and internal systems
- Award-winning!



#### **New Initiatives: Onboard Information Displays**

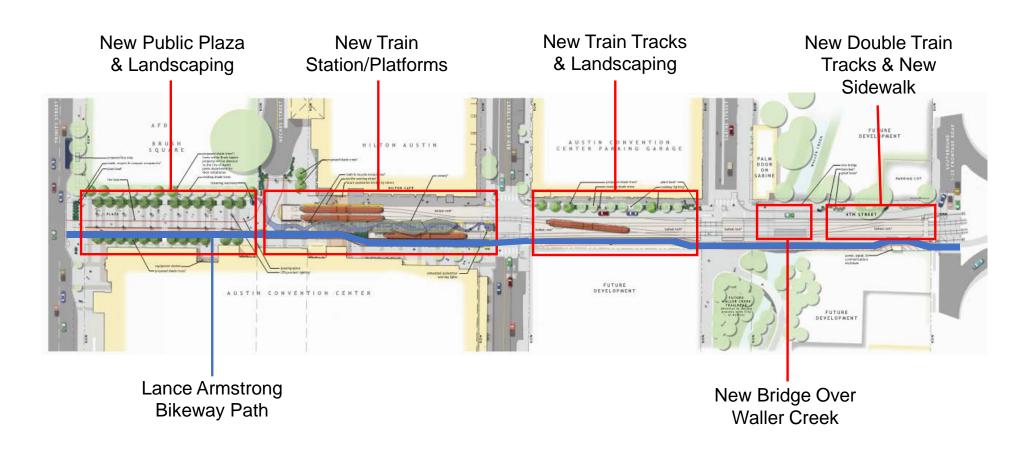


#### **New Initiatives: Electric Buses**

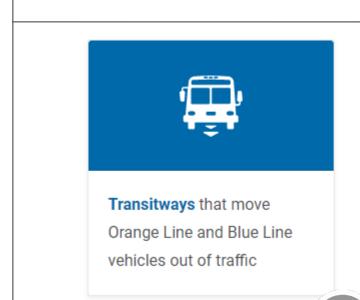
- Fleet plan requires replacement of 33 buses in FY20
- 10 of these will be electric buses



#### **New Initiatives: New Downtown Rail Station**



## **New Initiatives: Project Connect**





**Better bus service** - more MetroRapid & MetroExpress



Expanded and improved commuter rail



New **transit hubs** that better connect residents to regional activity centers





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