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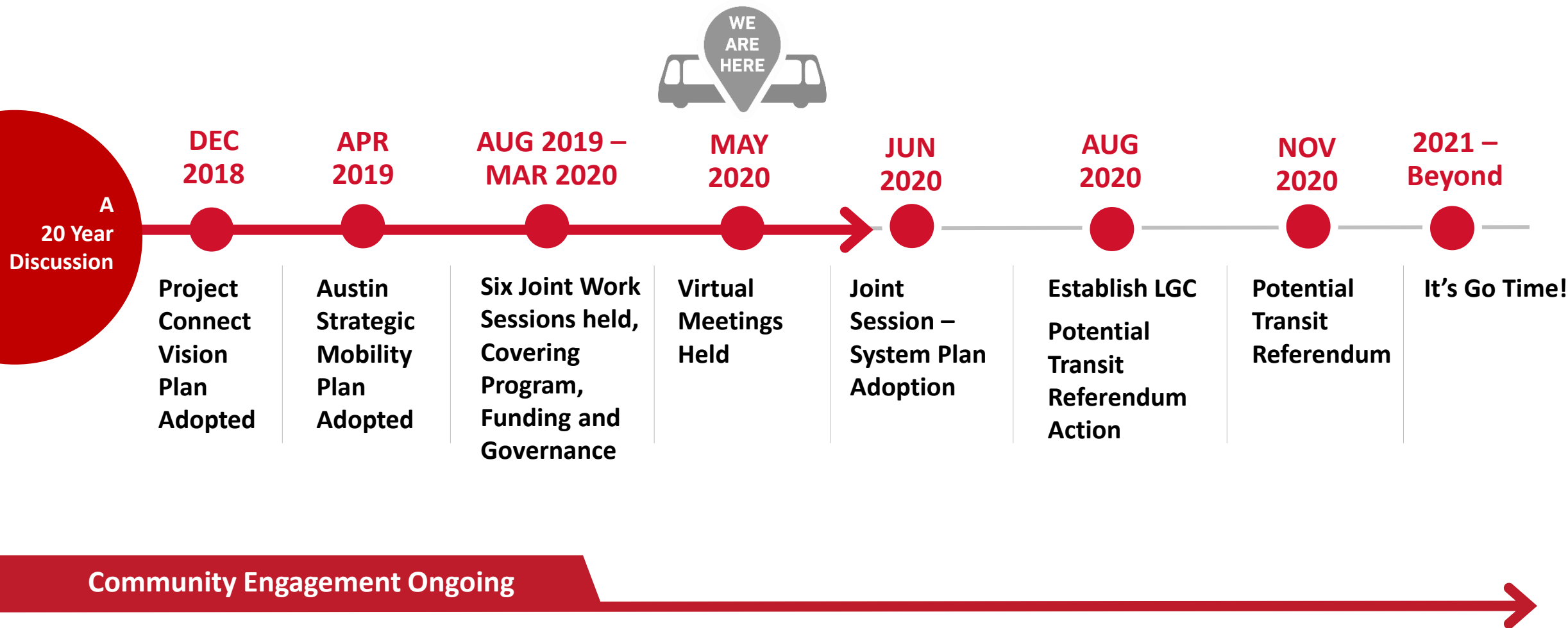


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# Project Connect Update

**MAY 2020**

# PROJECT CONNECT TIMELINE



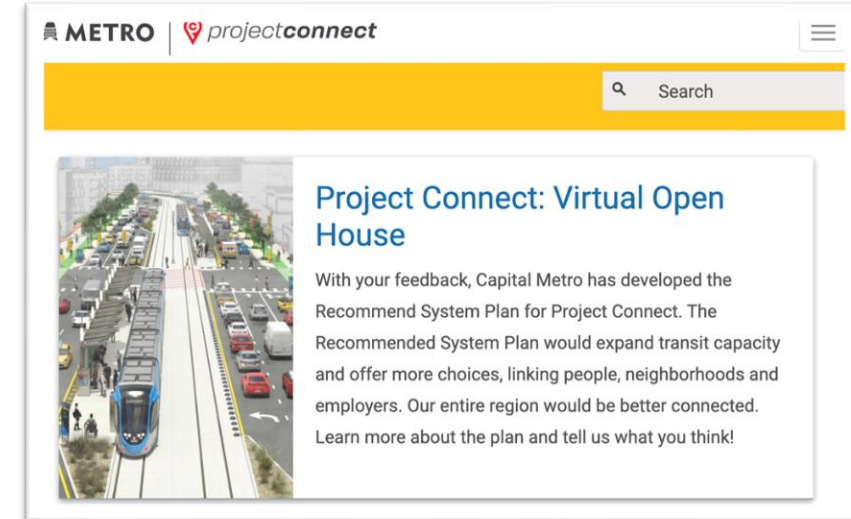
# LIST OF MEETINGS

## Completed:

May 15   2 PM	Greg Casar (Dist 4), Leslie Pool (Dist 7)
May 18   1 PM	Natasha Harper-Madison (Dist 1), Jeffery Travillion (Travis Co. Pct 1)
May 19   5 PM	Kathie Tovo (Dist 9), Wade Cooper (CapMetro Chair)
May 20   11 AM	Jimmy Flannigan (Dist 6), Troy Hill (CapMetro Board) Eric Stratton (CapMetro Board Secretary )
May 20   5 PM	Alison Alter (Dist 10), Terry Mitchell (CapMetro Board)
May 21   6 PM	Un Foro Digital en Facebook En Vivo con Univision

## Upcoming:

May 26   11 AM	Steve Adler (Austin Mayor) , Wade Cooper (CapMetro Board Chair)
May 28   6 PM	Ann Kitchen (Dist 5, CapMetro Board), Paige Ellis (Dist 8)
May 29   2PM	Delia Garza (Dist 2, CapMetro Board), Sabino “Pio” Renteria (Dist 3, CapMetro Board)
TBD	KAZI live broadcast “The Forum”, Jeffery Travillion (Travis Co. Pct 1, CapMetro Board)

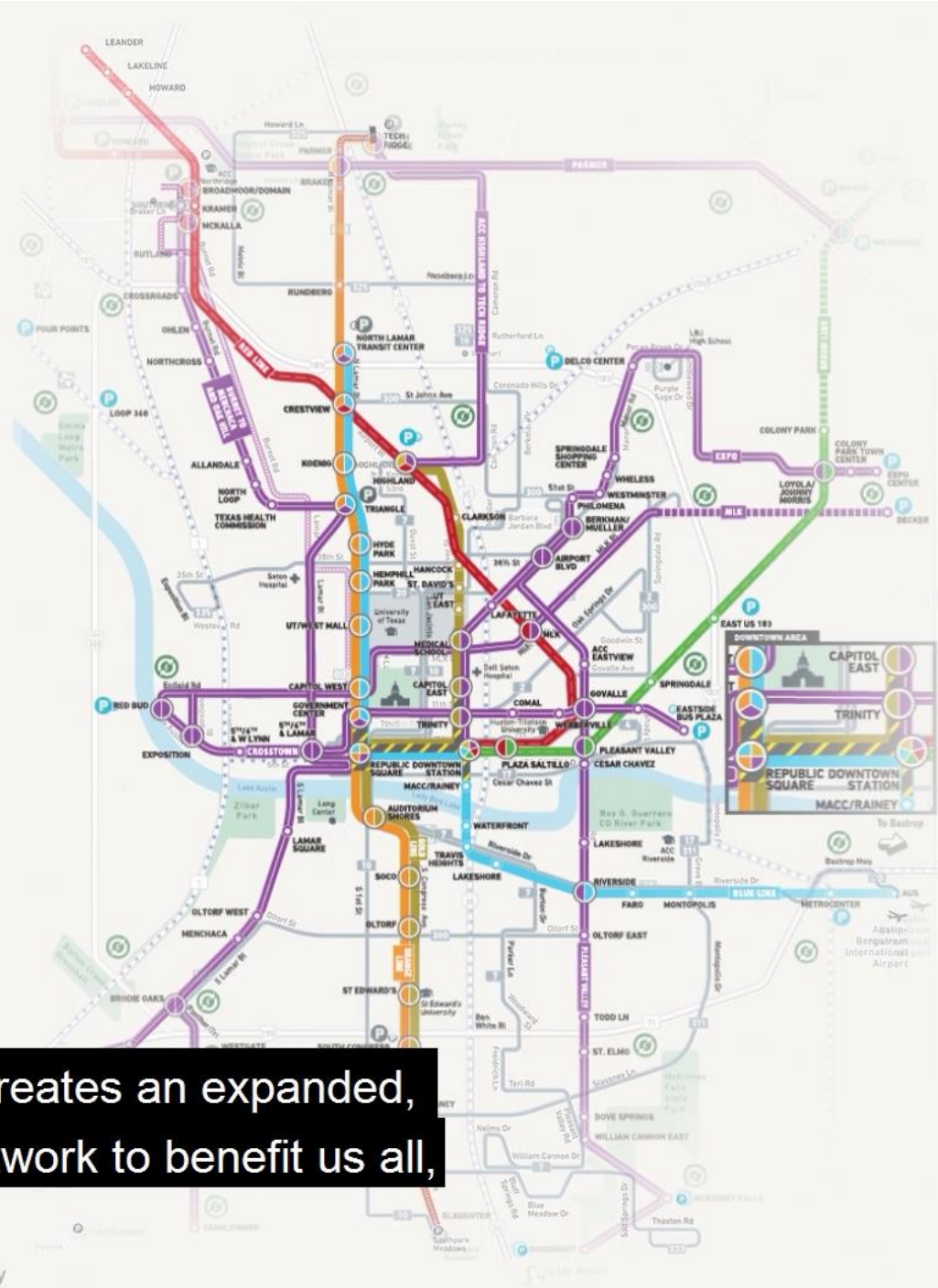




# HIGH-FREQUENCY AND HIGH-CAPACITY ROUTES

*TODAY VS. FUTURE*

Project Connect creates an expanded,  
regional transit network to benefit us all,





WITH PLANNED  
DEVELOPMENTS

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AUSTIN IS GROWING

# PROJECT CONNECT

## RECOMMENDED SYSTEM PLAN



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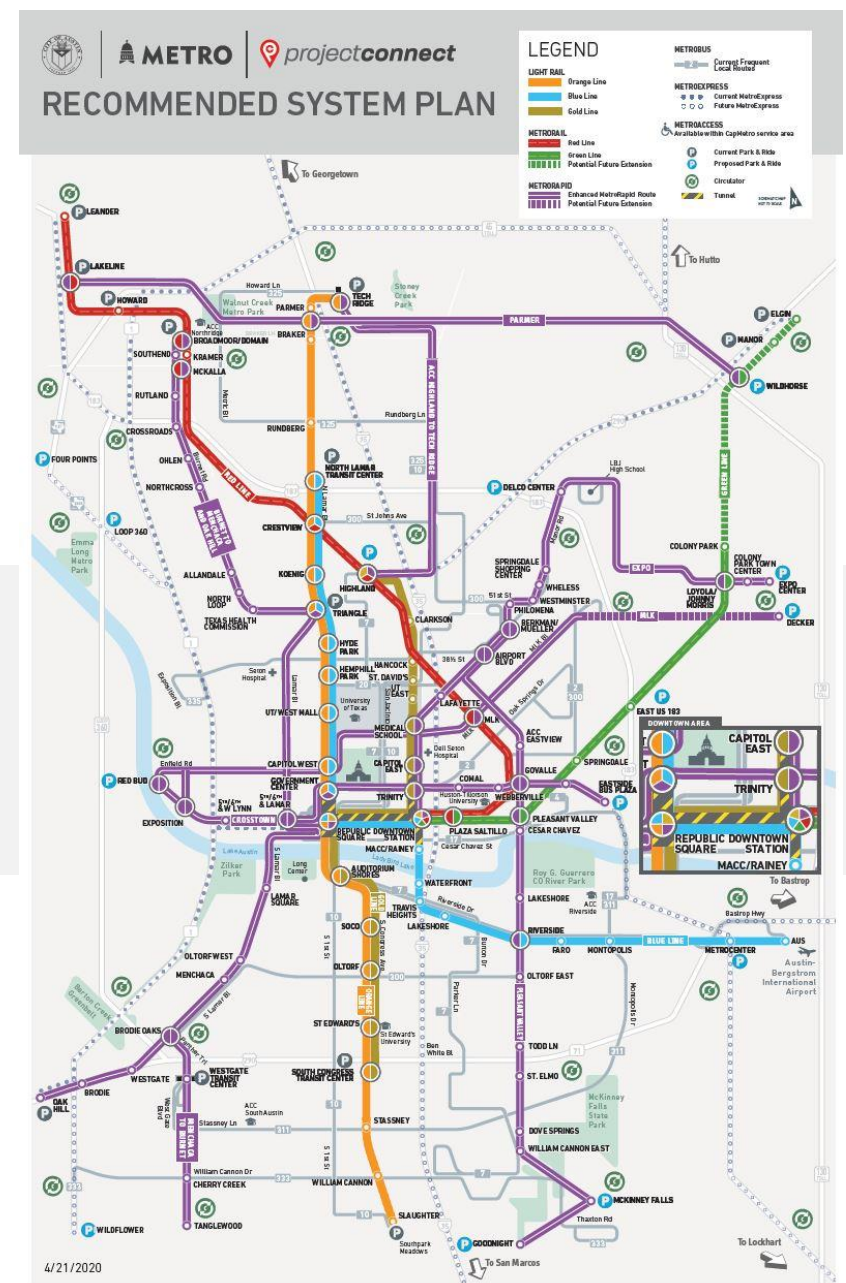
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# RECOMMENDED SYSTEM PLAN MAP



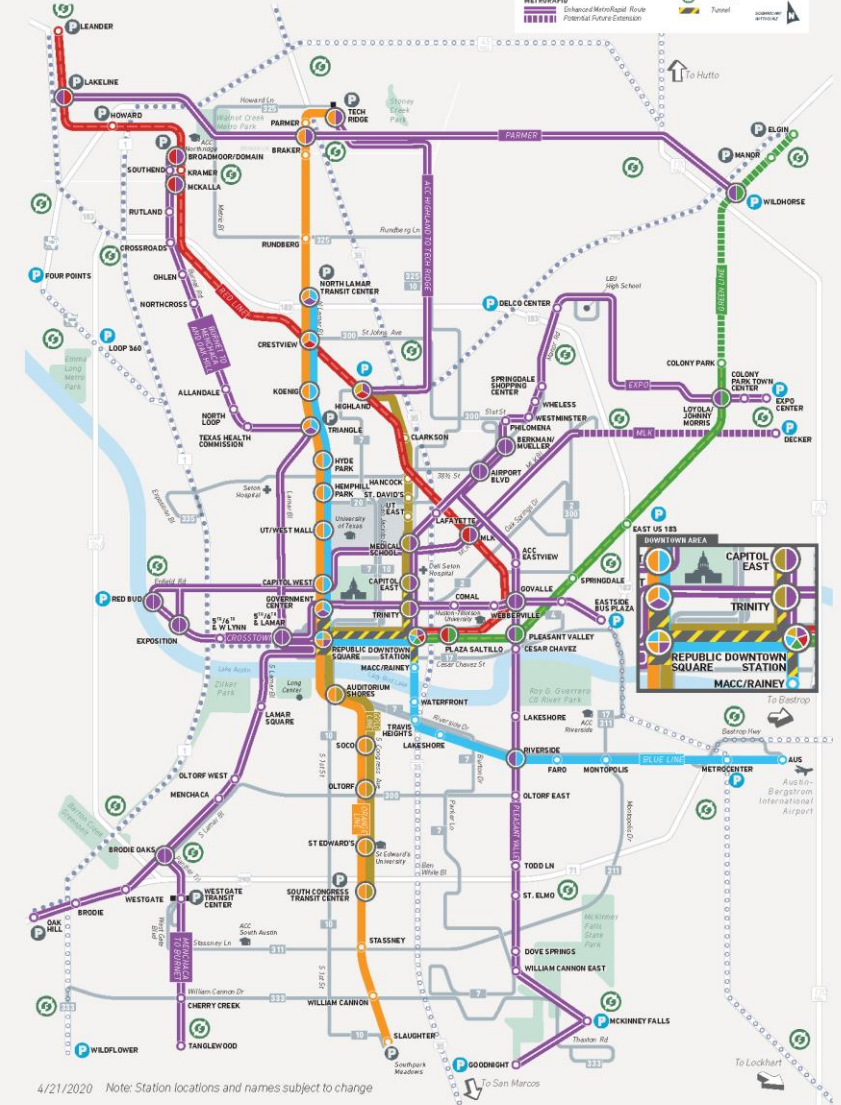
A SYSTEM BUILT ON  
CONNECTIONS.



# CHANGES SINCE MARCH 9

- Utilize preliminary 2045 CAMPO demographics for system plan scenarios
- Analysis of Gold Line as LRT
- Redline Phase II removed
  - Ridership gains do not justify the \$380 million investment

## HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER...





# FINANCIAL IMPACT

	Capital	Op/Ex
Gold Line LRT	\$1,200,000,000	\$18,700,000
Gold Line BRT	-\$700,000,000	-\$10,800,000
Red Line Phase II	-\$380,000,000	-\$8,000,000
System Cost Difference	\$120,000,000	-\$100,000
50% Fed Share	\$60,000,000	
Local Share Cost Difference	\$60,000,000	

# EVOLUTION OF THE GOLD LINE

## HOW HAS IT PROGRESSED

- Board recommended in Dec 2018 looking at 2 Central Austin alternative options;
  - Crestview to ACC Highland option was redundant with the Blue Line operating on the Orange Line north of Republic Square
- Ridership demand from ACC Highland to Republic Square confirmed viability of high-capacity transit on this segment

## CHANGES SINCE MARCH 9

- Updated scenario analysis utilizing preliminary 2045 CAMPO demographics for system plan network
- Gold Line as LRT instead of BRT
  - Anticipated development in 'innovation district' along the corridor as well as increased ridership
  - O&M efficiencies in scale with system integration
  - Optimum model is ACC Highland to South Congress Transit Center
  - Integrated system with operational flexibility



**2018 GOLD ROUTE CONCEPT**  
Crestview to ACC Highland

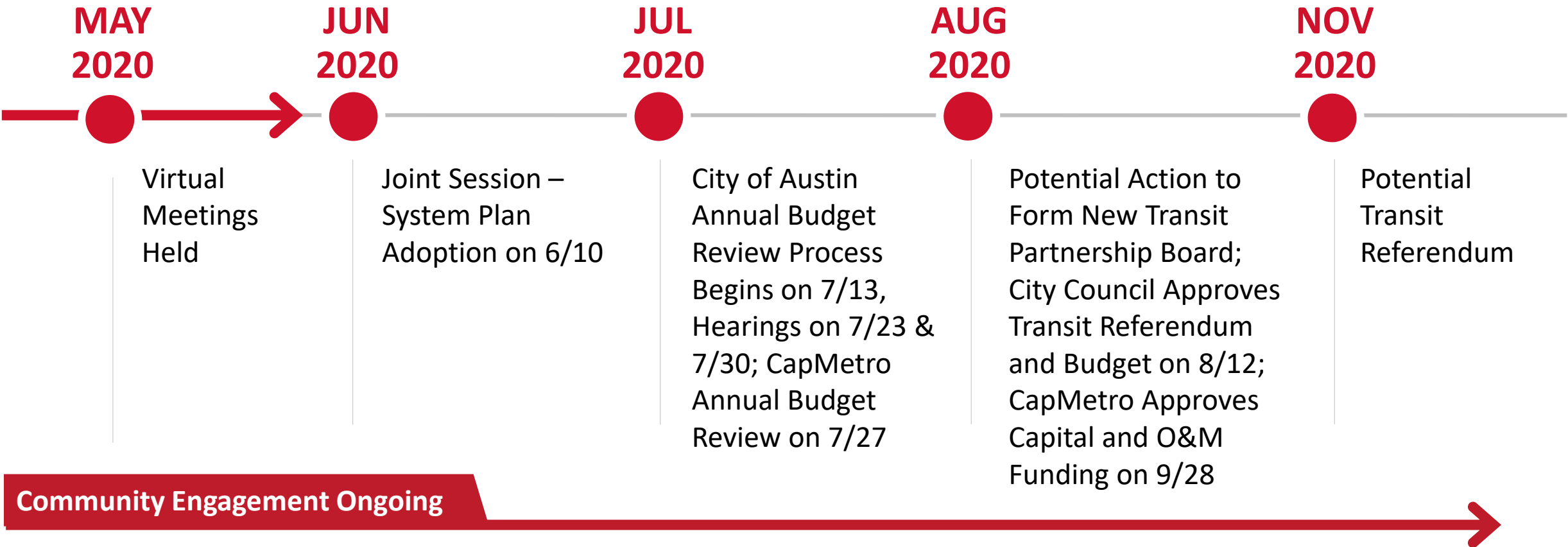
*Old Gold Line as BRT*



**2020 GOLD ROUTE**  
South Congress Transit Center to ACC Highland

*New Gold Line as LRT*

# UPCOMING DECISION POINTS



Community Engagement Ongoing