



## **Transit Working Group**

Friday, September 21, 2012

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Council Chambers, Austin City Hall

301 Willie Nelson Boulevard, Austin, Texas

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Status Update
4. Funding Sources
5. Next Steps
6. Citizen Comment  
*(15 min.; limit 3 minutes per speaker)*
7. Adjourn

### **Transit Working Group Membership**

Lee Leffingwell, Mayor, City of Austin (*Chair*)

John Langmore, Board Vice Chair, Capital Metro. Trans. Authority (*Vice Chair*)

Alan McGraw, Mayor, City of Round Rock

Willie Piña, County Commissioner, Bastrop County

Bill Spelman, Council Member, City of Austin

Sarah Eckhardt, County Commissioner, Travis County

Will Conley, County Commissioner, Hays County

Martha Smiley, Austin Area Research Organization

Sid Covington, Chair, Lone Star Rail District

Aundre Dukes, Portfolio Manager, Texas Facilities Commission

Scott Flack, President, Real Estate Council of Austin

Jesus Garza, Executive Vice President and COO, Seton Family of Hospitals

Bobby Jenkins, Board Chair, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce

Johnny Limon, Board Member, Housing Works Austin,

Chair, City of Austin Community Development Commission

Barry McBee, Vice Chancellor, University of Texas

Darrell Pierce, CEO, Snap Management Group

Tom Stacy, Downtown Austin Alliance

**Working Group Charge, 2011-2012:** As a committee of CAMPO, the Transit Working Group will evaluate and provide input toward a regional high capacity transit plan for Central Texas and explore how its various components work as a system to fulfill the region's transportation and future growth needs.

Providing a regional high capacity transit system has been a key goal for Central Texas for decades. Progress towards the rail elements is already underway: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CAMPO) 2035 Regional Transportation Plan has been adopted; Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Capital Metro) MetroRail Red Line is open; and the City of Austin's Urban Rail and the Lone Star Rail District's intercity regional rail line have developed detailed plans and analyses. Capital Metro is also working to implement bus rapid transit portions of the system.

The Working Group will work toward clarifying and articulating the basis for developing high capacity transit in Central Texas and how its various components work as a system toward meeting community transportation needs. Additional topics expected to be addressed in this effort include how to organize to develop and operate the system and, what potential sources of funding can be formed into a long term conceptual financing plan that can accomplish the system's components.

Regional coordination and collaboration on this effort will be provided through the joint efforts of CAMPO, City of Austin, Lone Star Rail District and Capital Metro staff members. The name "Project Connect" has been coined to identify this joint administrative effort. Additionally, The City of Austin has provided funding to Capital Metro, who has tasked their general planning consultant, URS Corporation, to provide technical and public outreach consulting.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**