

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO to finalize and execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.

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## SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution authorizing the President & CEO to finalize and execute the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Austin, Capital Metro and the Austin Transit Partnership.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact.

## STRATEGIC PLAN:

## Strategic Goal Alignment:

- ☒ 1. Internal/External Customer Service Excellence ☒ 2. Stakeholder Engagement ☐ 5. Agency Growth Management
- ☐ 3. Financial and Environmental Sustainability ☒ 4. Staff Development

## Strategic Objectives:

- ☐ 1.1 Safety & Risk ☐ 1.2 Continuous improvement ☐ 1.3 Dynamic Change
- ☒ 1.4 Culture of Innovation ☐ 2.1 Be an Employer of Choice ☒ 2.2 Organization Development
- ☐ 2.3 Organization Culture ☒ 3.1 Resource optimization ☐ 3.2 Safety Culture
- ☐ 3.3 Environmental Leadership ☐ 4.1 Educate & Call to Action ☒ 4.2 Build Partnerships
- ☒ 4.3 Value of Transit ☒ 4.4 Project Connect

EXPLANATION OF STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT: The Joint Powers Agreement between Capital Metro, the City of

Austin and the Austin Transit Partnership is necessary to further articulate roles and responsibilities of each party as they work cooperatively to deliver the Project Connect program of projects.

**BUSINESS CASE:** The Joint Powers Agreement between Capital Metro, the City of Austin and the Austin Transit Partnership is necessary to further articulate roles and responsibilities of each party as they work cooperatively to deliver the Project Connect program of projects.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** This item was first presented for discussion during a joint work session of the Capital Metro Board, Austin Transit Partnership Board and Austin City Council on October 4, 2021. This item will be presented to the Capital Metro board for approval on November 10, 2021 during a special-called meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Joint Powers Agreement between Capital Metro, the City of Austin and the Austin Transit Partnership is necessary to further articulate roles and responsibilities of each party as they work cooperatively to deliver the Project Connect program of projects. The agreement includes commitments regarding community engagement, contracting requirements, funding for program elements, and general commitments about the delivery of Project Connect as envisioned. The agreement also references other agreements completed to date regarding topics such as the transit-supportive anti-displacement funds, support services, and more.

**DBE/SBE PARTICIPATION:** Does not apply.

**PROCUREMENT:** Does not apply.

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:** Executive Department.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS**

**AI-2021-233**

WHEREAS, Project Connect is a vision for how we move people today and plan for tomorrow, and will create an integrated transit system that eases traffic, brings jobs to our region, improves the environment and better connects people so everyone in our community can thrive; and

WHEREAS, making public transportation a real, viable alternative for more people will make the greatest positive impact for the environment and help achieve the City of Austin's ("City") 50/50 mode share goals established in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan ("ASMP") stating that the City "must work with our public transportation partners and enhance services to create an experience that attracts and retains riders" and "unprecedented collaboration between the community, the City, and Capital Metro is critical;" and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metro Board unanimously adopted the Project Connect System Plan (Capital Metro Board Resolution AI-2020-1273) that includes the Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green, and MetroRapid Lines on June 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council unanimously adopted a resolution of support for the Project Connect System Plan on June 10, 2020 (Austin City Council Resolution 20200610-002) and directed the City Manager to amend the ASMP to include the Project Connect System Plan and Locally Preferred Alternatives for the Orange, Blue, Gold, Green, and MetroRapid Lines, as adopted by the Capital Metro Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council ordered an election held on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of approving a tax rate to be used as a dedicated funding source for the Austin Transit Partnership (referred to by the City as the "Project Connect Tax Revenue") to further the objectives of the development and implementation of Project Connect, including funding for

transit supportive anti-displacement strategies, and for the purpose of approving funding for a fixed rail system; and authorizing Capital Metro to expend its funds to build, operate and maintain such a system as required by Section 451.071 of Texas Transportation Code; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metro Board and the City Council each approved an interlocal agreement, committing to, upon voter approval of the Project Connect Tax Revenue, create a joint local government corporation with articles of incorporation and bylaws, to be named Austin Transit Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Metro Board approved the Community Commitment Resolution, Resolution ID # AI-2020-1297, which included certain requirements be included in a Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Council Resolution No.20200807-003 and Ordinance 20200812-009, establishing a Contract with Voters related to Project Connect, and the Contract with Voters included certain requirements to be included in a Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, voters approved Proposition A in November 2020, supporting an investment in Project Connect and the creation of Austin Transit Partnership as the responsible party to implement Project Connect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and Capital Metro entered into an interlocal agreement approving the Austin Transit Partnership Articles of Incorporation and agreeing to create the Local Government Corporation, and the interlocal agreement requires certain items be included in a Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Capital Metro entered into an interlocal agreement with the Austin Transit Partnership to deliver some elements of the Project Connect program, and provide support services for the Austin Transit Partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Capital Metro President/CEO is directed to finalize and execute the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Austin and Austin Transit Partnership, for the purposes of guiding the implementation of the Project Connect high-capacity transit program.

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**Secretary of the Board**  
**Eric Stratton**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_