

Minutes

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Board of Directors

2910 East 5th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Monday, December 9, 2024

11:00 AM

Rosa Parks Boardroom

Board Work Session on Transit Plan 2035

I. Call to Order

11:04 a.m. Work Session Called to Order

Present:	Pool, Stratton, Ross, Vela, Bangle, and Ellis
Absent:	Travillion, and Harriss

II. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

III. Discussion Item:

1. Project update on technical analysis and engagement for Transit Plan 2035.

In addition to the staff presentation, Board members and staff broke into two groups and participated in an off-microphone game-based exercise called Transit Land:

Transit Land Table 1: CapMetro board members Leslie Pool, Becki Ross, and Dianne Bangle played Transit Land, a game showcasing transit planning challenges. Moderated by planners Emma Martinez and Katie Cromwell, the session highlighted trade-offs in coverage, frequency, and resource allocation. Vice Chair Pool emphasized connectivity and access for under served areas. Board Member Ross focused on aligning Pickup zones and increasing frequency along dense routes, while Board Member Bangle proposed boosting frequency in residential areas.

Transit Land Table 2: Board members Paige Ellis, Eric Stratton, and Chito Vela prioritized linking residential areas to key destinations (e.g., schools, hospitals, parks). Moderated by planners Lawrence Deeter and Rose Lisska, the team balanced frequency and coverage while addressing challenges like late-night service and affordable housing connections. Board Member Vela emphasized high-density areas, Board Member Ellis focused on parks and schools, and Board Member Stratton advocated for reducing transit deserts and promoting TOD (Transit-Oriented Development).

Both tables grappled with resource limitations, illustrating the complexities of transit

planning and the trade-offs between coverage, frequency, and equity.

IV. Items for Future Discussion:

V. Adjournment

12:40 p.m. Work Session Adjourned

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Jeffrey Travillion, Chair; Leslie Pool, Vice Chair; Becki Ross, Secretary; Eric Stratton, Paige Ellis, Matt Harriss, Dianne Bangle and Chito Vela.

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