

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD)

Community Development Commission
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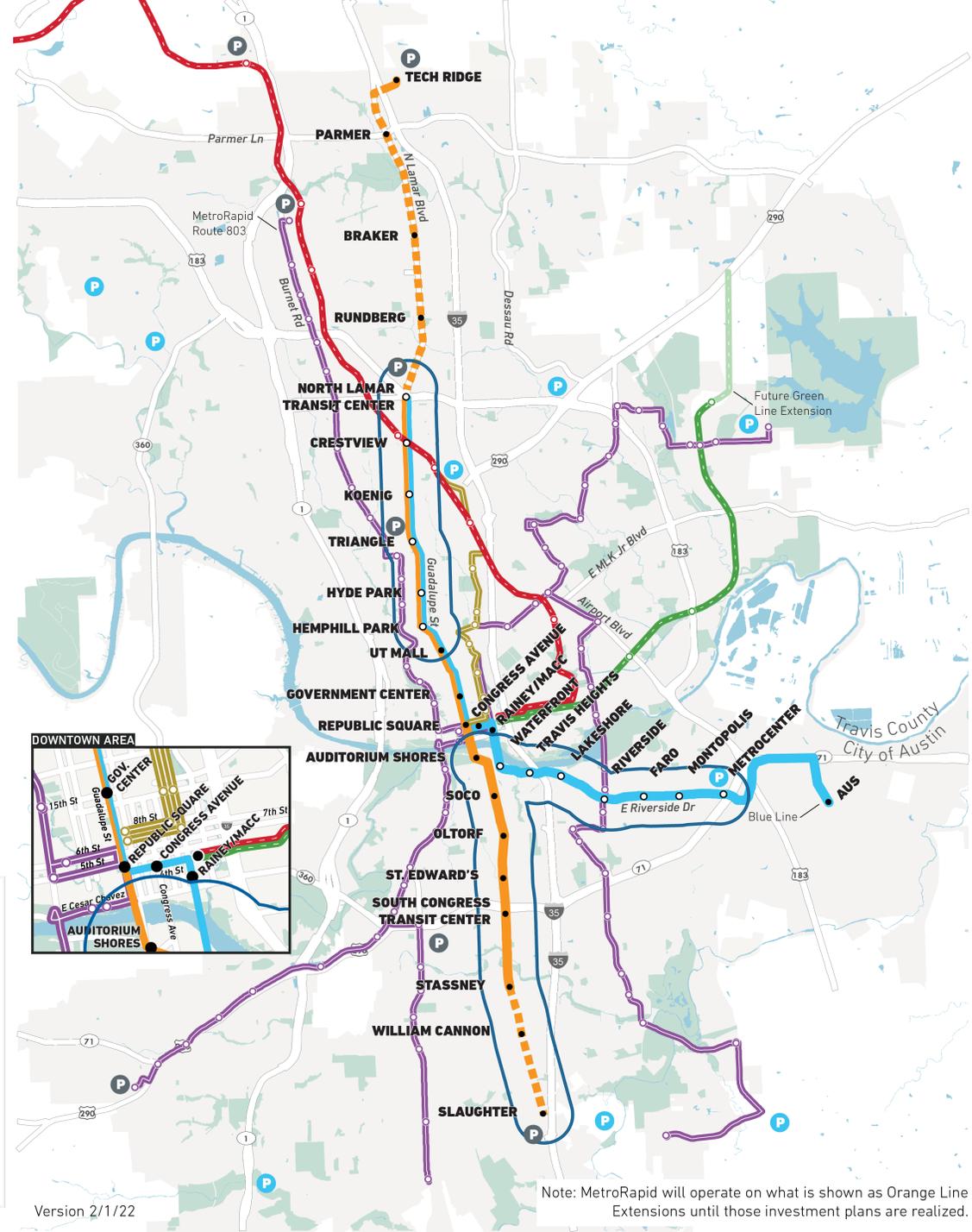
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ETOD Corridor Study Area

- 21 stations included in FTA grant to Capital Metro
- In June 2021, City Council directed City staff to develop a systemwide ETOD Policy Plan which will build on the ETOD Strategy Framework and guide additional planning activities in other corridors



LIGHT RAIL

- ETOD Station & ½ mile buffer
- Other Station
- Orange Line Initial Investment
- Orange Line Future Extension
- Blue Line
- Orange & Blue Line Interlined

METRORAPID

- Route & Station
- Gold Line Route & Station

METRORAIL

- Red Line Route & Station
- Green Line Route & Station

PARK & RIDE

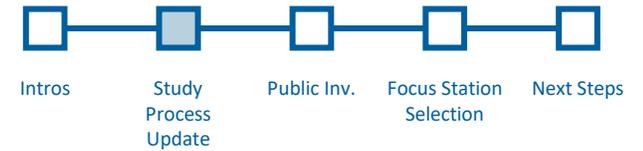
- Existing Facility
- Future Facility

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Note: Metrorapid will operate on what is shown as Orange Line Extensions until those investment plans are realized.



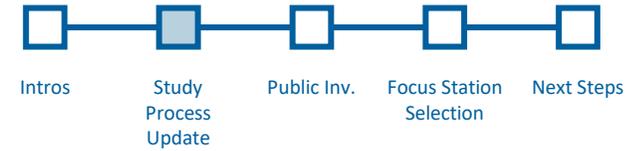
CapMetro ETOD Objectives



An In-Progress List of ETOD Project Specific Objectives

1. Connect people to jobs, services and other destinations through multimodal transportation options. (Systemwide Goal Supporting the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan)
2. Support and grow ridership along the key high-capacity transit corridors with expanded housing options for all income levels around station areas (Corridor Level Goal Supporting Transit System)
3. Increase competitiveness of our high-capacity corridors in the FTA New Starts Capital Investment Grants Program with transit supportive land use plans. (Project Connect Program Objective Premised on Our Contract with Voters)

COA ETOD Objectives



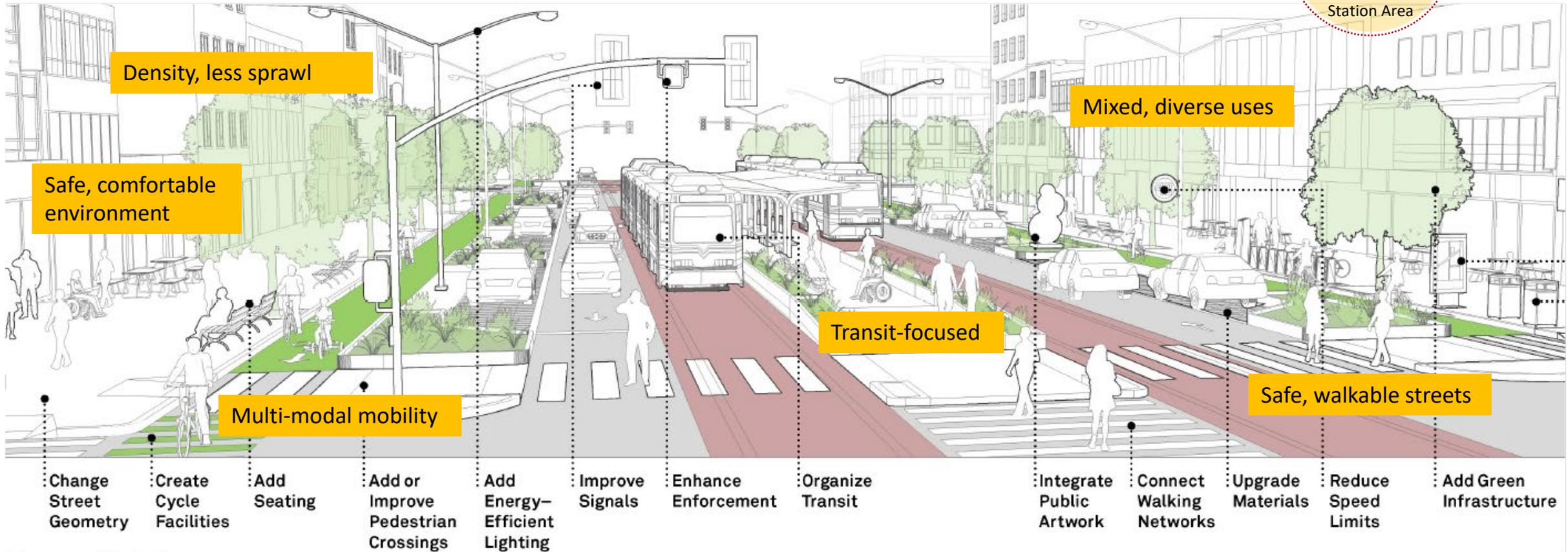
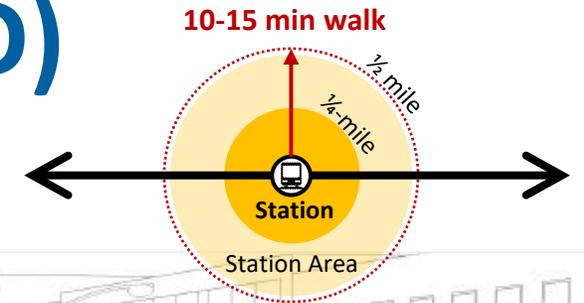
30 individual goals were identified by City Council in Resolution [20210610-093](#), which can be grouped into several topic areas:

- Anti-displacement and equity
- Compact and connected
- Context-sensitivity
- Creation of new housing
- Creation of new affordable housing
- Economics
- Land use
- Preservation of existing affordable housing
- Transit and parking

Austin's ETOD Journey



Transit Oriented Development (TOD)



Source: NACTO

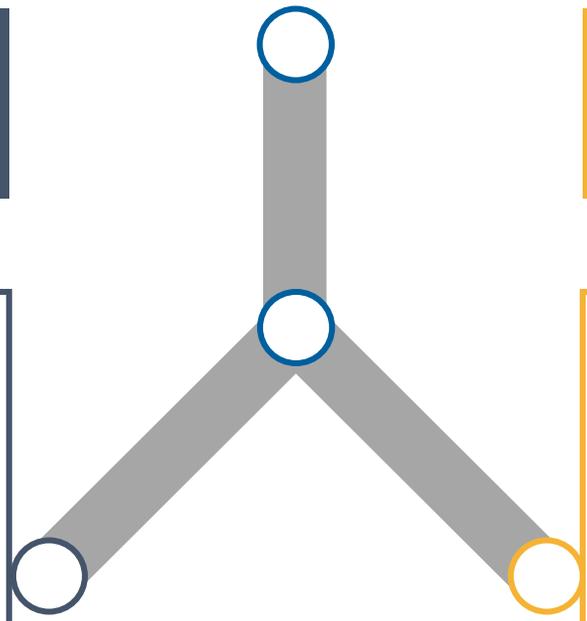


How We Define ETOD | Challenges of Traditional TOD

While Project Connect and TOD investments **will generate significant benefits** for Austin, they **may exacerbate current displacement trends** without concurrent efforts to ensure equitable growth.

Traditional TOD Returns

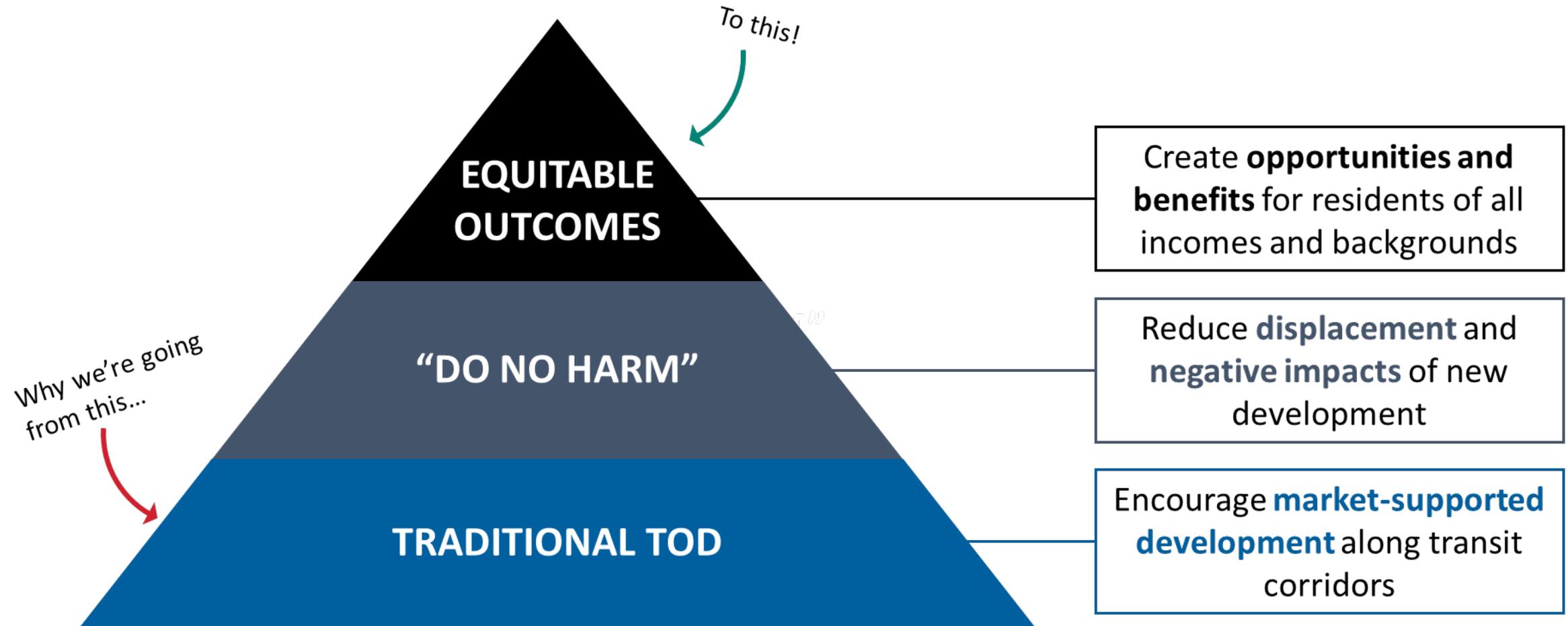
- Transit investments connect residents & businesses to jobs and housing.
- TOD attracts private investment in walkable, mixed-use developments.



Traditional TOD Externalities

- Rent growth displaces residents that would benefit most from transit.
- Rising rents & declining customer bases drive out local businesses.

Putting the “E” in ETOD



What makes ETOD Equitable?

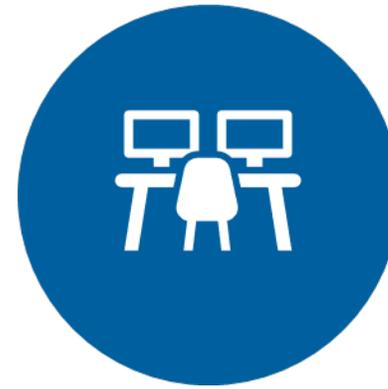
ETOD advocates that people of all incomes and backgrounds experience benefits from dense, mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development near transit hubs.



**Creating & Preserving
Mixed-Use Affordable
Housing**



**Supporting Small
Businesses**



**Creating New Job
Opportunities**



**Improving Public
Spaces and
Community Hubs**

ETOD Study Elements



Continuous community engagement



Policy recommendations that address community priorities



Case study research of other ETOD policies & projects



Station area vision plans for six (6) key stations



Analysis of existing conditions and trends in the study area



Update the Capital Metro **TOD Priority Tool** to include ETOD recommendations

Study Parameters



ETOD
Study

2021-2022

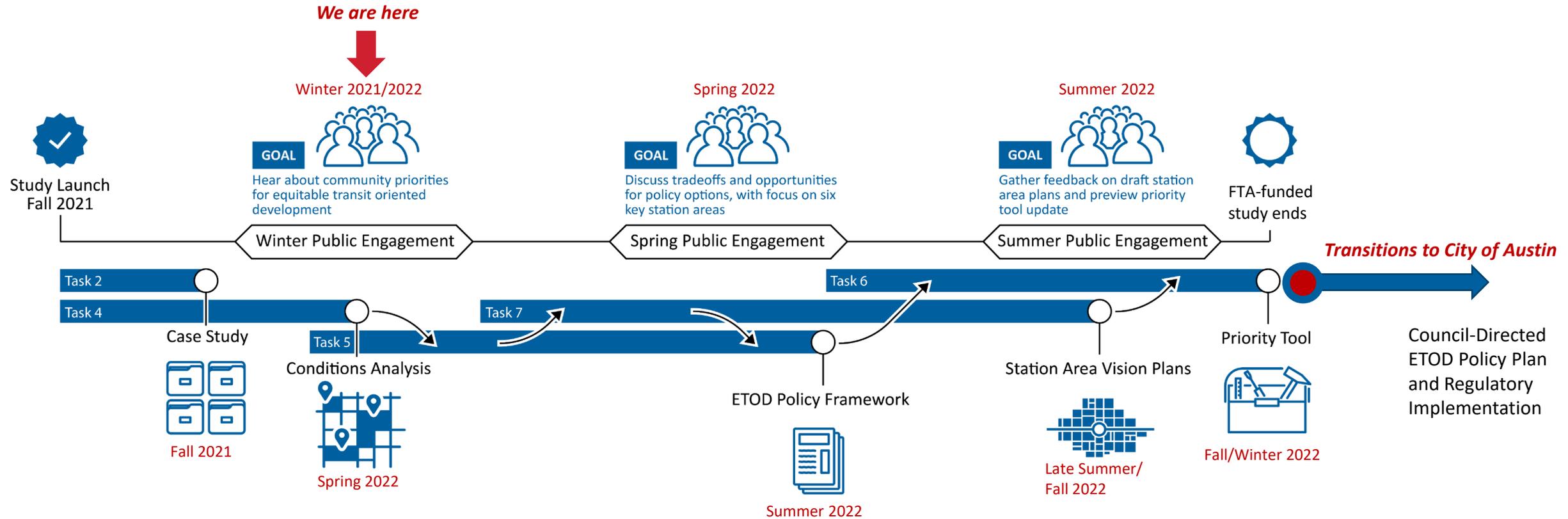
What this study WILL cover

- Analysis of **existing conditions** in 13 Orange and Blue Line station areas
- Matrix of ETOD policies and strategies
- Station area vision plans for six Orange and Blue Line stations
- ETOD Prioritization Tool for Orange and Blue Line stations

What this study WILL NOT cover

- Zoning changes and development code amendments
- Systemwide station area prioritization
- Interim regulations and regulating plans for stations

Current Project Schedule



Engagement Touchpoints



Community Presentation

Large format meetings to present project milestones



CAC Briefings

Monthly meetings, Ongoing guidance throughout project and major milestones



One-on-ones

Guided discussions with community representative groups to gain insight on concerns or issues related to the study



Focus Groups

Guided discussions with groups to identify vision and needs and to build consensus amongst stakeholders



Stakeholder Presentations

Presentations with stakeholder groups to educate participants on the process and vision of the ETOD Study



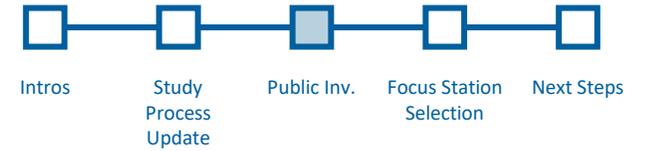
Community Connectors

Paired and trained individuals who does in-depth outreach in their communities

Media/Advertising Strategy

With the goal of reaching a demographic that is representative of the communities in the study area, our media and advertising strategy will include social media, printed, radio, and television mediums.

- Bus Placards
- Flyers
- Postcards
- Social Media
- Local News Segments (KAZI, El Mundo, Soul City, KOOP)
- Newspaper Advertisements
- Email



Spanish Social Media Post Seeking Applicants for Community Connectors Program

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Project website

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