A Transit Plan for the Future

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

• Capital Metro Overview & Facts
• About Connections2025
• Transit and our Region
  • Population and employment densities
  • System ridership
• Polling: What are your transit priorities?
• 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**: 51
  - MetroBus: 12%
  - UT Shuttles: 12%
  - Limited/Express: 2%
  - MetroRail: 3%
  - MetroAccess: 2%
  - On Demand: 1%
  - Vanpools: 1%

- **Share of Ridership**: 80%
Why do Connections 2025?

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

[Graph showing annual ridership decline]

[Images of urban development and congestion]

[Map showing population distribution]
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

System & Service Evaluation
November 2015 - February 2016

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...

- Transit works for me because...
- I would use transit more if...
- My trip would be faster if...
- I’d like the bus to go to...
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  - (service more often; tradeoff: coverage)

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  - (less wait time)

- **Direct Service**
  - (no transfer)

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- **Shelters, Benches, Lighting**

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- **Late Night or Weekend Service**
- **Park & Ride** (express service from parking facilities)
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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!