



## **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

### **Urban Transportation Commission**

#### **Recommendation Number 20200310-02C: Project Connect**

WHEREAS, Capital Metro, City of Austin staff, and citizens of Austin have worked toward a comprehensive high-capacity transit vision and plan, known as Project Connect;

WHEREAS, Project Connect, should it be successful in the election, will guide our high-capacity development efforts for years to come. Therefore the window to set priorities is now;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends City Council adopt the Project Connect preferred plan with the following advice:

1. Adopt and communicate a policy for acquiring and dedicating right of way which upgrades car-only lanes into dedicated pathways suitable for high-capacity Bus or Rail vehicles.
2. Ensure that CapMetro commits to immediately undertake MetroRapid and MetroBus bus improvements, as soon as practical after a funding measure is passed, because it is important to show the citizens that progress is possible.
3. Formalize the Orange Line as the first light rail project and Blue line as the second.
4. Seek funding and development of the full Orange line in the initial November referendum.
5. Work to find more appropriate State, Regional and Public-Private partnerships for funding and developing the Green Line.

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

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