A Transit Plan for the Future

What’s in store for Austin’s Public Transit System
Agenda

• Capital Metro Overview & Facts
• About Connections2025
• Transit and our Region
  • Population and employment densities
  • System ridership
• Activities
• Connections2025 Next Steps
Capital Metro Facts

- **Ridership**: 32.9 million
- **Service Area**: 535 sq. miles
- **Routes**: 81
- **Bus Stops**: 2,750
- **Park & Rides / Transit Centers**: 20
- **Vehicles**: 806
- **Operating Budget**: $246 million
- **Farebox Revenue**: $25.6 million
- **Farebox Recovery**: 10.4%

Number of Routes:
- **MetroBus**: 51
- **UT Shuttles**: 12
- **Limited/Express**: 16
- **MetroRail**: 1

Share of Ridership:
- **80%**
  - **12%**
  - **2%**
  - **3%**
  - **2%**
  - **1%**

Types of Services:
- **On Demand**
- **Vanpools**
Why do Connections 2025?

- Changing Demographics
- Population Growth
- Declining Ridership
- Growth and Development
- Increasing Roadway Congestion
- Increasing Focus on Sustainability
- Improving the Customer Experience
Connections 2025 Goals

- Better Serve Customers
- Improve Transit Design
- Increase Ridership
- Build Community Ownership
- Define Transit’s Regional Role
What Will Be Studied?

**Market & Customers:** examine demographics, land uses, and travel patterns

**Transit Network & Design:** review current ridership, coverage, productivity and costs

**Short & Long-Term Recommendations:** develop actionable & financially sustainable recommendations (implemented 1-5 and 5-10 years)
Stakeholder & Public Involvement

Your input is crucial to Connections 2025!

• Over 60 organizations invited to participate
• Two series of open houses
• Pop-up meetings throughout Central Texas
• Connections2025.org
Anticipated Timeline

Data Collection & Review: October 2015 - November 2015
Five Year Service Plan: January 2016 - April 2016
Long Range Plan: March 2016 - June 2016
Final Transit Plan: June 2016 - September 2016

Ongoing Public Involvement

Today
April/May

Open Houses
Thinking About Transit

Activity 1: Where would you ride?
Thinking About Transit

Activity 2: I would ride transit more if...
Your Transit Priorities

- **Frequency**
  (service more often; tradeoff: coverage)

- **Coverage**
  (service to more places; tradeoff: frequency)

- **Easy to Transfer**
  (less wait time)

- **Direct Service**
  (no transfer)

- **Simplified Fares**

- **Shelters, Benches, Lighting**

- **WiFi, Real Time Info, Mobile App Improvements**

- **Reliable**
  (on-time, predictable, dependable)
Next Steps

• Join us to discuss draft plan recommendations in April/May 2016

• Visit Connections2025.org:
  • Get project updates
  • Sign up for emails
  • Take the online survey (open through February 2016)
  • Learn about upcoming events

• Have an idea or a question?
  Email Feedback@Connections2025.org or call 512-369-6000

Thank you for your participation!