Palm Beach TPA Peer Visit to Austin, TX

Wednesday April 12 – Friday April 14, 2023

AGENDA

Wednesday April 12 *(travel arrival day)*

Hotel Check In	[Marriot Courtyard Austin Downtown/Convention Center](#)
	300 E. 4TH ST., Austin, TX, 78701
3:00 p.m.	**Walk/Bicycle Activity** *(optional)*
	Meet in Hotel Lobby at 2:30 – 3 p.m. for a leisurely group walk or bicycle activity to experience Austin's multimodal facilities.
4:00 p.m.	**Austin Transportation Department Meet & Greet**
	Meet at the Hotel Rooftop Terrace 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for a meet & greet with Laura Dierenfield, Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager for the Austin Transportation Department, to learn about Austin's experience integrating multimodal facilities in their transportation system and their partnership with the Dutch Cycling Embassy.
5:00 p.m.	**Break**
5:45 p.m.	**Depart for Dinner** *(optional)*
	Meet in Hotel Lobby at 5:30 – 5:45 p.m. to walk to dinner, location TBD.

Thursday, April 13

8:45 a.m.	**Depart Hotel**
	Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Walk to [Austin Transit Partnership (ATP)](#), approximately 10-min. walk.
9:00 a.m.	**Kickoff Briefing**
	Kickoff briefing with coffee and light refreshments, CapMetro President & CEO, Dottie Watkins.
	Following opening remarks and introductions, overview of CapMetro and Austin community.
	CapMetro President & CEO Dottie Watkins *CapMetro Chief of Staff Cheyenne Krause*

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.

Cheyenne Krause, Chief of Staff, CapMetro
Liane Conte, Chief of Staff, Project Connect Office, City of Austin
TBD – Austin Transit Partnership

11:00 a.m.   **Looking ahead: Project Connect Implementation**

Discussion with CapMetro, ATP, City of Austin senior staff on the details of Project Connect as a program, timeline, and steps from concept to implementation.

Cheyenne Krause, Chief of Staff, CapMetro
Liane Conte, Chief of Staff, Project Connect Office, City of Austin
TBD – Austin Transit Partnership

12:00 p.m.   **Working Lunch*: Building Community - Housing & 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.

Sharmila Mukherjee, CapMetro EVP Planning and Development
Peter Mullan, ATP Chief of Architecture and Urban Design
Anna Lan, Manager, Transit Oriented Development, CapMetro
TBD – City of Austin

*Lunch will be provided.

1:30 p.m.   **Austin Field Trip #1: Project Connect Tour**

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

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

Cheyenne Krause, CapMetro Chief of Staff
Jocelyn Vokes, ATP

5:00 p.m.   **Return to Hotel**

5:15 p.m.   **Depart for Dinner** *(optional)*

Meet in Hotel Lobby at 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. to walk to dinner, location TBD.

7:15 p.m.   **Walk / Bicycle Activity** *(optional)* to [Statesman Bat Observation Center](#) to see bats at sunset, approximately 17-min. walk; 5-min bicycle ride.

Friday, April 14

8:45 a.m.　　**Depart Hotel**

Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
Walk to Austin Transit Partnership (ATP), approximately 10-minute walk.

9:00 a.m.　　**Transit Coalition Building**

Discussion with CapMetro, ATP, 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.

Bill McCamely – Executive Director of Transit Forward
Lynda Rife – Key participant in election phase
Awais Azhar – Advisory Committee Chair

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.

Samantha Alexander, CapMetro EVP Engagement and Experience (CXO)

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1:00 p.m.　　**Break**

1:30 p.m.　　**Austin Field Trip 2**

Discussion with CapMetro, City and ATP staff of placemaking near transit facilities.

Bus trip to Plaza Saltillo Station for walk around a TOD development followed by Red Line trip further north to Crestview Station for further discussion of TOD, multimodal connections, and McKalla Station (under construction station to serve Austin FC Soccer Stadium and surrounding communities).

Anna Lan, ETOD Program Manager, CapMetro
Sharmila Mukherjee, EVP, Planning and Development Officer, CapMetro
TBD – Austin Transit Partnership

5:00 p.m.　　**Return to Hotel**

Dinner Recommendations:

- [Coopers BBQ](#) – 6-min. walk
- [Fixe](#) (upscale southern food) 13-min. walk
- [La Condesa (Mexican Food)](#) – 11-min. walk
- [El Arroyo (Mexican Food)](#) – 1.7 miles from hotel (12-minute bike ride)

PALM BEACH COUNTY PARTICIPANTS

Participants	Title and Agency
1. Chelsea Reed	TPA Board Chair / Palm Beach Gardens Mayor
2. Gregg Weiss	TPA Board Member / Palm Beach County Mayor
3. Michael Napoleone	TPA Board Member / Wellington Councilman
4. Yvette Drucker	TPA Board Member / Boca Raton Council Member
5. Christy Fox	TPA Board Member / West Palm Beach Commissioner
6. Jeff Hmara	TPA Board Member Alternate / Royal Palm Beach Councilman
7. Verdenia Baker	Palm Beach County Administrator
8. Todd Bonlarron	Palm Beach County Assistant Administrator
9. Clinton Forbes	Palm Tran Executive Director
10. David Ricks	Palm Beach County Engineer
11. David Dech	SFRTA Executive Director
12. Diane Del Calvo Hernandez	SFRTA Deputy Executive Director/ EEO Officer
13. Michele Jacobs	President & CEO at Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.
14. Uyen Dang	West Palm Beach Transportation Engineering Representative
15. Valerie Neilson	TPA Executive Director
16. Brian Ruscher	TPA Deputy of Multimodal