

## **Palm Beach TPA Peer Visit to Austin, TX**

### **Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 12** (Travel / Arrival Day)

**Hotel:** [Marriot Courtyard Austin Downtown/Convention Center](#) (300 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Optional Activity:** Meet in hotel lobby at 3 p.m. for a bicycle ride in downtown Austin.

**Thursday, April 13**

**8:30 a.m.**            **Meet in Hotel Lobby**, departing by 8:40  
Walk to Project Connect 203 Colorado Street, Austin TX 78701

**9:00 a.m.**            **Kickoff Briefing**  
Kickoff briefing with coffee and light refreshments, CapMetro Interim President & CEO, Dottie Watkins, and invited partner-agency executives. Following opening remarks and introductions, overview of CapMetro and Austin community.

*CapMetro Interim President & CEO Dottie Watkins  
City of Austin Project Connect Officer, Annick Beaudet*

**10:00 a.m.**            **Investing in the Future: Intro to Project Connect**  
Overview of the multi-billion-dollar Project Connect transit expansion program, including system plan and Locally Preferred Alternative development, and the 2020 Proposition A election.

*CapMetro Interim President & CEO Dottie Watkins  
ATP Interim Executive Director Greg Canally  
ATP Chief of Planning and Risk Management, Jenn Pyne  
City of Austin Project Connect Officer, Annick Beaudet*

**11:00 a.m.**            **Looking ahead: Project Connect Implementation**  
Discussion with CapMetro, Austin Transit Partnership (ATP), City of Austin senior staff on the details of Project Connect as a program, timeline, and steps from concept to implementation.

*CapMetro Interim President & CEO Dottie Watkins  
ATP Chief of Planning and Risk Management, Jenn Pyne  
City of Austin, Deputy Officer, Project Connect Office, Jenn Golech*

**12:00 p.m.**            **Working Lunch - Building Community: Housing and Transit**  
Discussion with CapMetro, ATP, City of Austin Senior Staff and Board members on economic development, working with private developers, placemaking, designing transit systems and facilities for the customer and non-customer alike.

*CapMetro EVP Planning and Development, Sharmila Mukherjee*

*City of Austin Project Connect Officer, Annick Beaudet  
ATP Chief of Architecture and Urban Design, Peter Mullen*

**1:30 p.m.**

**Austin Field Trip #1: Project Connect Tour**

Meet for special bus trip up Project Connect light rail corridor with briefings from CapMetro and ATP senior staff.

Tour CapMetro North Ops facility to see electric charging infrastructure, rail maintenance facility, Operations Control Center.

Brief tour of CapMetro Red Line-adjacent Austin FC MLS stadium, including site of future infill station and discussion of P3s. Return to delegation hotel via special CapMetro bus.

*CapMetro Deputy Chief of Staff, Cheyenne Krause  
Austin Transit Partnership Interim Director of Engagement, Lonny Stern  
City of Austin, TBD*

**5:00 p.m.**

**Networking Hour** (TBD – Downtown Austin)

Social hour before delegation dinner with Austin guests, location TBD.

**Friday, April 14**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Meet in Hotel Lobby**, departing by 8:40

Walk to Project Connect 203 Colorado Street, Austin TX 78701

**9:00 a.m.**

**Transit Coalition Building**

Discussion with CapMetro, Austin Transit Partnership, City of Austin elected officials and board members and transit advocates on the passage of Proposition A (Project Connect funding) and how to keep people involved post-election.

Building a culture of transit in the sunbelt; how to get buy-in.

*Mayor Steve Adler  
Austin City Council Member & CapMetro Board Member Ann Kitchen  
CapMetro Board Member Wade Cooper (cont.)  
CapMetro Board Chair Jeff Travillion  
Patrick Rose – key participant in election phase  
Bill McCamely – Executive Director of Transit Forward  
Lynda Rife – key participant in election phase  
Austin Transit Partnership Board Chair Castro de Barrera*

**11:30 a.m.**

**Working Lunch: The Role of Agencies in Education**

Discussion of the resources invested by CapMetro to support the education and awareness of our community regarding CapMetro services before and during their consideration of 2020 Proposition A.

*CapMetro EVP Engagement and Experience (CXO) Samantha Alexander*

**1:00 p.m. Break**

**1:30 p.m. Austin Field Trip 2**

Discussion with CapMetro staff of placemaking near transit facilities.

Red Line trip to Plaza Saltillo Station for walk around a TOD development with CapMetro planning staff, followed by Red Line trip further north to Crestview Station for further discussion of TOD, multimodal connections.

*CapMetro EVP Planning and Development, Sharmila Mukherjee*

*City of Austin – Stevie Greathouse*

*Austin Transit Partnership Chief of Architecture and Urban Design, Peter Mullan*

**5:00 p.m. Networking Hour** (TBD – Downtown Austin)

Social hour before delegation dinner with Austin guests, location TBD.

**Saturday, October 1:** Travel / Departure Day