

# Transit Plan 2035 Recommendations

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## What We'll Cover Today

Transit Plan 2035 Overview

How We Developed Recommendations

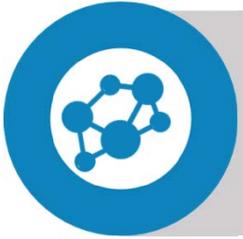
Community Engagement

Overview of the Changes

# Transit Plan 2035 Recap



Transit Plan 2035 is our roadmap and vision for the CapMetro System over the next 5 to 10 years.

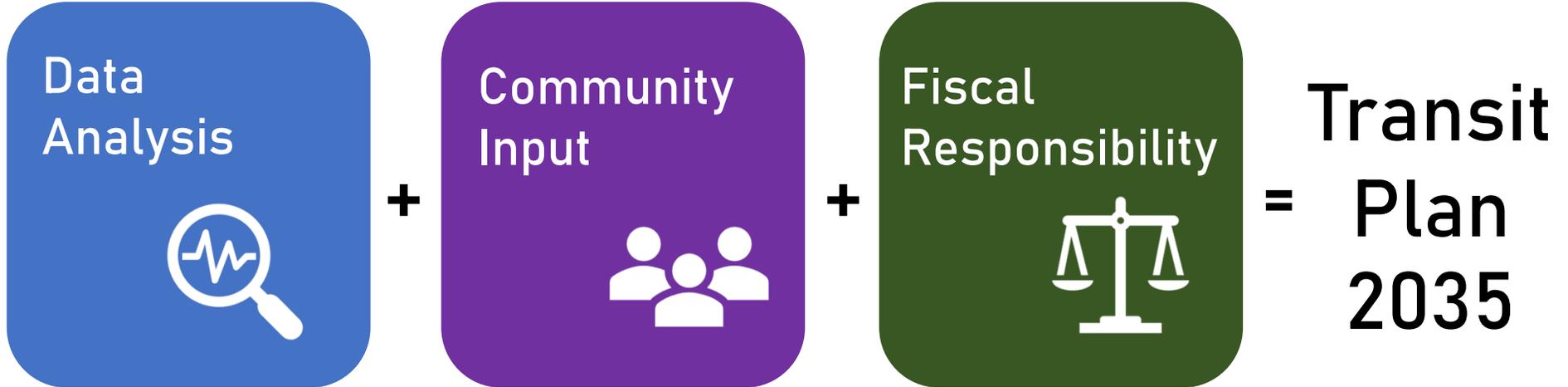


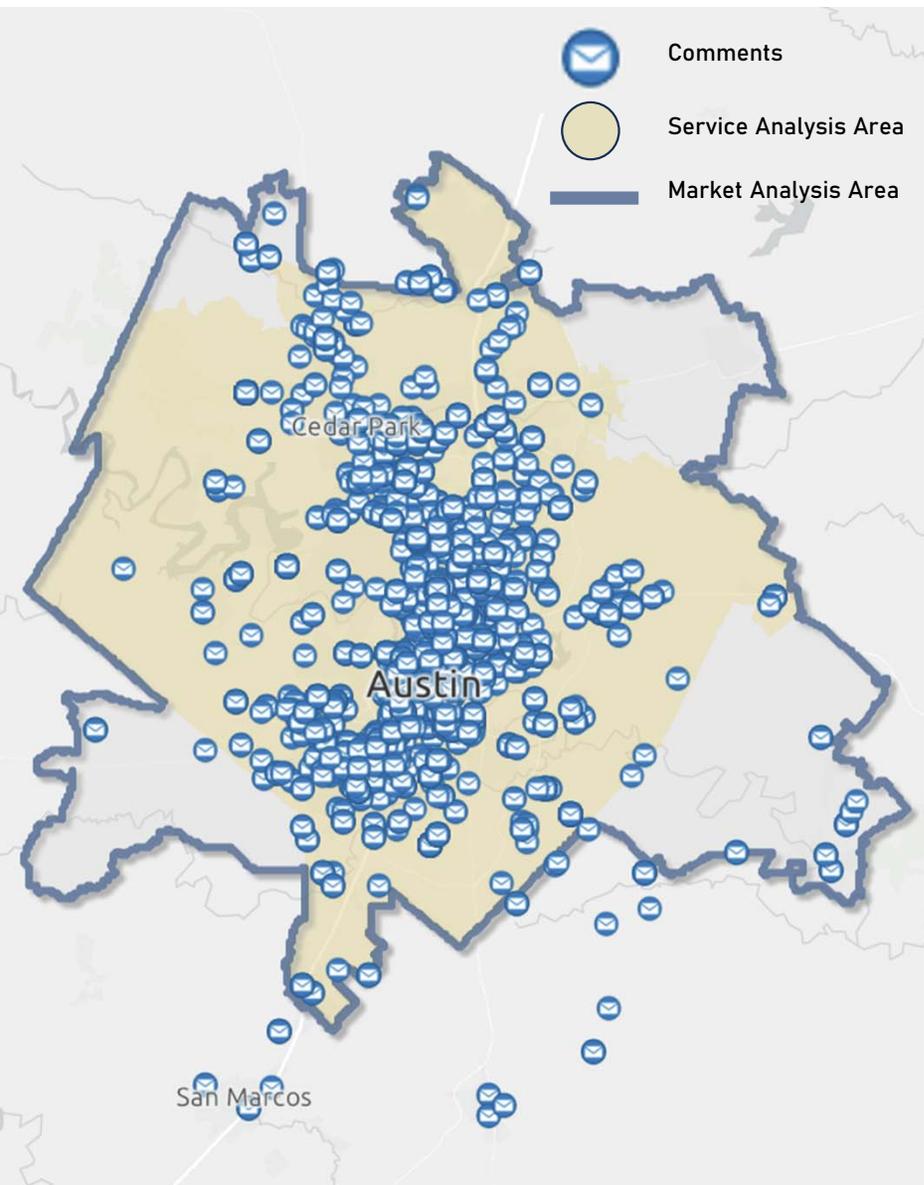
Offers guidance for future service changes with potential for refinement based on new insights about travel patterns and community input



Implementation of the changes would be phased over time, aligning with milestones such as the opening of the Rapid Park and Rides or Broadmoor Station

# How We Developed Recommendations





## Building a Community-Driven Plan

Transit Plan engagement reached people throughout the Central Texas Region.

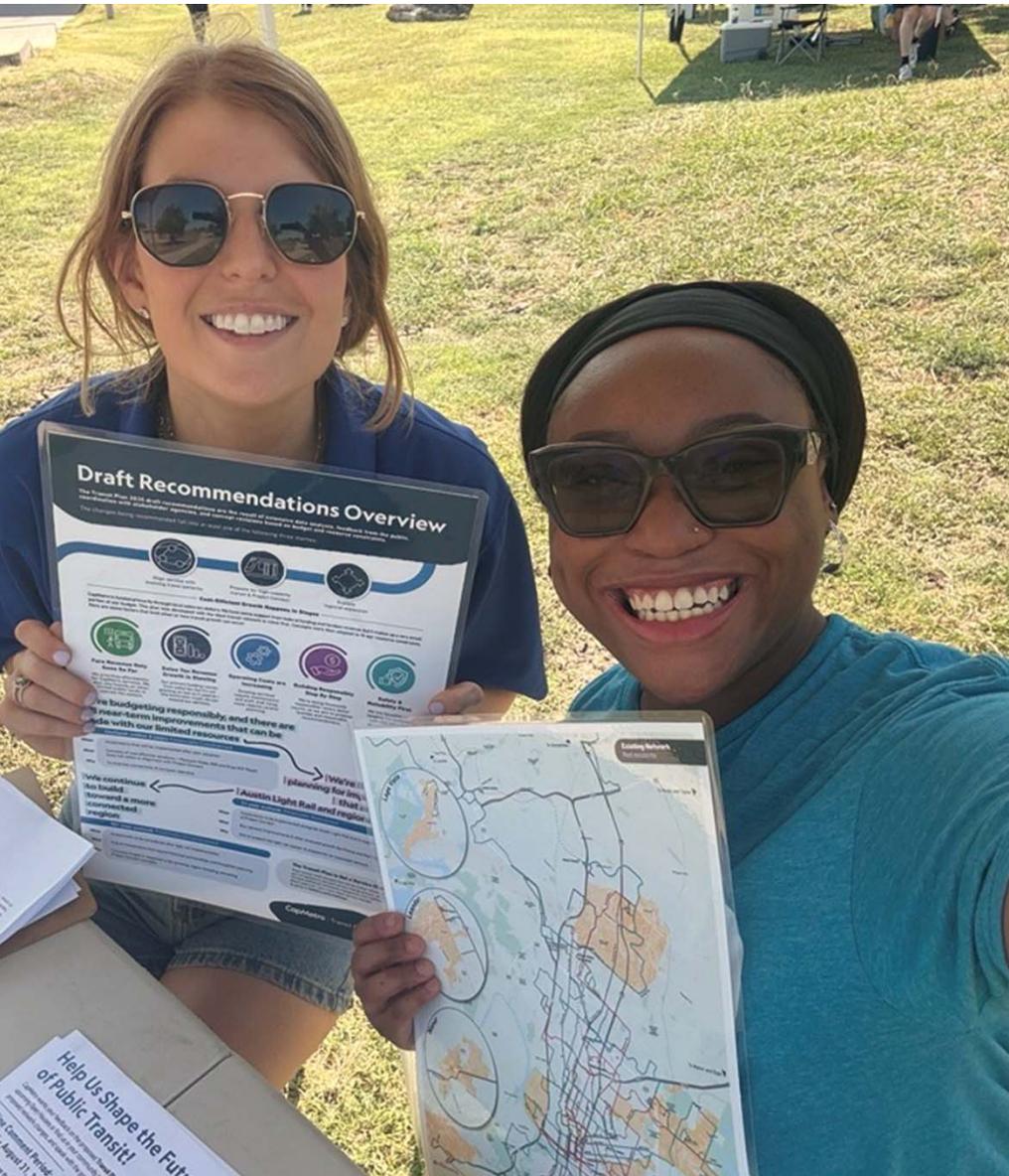
- ✓ Riders and non-riders
- ✓ Communities in and outside the service area
- ✓ Multifaceted strategy to reach a broad audience, including harder-to-reach communities

# Building a Community-Driven Plan

Transit Plan engagement included feedback from CapMetro staff.

- ✓ Frontline employees from Keolis, MTM, and Herzog
- ✓ Hosted focus groups and attended frontline townhalls at all operation base locations
- ✓ CapMetro admin staff and Board members





## Building a Community-Driven Plan

Transit Plan engagement included coordination with regional stakeholders and organizational partners.

- ✓ ALL member cities
- ✓ TxDOT
- ✓ Downtown Austin Alliance
- ✓ University of Texas
- ✓ Austin Community College

# Building a Community-Driven Plan

Transit Plan engagement reached people throughout the Central Texas Region.

**9,000+** people in Round 1

**1,200+** people in Round 2

**30+** focus groups tailored to communities





## Building a Community-Driven Plan

Thousands of people responded, and their feedback led to real change.

- Revised 26 routes based on community feedback (more than 40% of proposals)
- Overall, recommendations were received very well.

# Transit Plan 2035 Draft Recommendations

## Recommendation themes include:

- ✓ aligning our current service with travel patterns,
- ✓ preparing for high-capacity transit and Project Connect, and
- ✓ exploring regional expansion.

# Outlook within 5 years

We're budgeting responsibly, and there are still near-term improvements that can be made with our limited resources.



**61**  
Routes

2 Rapids with Improved Service

1 Route joins High Frequency Network

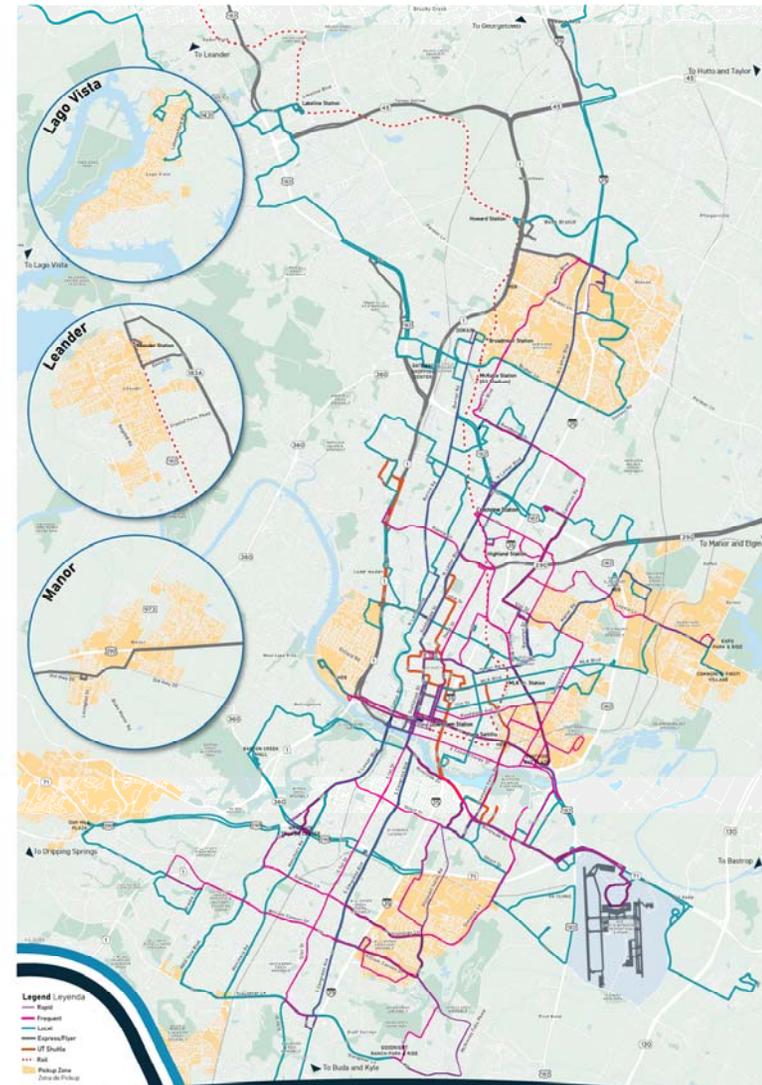


**12** Pickup Zones



**Rail**  
Improvements

Broadmoor Station Opening, Planned Double Tracking and Increased Hours





# CapMetro 10+ Year Vision List

## CapMetro 10+ Year Vision List

CapMetro is committed to delivering on its promises to the community. This list of investments will serve as a guide for how the agency will spend the funds that become available for capital investment, as markets develop, and supportive infrastructure is built. Project Connect, when it was passed enthusiastically by voters in 2020, identified a vision for transit in Central Texas and that vision remains on the horizon.

Transit Plan 2035 has identified additional recommendations that, invested in over time, will strengthen the state of the system. CapMetro will continue to seek funds and partnerships to deliver on these promises.

CapMetro Service Type	Future Investment	Source of Recommendation	New Alignment	New Service	Description
Bus	Route 243 Extension to Pavilion Park & Ride	Transit Plan 2035	⊕		Westward extension via Howard Ln. to Pavilion Park & Ride
	Route 358 Extension to Rundberg	Transit Plan 2035	⊕		North extension from North Lamar Transit Center to the Rundberg L.A. HEB
	51st Street Local Route	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Local route covering portions of discontinued Route 345, primarily along 45th St. and 51st St.
	Lakeline/Round Rock Local Route	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Local route connecting Round Rock to Lakeline via RM 420
	Slaughter Local Route	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Local route operating on Slaughter Ln. between Oak Hill and Easton Park
	Sunset Valley/Roslin/Menchaca Local Route	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Local route from Westgate Transit Center to San Lorenzo via Roslin Ln., Slaughter Ln. and Menchaca Rd.
Express	East Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Elgin to Downtown Austin via primarily US 290
	Four Points Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Four Points to Downtown Austin via primarily Ranch Rd 2222 and MoPac
	Manor/Expo Flyer	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Peak only service connecting Manor to future Green Line Station and Expo Center Park & Ride
	North Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Georgetown/Round Rock to Downtown Austin via primarily I-35 and MoPac
	Northeast Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Hutto/Plugerville to Downtown Austin via primarily SH 45 and MoPac
	Northwest Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Leander/Lakeline Blvd. to Downtown Austin via primarily US 183 and MoPac
	South Central Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from San Marcos/Buda to Downtown Austin via primarily I-35
	South Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Lockhart/Easton Park to Downtown Austin via primarily US 183
	Southeast Express	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Bastrop/Ovi Valley to Downtown Austin via primarily SH 71
	Southwest Express Circle C	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Willflower Center to Downtown Austin and UT via primarily MoPac
Pickup	Southwest Express Oak Hill	Project Connect		⊕	Commuter service from Oak Hill to Downtown Austin and UT via primarily MoPac
	Pickup Goodnight Ranch	Project Connect		⊕	Pickup zone near Slaughter Ln. and Easton Park serving Goodnight Ranch Park & Ride
Rail	Green Line Phases 1-3	Project Connect		⊕	CapMetro rail from Downtown Austin to Colony Park, second extension to Manor, and third extension to Elgin
	Red Line Expanded Connectivity	Transit Plan 2035		⊕	Potential with stations (subject to further analysis and feedback) and introduction of Sunday service
Rapid	Cameron/Dessau CapMetro Rapid	Project Connect		⊕	Rapid service between Tech Ridge and Highland along primarily Dessau Rd. in Northeast Austin
	Crosstown 7th St Lake Austin CapMetro Rapid	Project Connect		⊕	Rapid service connecting Westfield and the Eastside Bus Plaza along primarily Lake Austin Blvd. and 7th St.
	Gold Line CapMetro Rapid	Project Connect		⊕	Rapid service connecting Highland and Downtown Austin along primarily Airport Blvd., Red River St. and Trinity St.
	Oak Hill / Menchaca CapMetro Rapid Extension	Project Connect	⊕		South extension of Rapid BTS along Menchaca Rd. from William Cannon Drive to Slaughter Ln.**
	MLK CapMetro Rapid	Project Connect		⊕	Rapid service connecting Expo Center and Westfield through Downtown Austin along primarily FM 969 and MLK Jr. Blvd.
Parmer CapMetro Rapid	Project Connect		⊕	Rapid service connecting Manor and Lakeline Blvd. along primarily Parmer Ln.	

Build towards a more connected region.

Project Connect elements including Express Network, Rapid Lines, and elements.

Transit Plan concepts that require partnerships and investment.



# NORTHEAST

## Proposal Highlights

- Serve new Expo Center Park and Ride
- Transition riders from infrequent routes to Pickup service.
- Improved crosstown service with additional frequency
- Frequent service along Airport Blvd

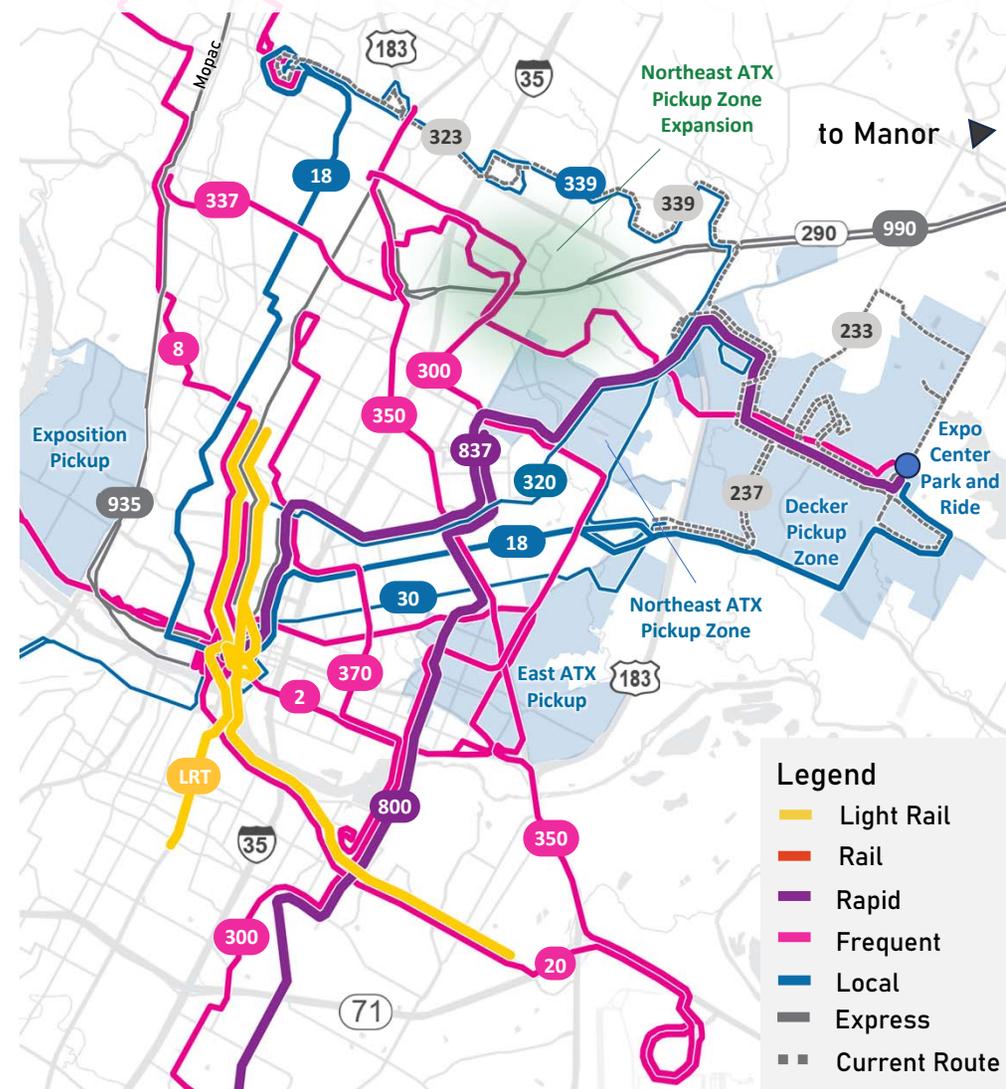
## Feedback

- Strong concerns about removing service from Johnny Morris
- Appreciation for better Community First! connectivity
- Support for more frequent service

## Adjustments

- Retain service along Johnny Morris

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# SOUTHEAST

## Proposal Highlights

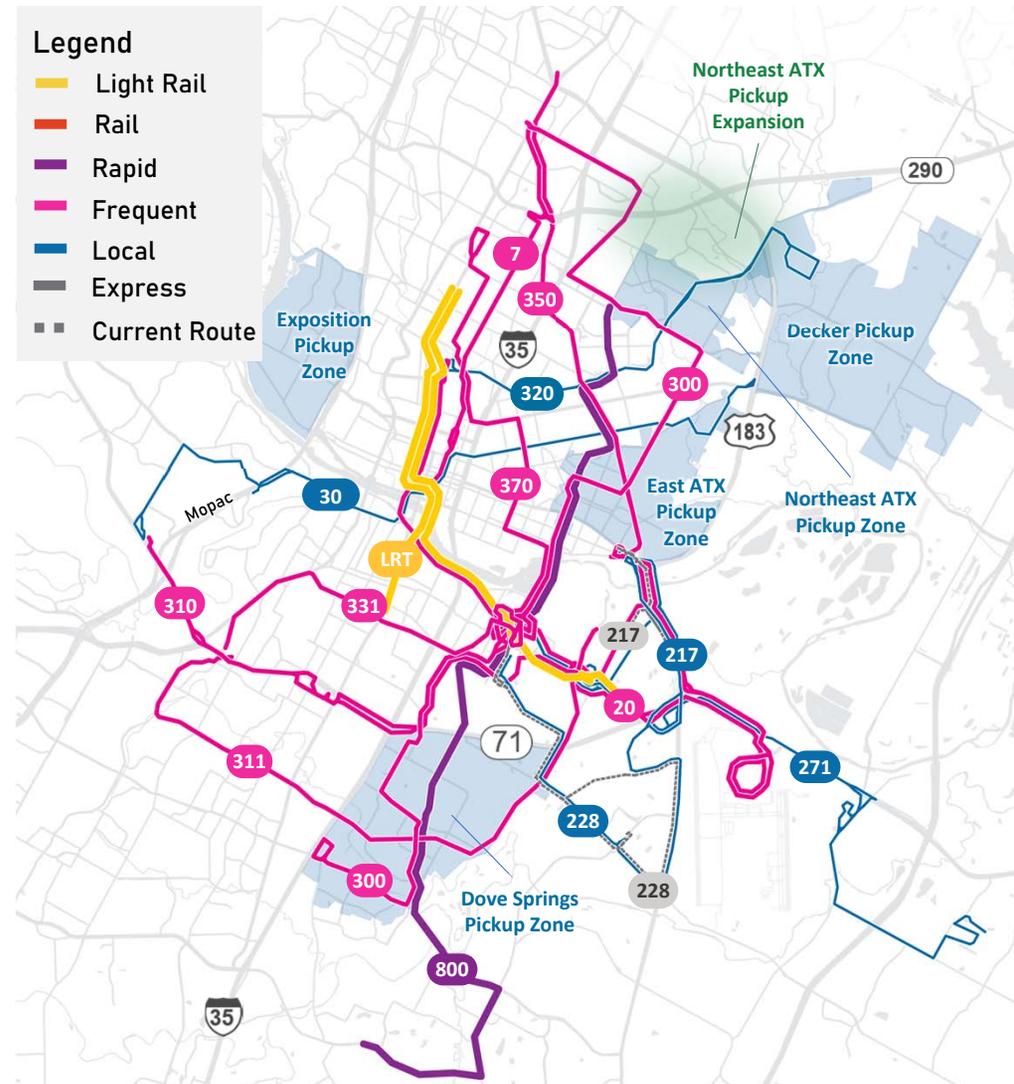
- More high-frequency, direct rides to AUS
- Better connectivity for Montopolis and Del Valle residents
- Adjustments for to align with Austin Light Rail

## Feedback

- Support for one seat ride from Del Valle to an HEB
- Easier access to the VA Hospital and other services
- Request more frequent service along Vargas

## Adjustments

- Routing adjustment to serve the planned Foundation Communities development on Burleson Road
- Plans to implement service on Vargas within the 0-5 year outlook



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# SOUTHWEST

## Proposal Highlights

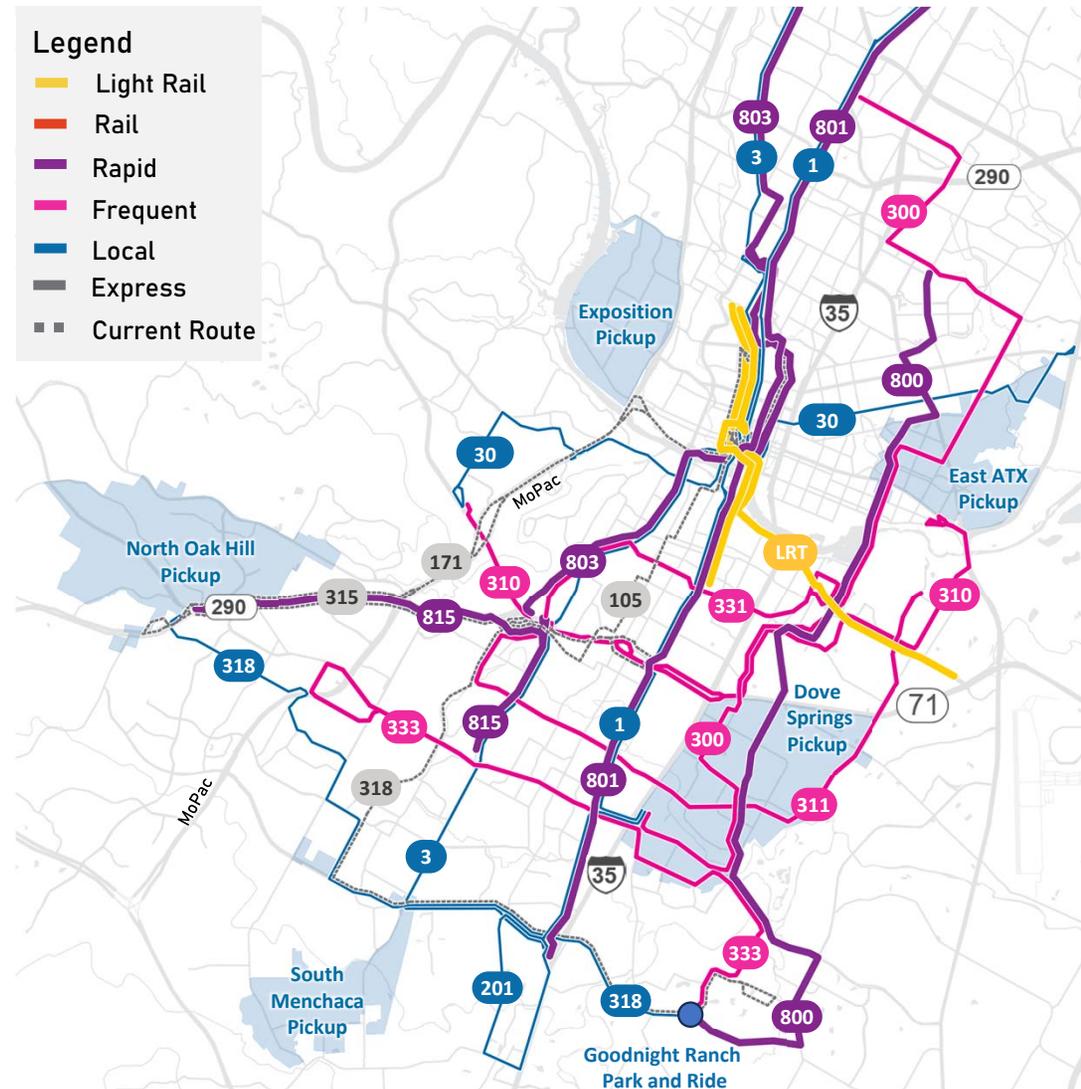
- Connect East Austin to employment centers such as Barton Creek Mall
- Connect Oak Hill to Goodnight Ranch
- New Rapid line connecting Oak Hill to south Austin

## Feedback

- Strong support for connecting East Austin to the mall
- Strong concern about removing service from a segment of West Gate
- Concerns about removing service from MoPac frontage
- Concerns that Rapid 803 is not being extended to Oak Hill and along Menchaca

## Adjustments

- Continue to operate on West Gate
- Adjust service along Convict Hill



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# CENTRAL

## Proposal Highlights

- Bi-directional circulator in East Austin
- Discontinue service along 45th
- Combine Senior Routes operating along Cesar Chavez into one route with more service
- Adjust downtown routings to meet changing street network

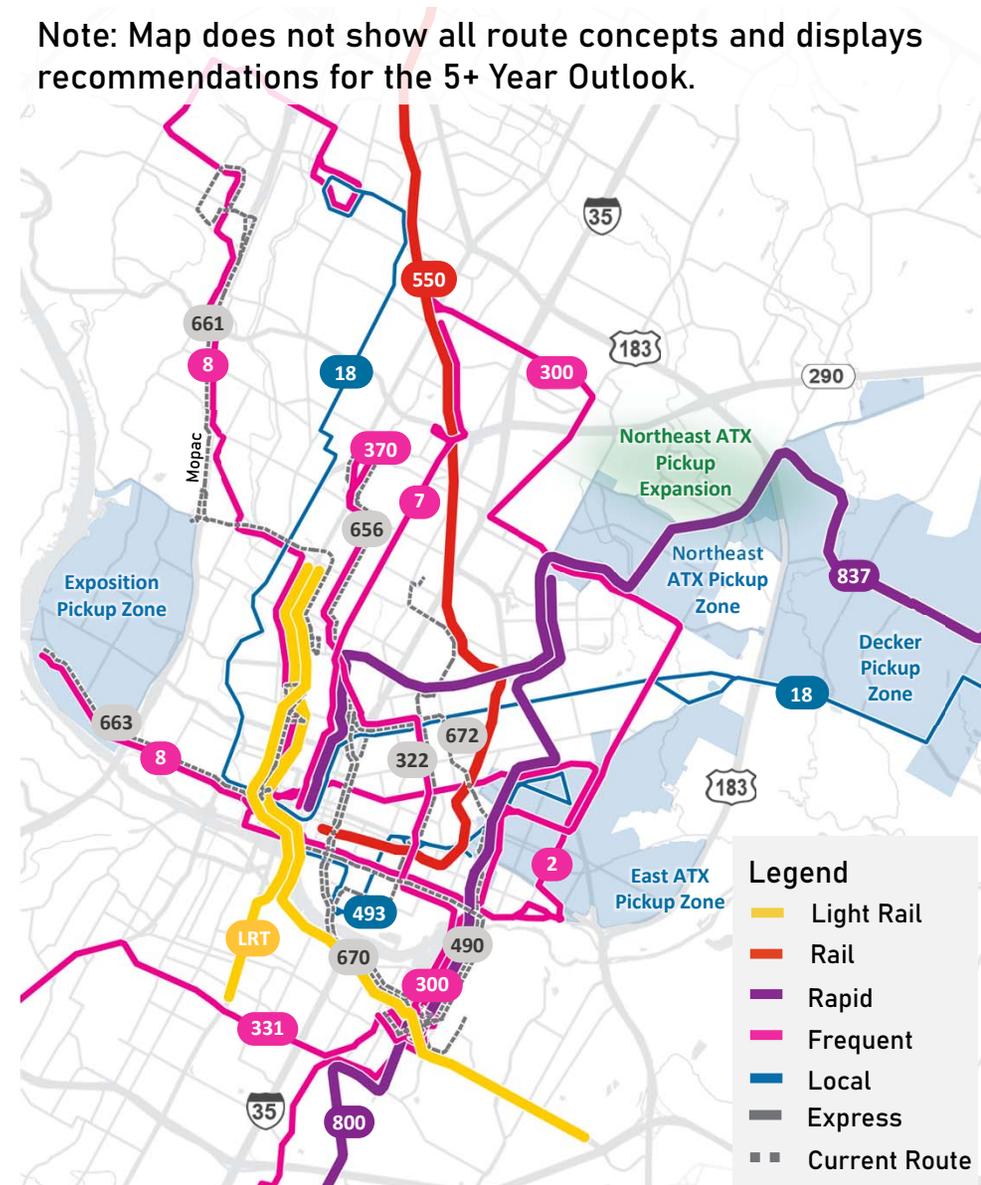
## Feedback

- Strong support for bi-directional circulator
- Better access to destinations in Mueller
- Request for Route 18 to operate further south in downtown
- Community input regarding Rapid 801 & 803 options with light rail

## Adjustments

- Minor routing adjustments near Mueller
- Route 18 will operate along 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> in Downtown

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# UT Shuttle Network

## Proposal Highlights

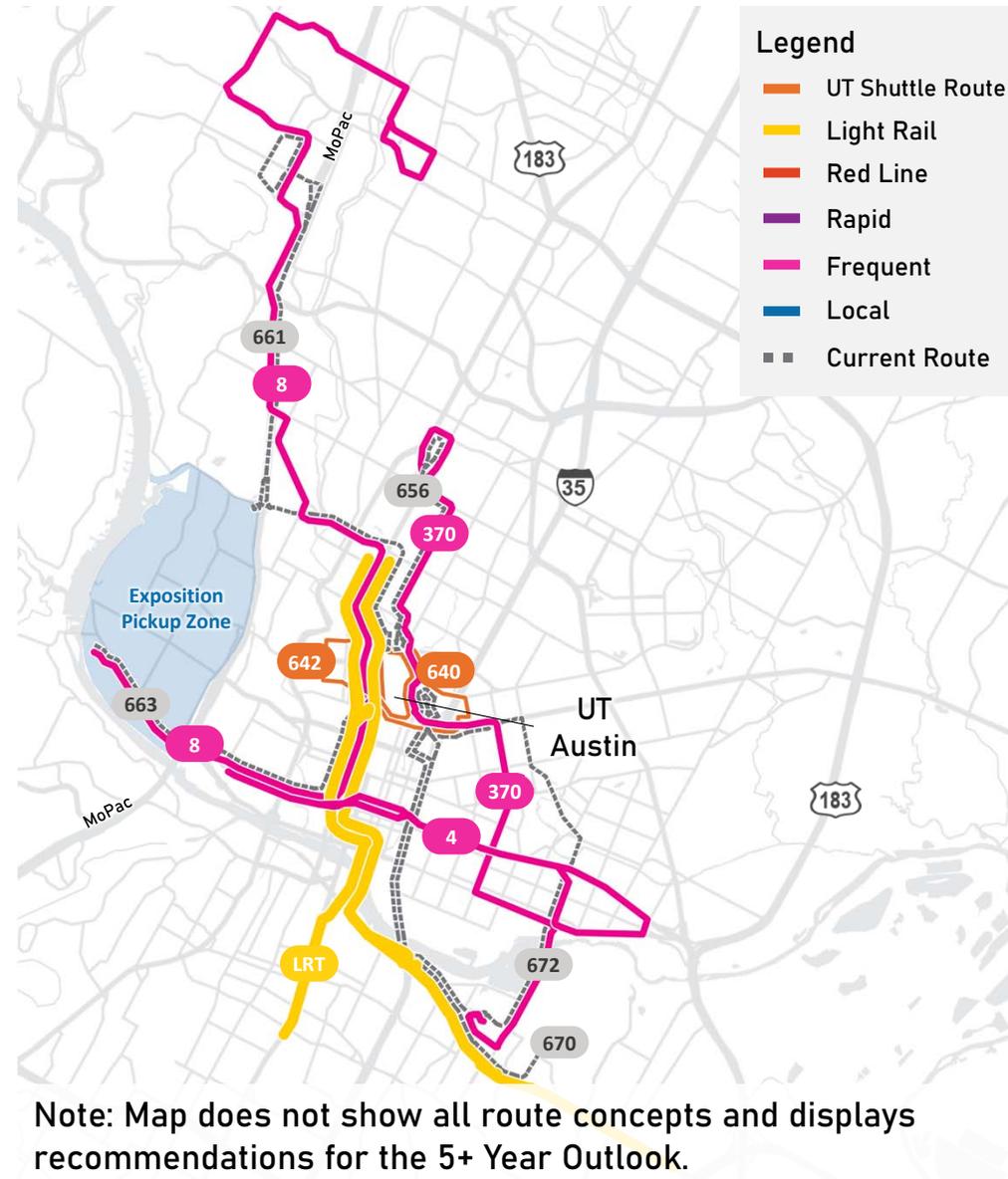
- Replace shuttle bus service with two new frequent mainline routes in 5-10 years
- Only 2 on-campus circulators remain

## Feedback

- Very positive
- Unanimous approval by UT Shuttle Bus Committee

## Adjustments

- None



# CapMetro Rail

## Proposal Highlights

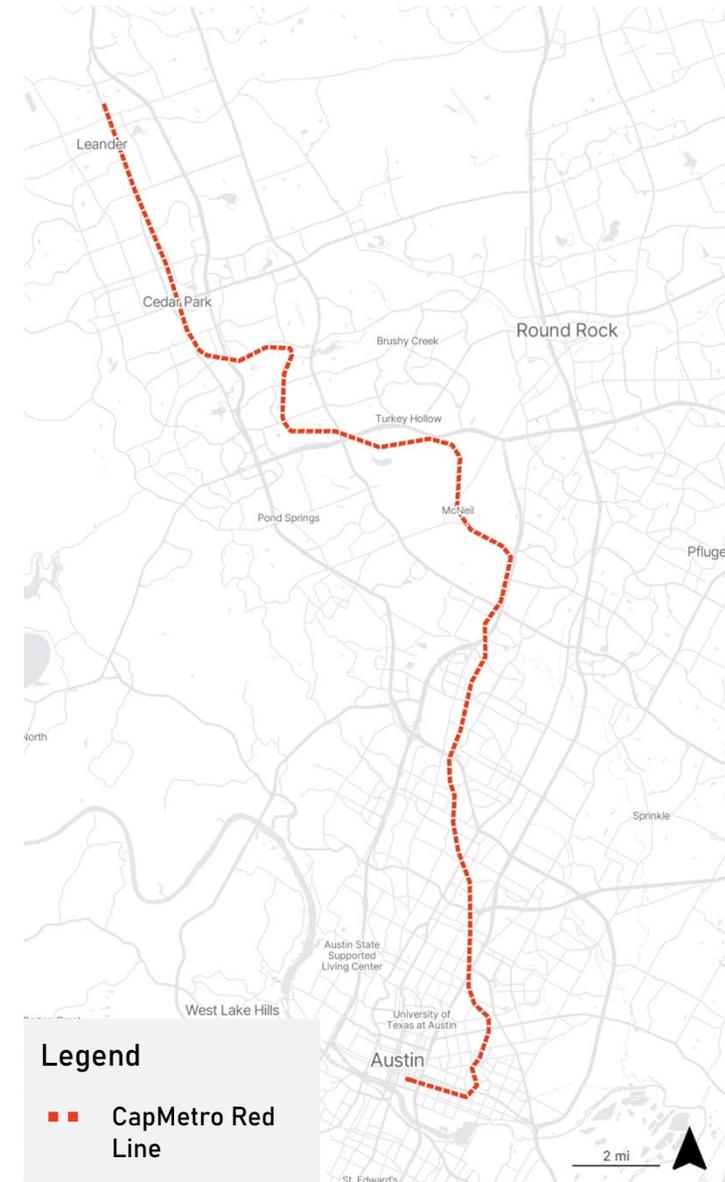
- Ongoing enhancements to reliability and speed of service
- Broadmoor Station opening near the Domain
- Improved connections with Rail at existing and upcoming stations
- Within the next five years, operate later on weekdays and earlier on Saturdays
- In 5-10-years, increase weekday and Saturday service to every 30-minutes

## Feedback

- Very positive
- Strong support for increased span and frequencies

## Adjustments

- None

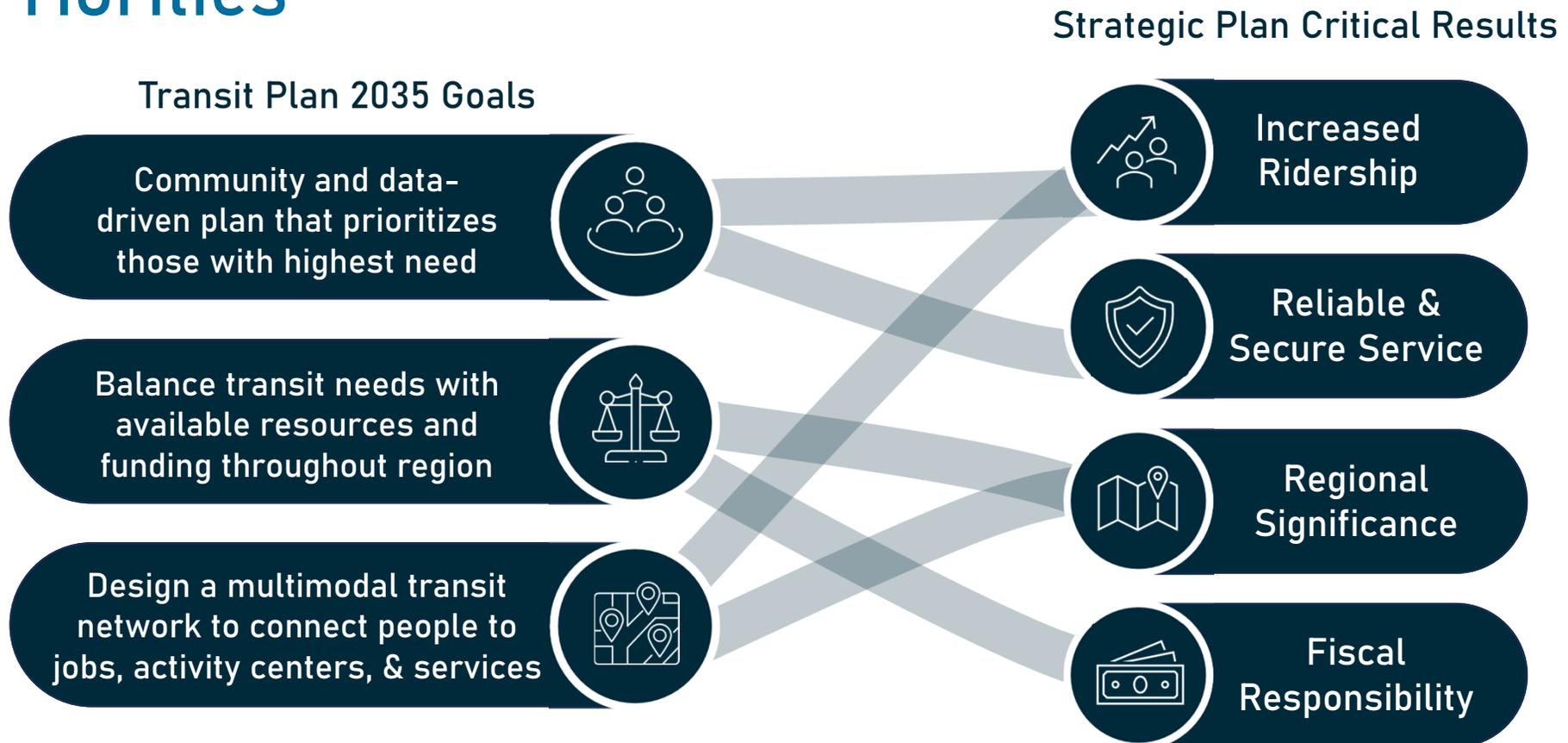


# Summary of Transit Plan 2035

✓ Supports CapMetro's goals	Grow ridership, ensure fiscal responsibility, and strengthen regional transportation role.
✓ Grounded in data & engagement	Informed by robust analysis and input from 10,000+ community members.
✓ Responsive to community needs	Aligns service with current travel patterns and prepares for Project Connect and regional growth.
✓ Phased & cost-effective	Near-term changes maximize limited resources; long-term plans align with CapMetro's operation of Austin Light Rail.

Next steps: Staff will return for board action to adopt the plan at the October 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

# Transit Plan Integrates with Other Organizational Priorities



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**Thank you!**

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