

# CENTRAL CORRIDOR ADVISORY GROUP

## MEETING #1 – CCAG Organization / Overview

June 26, 2013

Austin City Hall, Room 1029



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central corridor

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## Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Central Corridor Advisory Group Charge
- 3) Overview of Project Connect
- 4) Overview of Central Corridor
- 5) Central Corridor Work Plan – Next Steps
- 6) Next Meeting – August



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## CCAG Members

**Mayor Lee Leffingwell\*** - Mayor, City of Austin

**Council Member Bill Spelman\*+** – Council Member, City of Austin

**John Langmore\*** - Vice Chair, Capital Metro Board of Directors

**Sid Covington\*+** – Chair, Lone Star Rail Board of Directors

**Pat Clubb** - University of Texas at Austin

**Martha Smiley\*+** – Austin Area Research Organization (AARO), Austin Chamber

**Tom Stacy\*** – Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)

**Natalie Madeira Cofield** – President & CEO, Capital City African American Chamber of Commerce (CCAACC)

**Greg Hartman** – President and CEO Seton Medical Center Austin

**Aundre Dukes\*+** – Portfolio Manager and Public Liaison, Texas Facilities Commission

**Ali Khataw, P.E.** – Immediate Past Chair, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce (GAACC)

**Andy Martinez+** – President and CEO, Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GAHCC)

**Julia Montgomery** – Citizen (Austinites for Urban Rail Action-AURA)

**Dave Sullivan** – Citizen (former COA Planning Commission Member)

**Tim Taylor** – Citizen (Partner, Austin Office of Jackson Walker LLP)

**Boone Blocker** – Citizen; Vice Chair, Urban Transportation Commission

\*CAMPO Transit Working Group (TWG) Member

+Project Connect: North Corridor (PCNC) Project Advisory Group (PAG) Member

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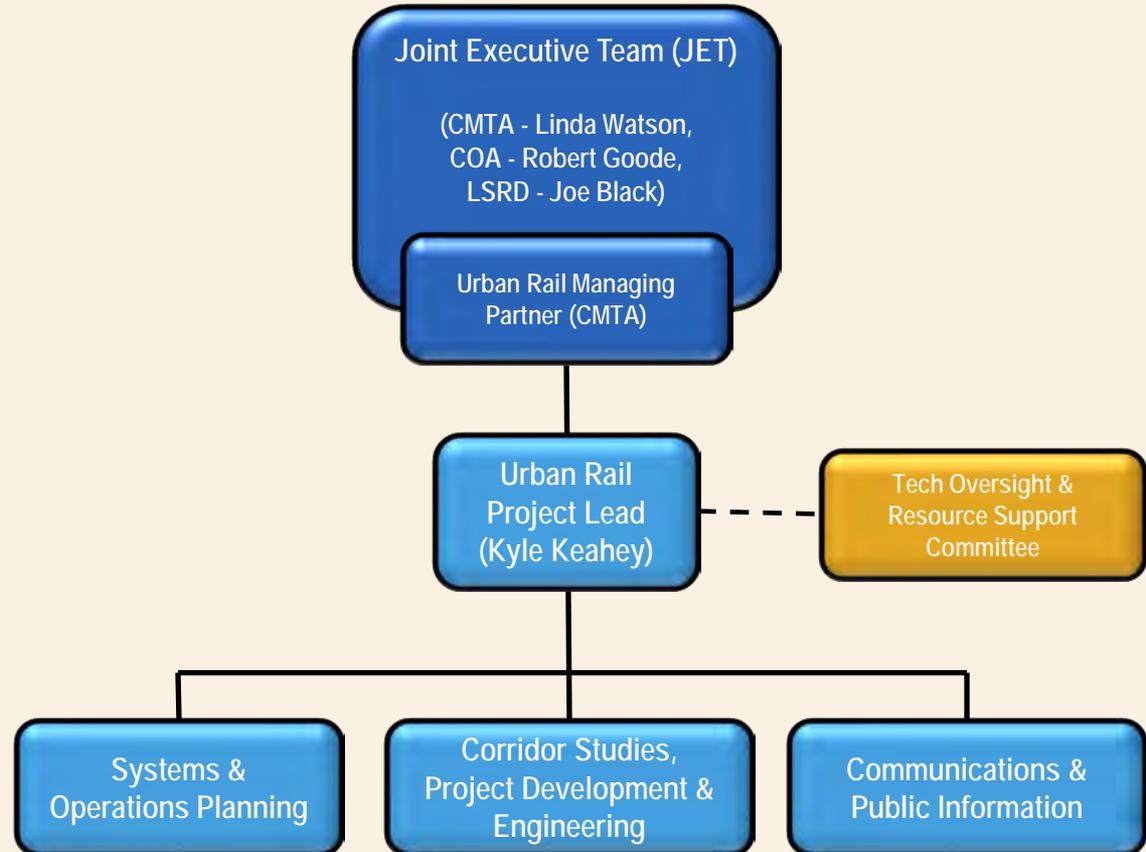
## Who 'We' Are – Project Organization

Inter-Agency Team Established by Project Connect Interlocal Agreement

Oversight Committee

Planning and Project Development Lead

Resources Assigned by Project Connect Partners



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# CCAG Charge

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## CCAG Charge

The CCAG will:

- Ensure open and transparent public process
- Advise Mayor and project team in prioritizing and defining a preferred alignment for the next high-capacity transit investment for the Central Corridor
- Assist project team in a meaningful dialogue with the community



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## CCAG Process

- **Frequency:** Monthly Meetings, typically Fridays at 1:30
- **Location:** Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions room (typically)
- **Agendas:** Published in advance, available online
- **Video:** Channel 6, available on-demand
- **Public Involvement:** During milestone meetings, via website and email, community workshops



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# Overview of Project Connect

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## Project Connect

- A **partnership** between Central Texas transportation agencies
- A regional, long-range high-capacity transit **system plan** for Central Texas

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## Project Development Process

- **Regional Plan**
- **System Plan**
- **Corridor Studies**
- **Preliminary Design/Environmental Analysis**
- **Final Design**
- **Construction**
- **Operation**



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## Project Connect

- **System:** How will high capacity transit components in CAMPO 2035 plan work as a system?
- **Organization:** How will our region organize to develop and operate the system?
- **Funding:** How will we pay for the system over the long term?



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## Transit Working Group

- CAMPO subcommittee
- Primary stakeholder group in the Project Connect process
- 26 meetings over past 18 months
- Role: Evaluate and provide input on a regional high-capacity transit plan for Central Texas



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# High-Capacity Transit

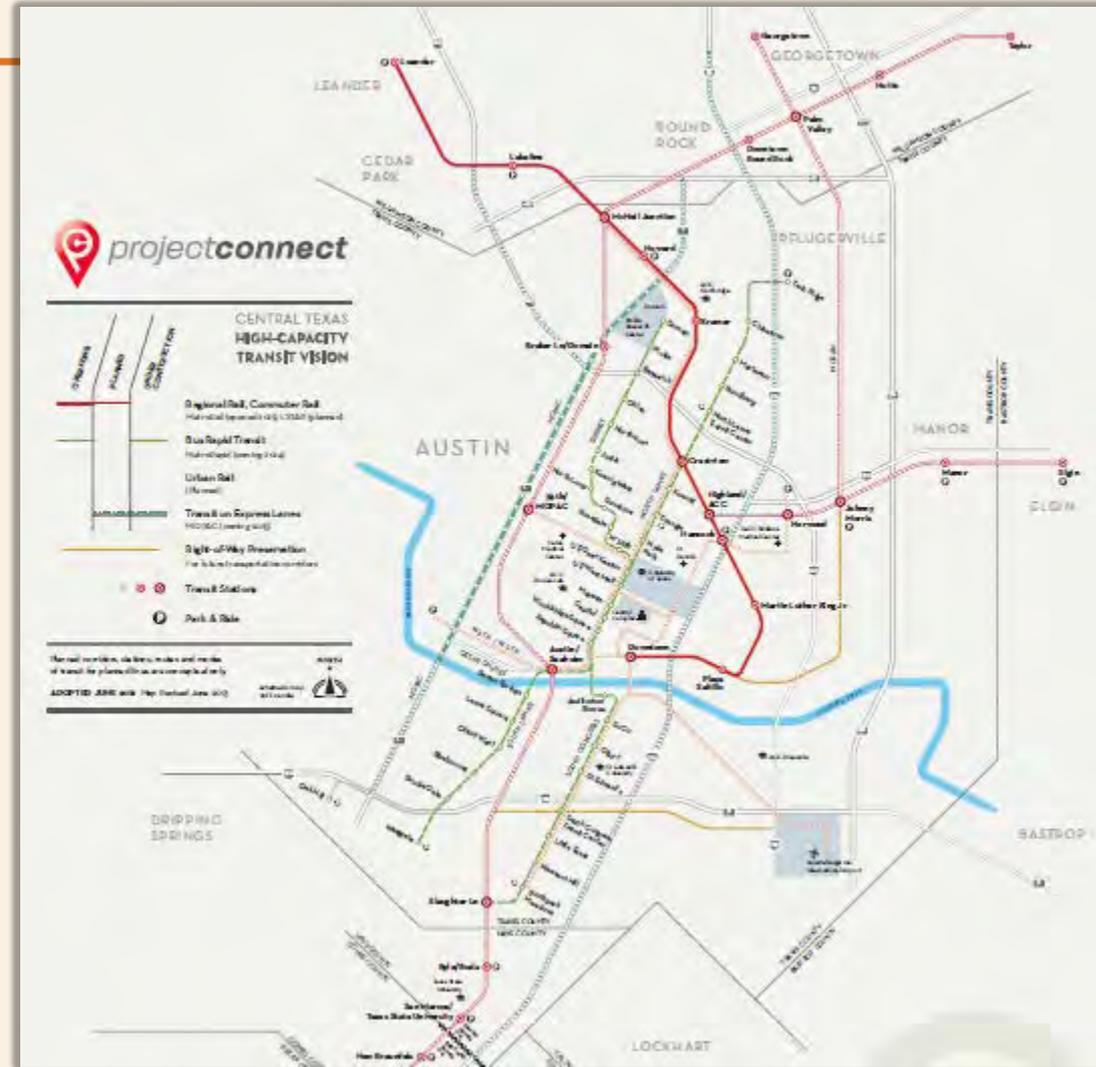
- Has one or both of the following:
  - Dedicated lane/right-of way for at least a portion
  - Transit priority
- Fewer stops, higher speeds, more frequent service, carries more people
- Congestion Resistant/Proof



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## Vision Map

- 25 Centers & ABIA
- 4 Counties/13 Cities
  - Bastrop: Elgin
  - Hays: Buda, Kyle, San Marcos
  - Travis: Austin, Manor, Pflugerville
  - Williamson: Cedar Park, Georgetown, Hutto, Leander, Round Rock, Taylor



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# TWG Recommendations

## TWG Resolution

- Endorses the vision
- Encourage the Corridor Studies to use the System Plan - TWG Priorities and Recommendations
- CAMPO should use the report as they develop the 2040 plan
- Project Connect Team should work with regional partners to garner their endorsement
- TWG members garner endorsement from organizations
- TWG continue receiving updates on corridor studies



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## Supporting TWG & Project Connect

- Austin Chamber
- Real Estate Council of Austin (RECA)
- Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA)
- Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA)
- Movability Austin
- Congress for the New Urbanism Central Texas Chapter (CNU-CTX)

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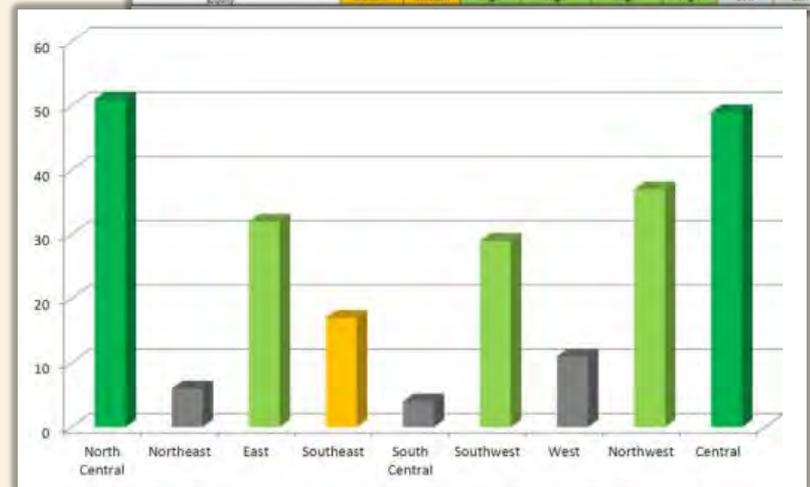
# Overview of Central Corridor

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# Project Connect Corridor Prioritization

1. Five criteria categories
  - Centers, Congestion, Core, Constraints, Growth
  - 19 specific criteria
2. Corridors created
3. Data collected on criteria
4. Corridors analyzed
5. Corridors ranked

| Factor                        | Criteria  | Corridors™    |           |        |           |               |           |        |           |         |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|
|                               |   | North Central | Northeast | East   | Southeast | South Central | Southwest | West   | Northwest | Central |
| CENTERS                       | Number of CAMPO Century Plans   | High          | Low       | Low    | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Medium    | Medium  |
|                               | Supportive Economic Development   | High          | Low       | Medium | High      | Low           | Low       | Low    | High      | High    |
|                               | Building Permits within existing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Centers | High          | Low       | High   | Low       | Low           | Low       | Low    | Medium    | Low     |
| CONGESTION                    | Estimated Congestion in Corridor (2010)                                     | Medium        | Low       | Medium | Medium    | Low           | Medium    | High   | High      | High    |
|                               | Projected Congestion in Corridor (2035)                                     | Medium        | Low       | High   | High      | Low           | Medium    | High   | Medium    | High    |
|                               | Total Vehicle Hours Traveled per Mile (2010)                                | High          | Low       | Medium | Medium    | Low           | Medium    | Medium | High      | High    |
|                               | Total Vehicle Hours Traveled per Mile (2035)                                | High          | Low       | Medium | High      | Low           | Medium    | Medium | High      | High    |
| CORE                          | Transportation Demand per Acre (2010)                                       | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Medium    | High    |
|                               | Transportation Demand per Acre (2035)                                       | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Medium    | High    |
|                               | Trips to Core per Acre (2010)   | High          | Low       | High   | Low       | Low           | High      | Low    | High      | High    |
| Trips to Core per Acre (2035) | High  | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Low       | High          | Low       | Medium | High      |         |
| CONSTRAINTS                   | Environmental Suitability   | High          | High      | Medium | Low       | High          | Medium    | Medium | High      | Low     |
|                               | Existing Rail ROW   | High          | Medium    | High   | Low       | Low           | High      | Low    | Low       | High    |
| GROWTH                        | Existing Population (2010)  | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | High      | Low    | High      | High    |
|                               | Existing Employment (2010)  | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Medium    | High    |
|                               | Projected Population (2035)   | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | High      | High    |
|                               | Projected Employment (2035)   | High          | Low       | Medium | Low       | Low           | Medium    | Low    | Medium    | High    |
| Equity                        | Medium  | Medium        | High      | High   | High      | High          | Low       | Low    | Medium    |         |



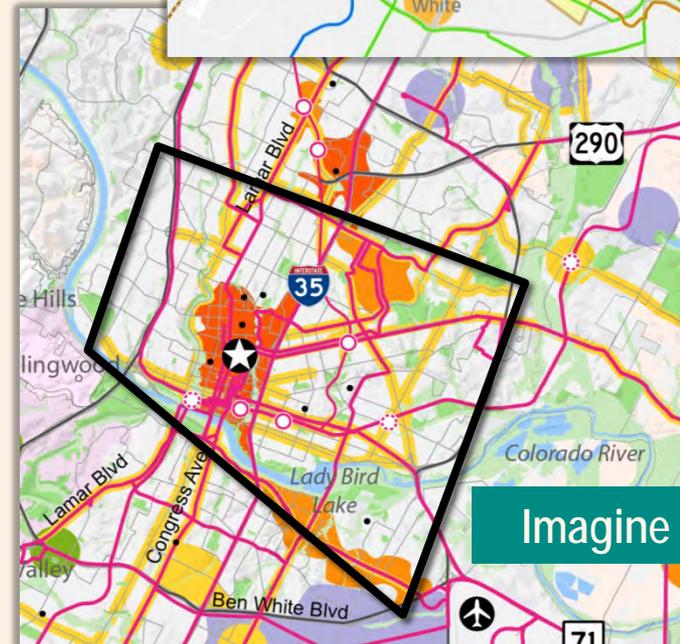
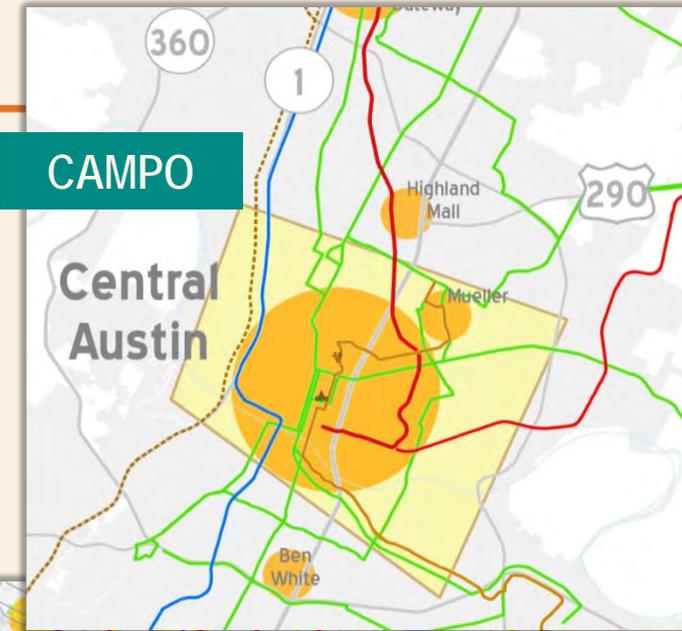


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## Central Corridor

### Centers

- CAMPO
  - Central Austin & Mueller
- Imagine Austin
  - Regional Center, Town Centers, Neighborhood Centers, Activity Corridors
- Plan is to link Centers with transit



Imagine Austin

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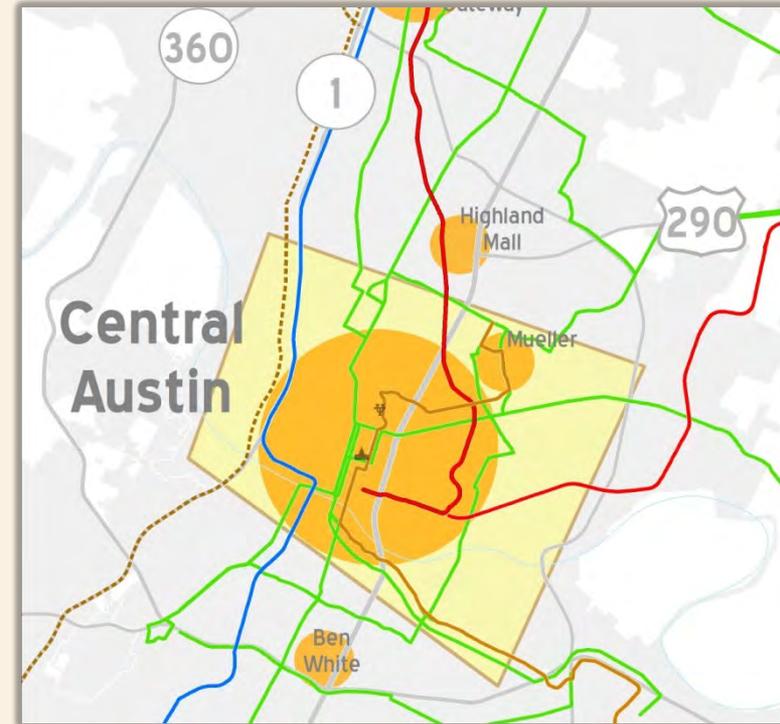
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## Key Factors

- 166,500 Residents
- 197,000 Employees (23% of Region)
- 269,000 Daily Work Trips to Central
- 47,000 Daily Work Trips *within* Central

## Projected Growth 2010-2035

- 42% Population increase
- 48% Employment increase



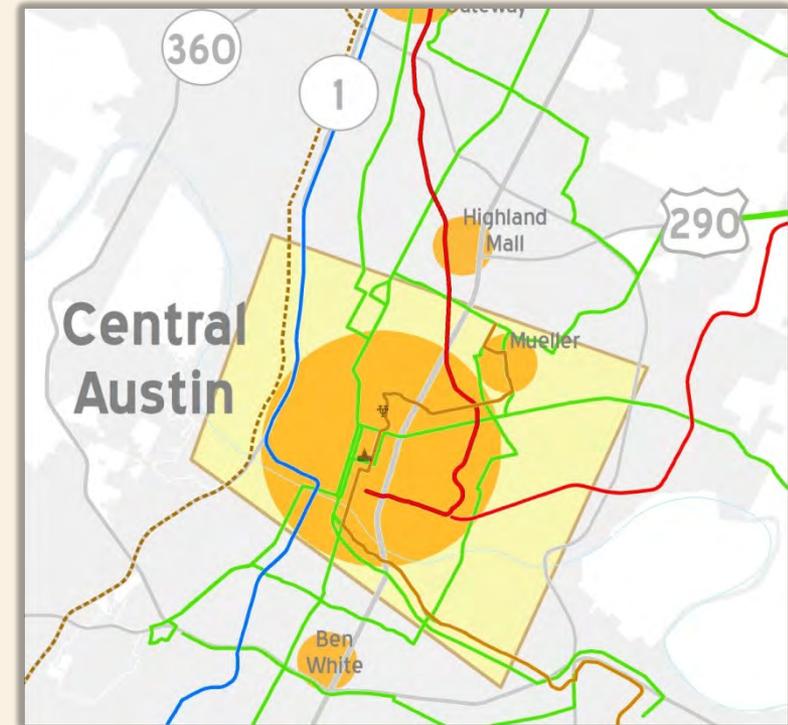
Source: Adopted CAMPO 2035 Travel Demand Model, US Census Bureau LEHD OnTheMap 2011 (Regional Employment)

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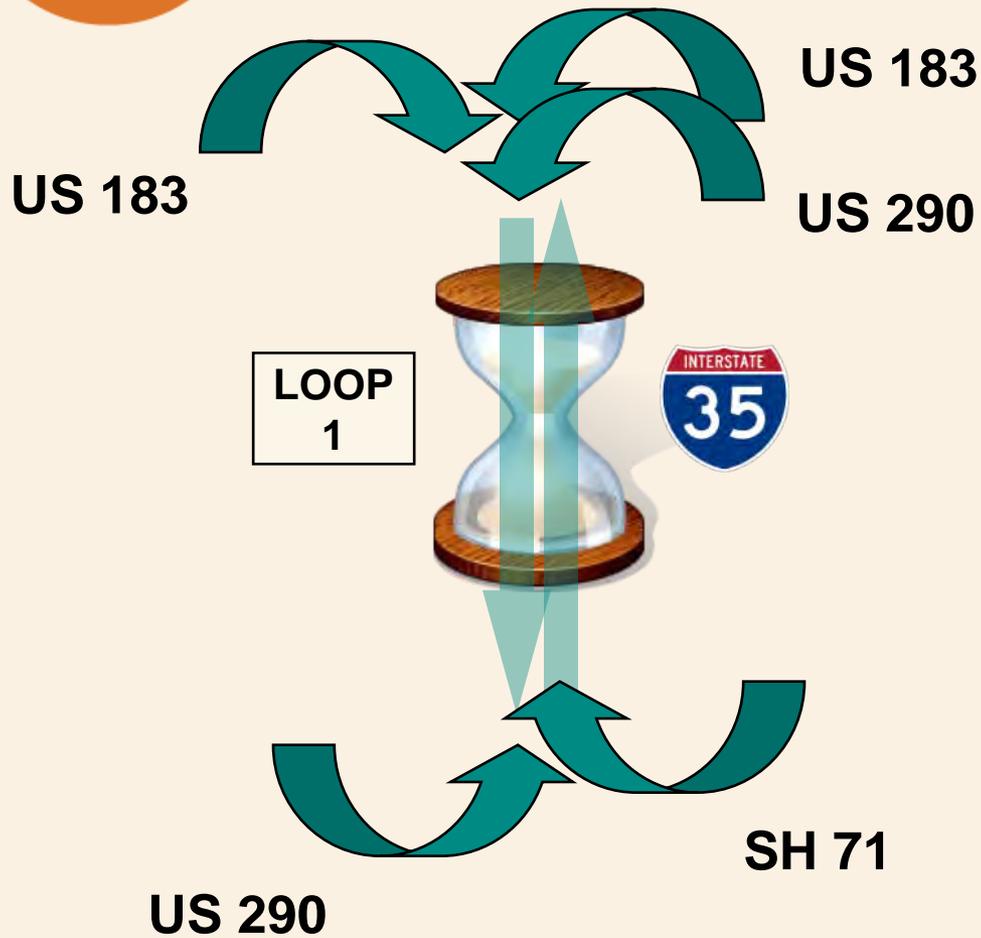
## CAMPO 2035 High-Capacity Modes

- Regional Rail
- Commuter Rail
- Urban Rail
- BRT
- Transit in Express Lanes



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# Central Corridor (cont.)



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# Central Corridor Work Plan

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## Central Corridor Work Plan

- Work Plan is under development by staff and consultants
  - Project Management Team (PMT) established
  - Consultant scopes of work under development
- Work Plan will be presented to CCAG at August meeting



- **Work Plan Objectives:**
  - Establish Robust Public Involvement Program
  - Evaluate and Select Priority Sub-Corridor within Central Corridor
  - Identify Alternative Alignments for Evaluation
  - Conduct Comparative Evaluation of Alternative Alignments and Modes
  - Select Preferred Alternative for Potential Bond Election and Advancement into Environmental
  - Develop Project Funding Plan - Capital and O&M Costs



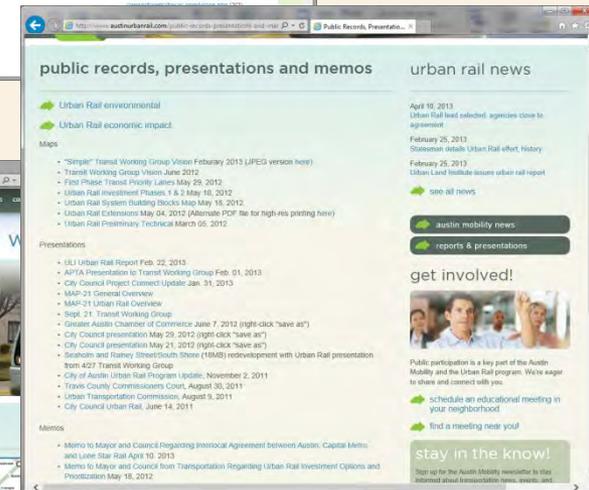
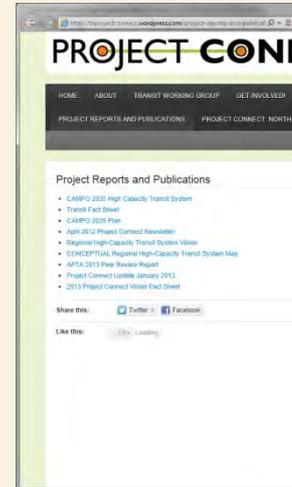
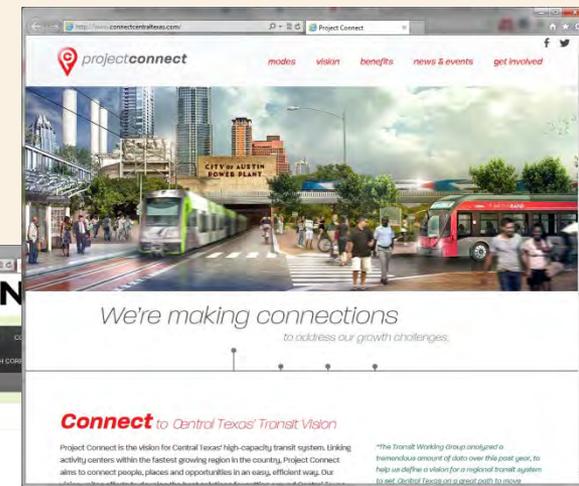
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# Next Meeting

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# CCAG Next Steps

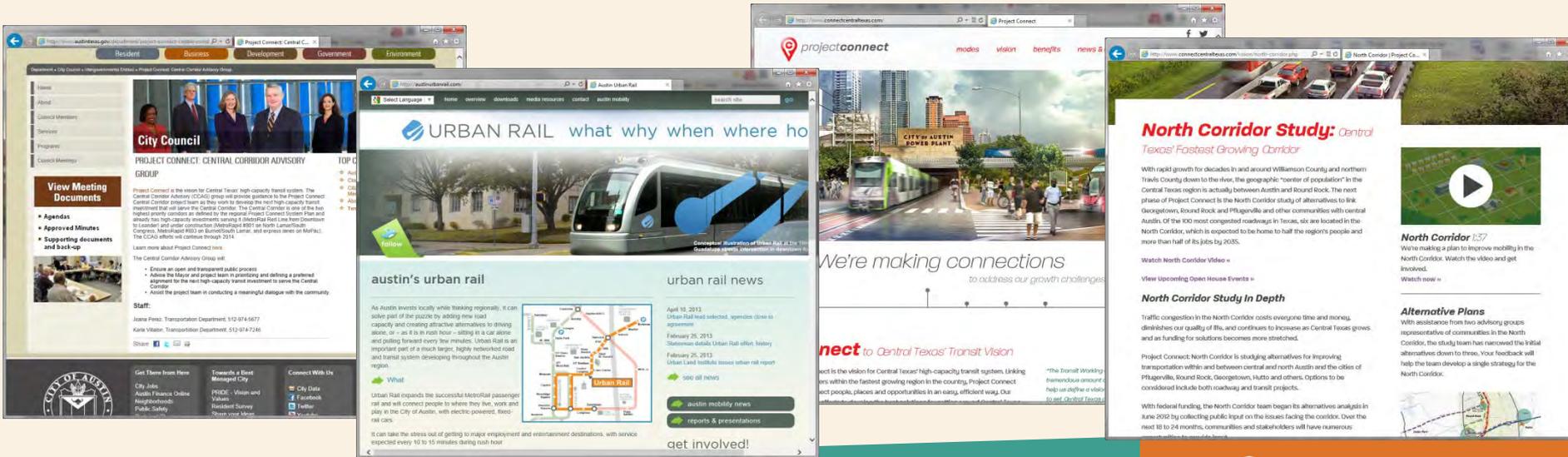
- Next Meeting: August 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm
- Homework(?!)
  - Project Connect
    - connectcentraltexas.com
    - txprojectconnect.wordpress.com/project-reports-and-publications
  - Urban Rail
    - www.austinurbanrail.com
    - www.austinurbanrail.com/public-records-presentations-and-memos



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# More Information

- CCAG: [www.austintexas.gov/department/project-connect-central-corridor-advisory-group](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/project-connect-central-corridor-advisory-group)
- Project Connect: [www.connectcentraltexas.com](http://www.connectcentraltexas.com)
- Urban Rail: [austinurbanrail.com](http://austinurbanrail.com)
- Project Connect: North Corridor: [www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision/north-corridor.php](http://www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision/north-corridor.php)



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