AUSTIN URBAN RAIL PROJECT: A KEYSTONE FOR REGIONAL HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT

RAILVOLUTION OCTOBER 2012
ACTIVITY CONCENTRATION IN CORE

• About 25% of jobs in the 5-county region located in core (78701, 78703, 78704, 78705)*

• 51,000 students at UT (80% off campus); 9,000 at ACC’s Rio Grande campus
  - 4th highest CBD concentration in the nation
  - 9M SqFt built since 2000 ($2B value)
  - 8M SqFt actively under way, planned (12+ buildings, 15,000 employees, $2B value)


University students not counted as part of employment density
“ONE SYSTEM” TRANSIT OPERATIONS

• Project Connect: Updated High Capacity Transit System Plan

- Commuter Rail
- Regional Rail
- Urban Light Rail
- Arterial Rapid Bus
- Express Lanes w/Bus

• One System Approach – seamless integrated system:
  - Operations and schedules
  - Maintenance,
  - Fares and routing,
  - Customer service & information,
  - Management,
  - Future planning & design,
  - Facilities
Phase 1 Capital: $550 M
- $275 Local GO bonds
- $275 New Starts
Phase 1 O&M $16 M/Yr
Opening Year: 2021

O&M Sources:
Farebox (15%)
Property and/or Sales Tax
FTA formula grants
Public Improvement Dist.
Parking Revenue
Other
(3% cost escalation/yr)
PROJECT CONNECT:
INTEGRATED RAIL OPERATIONS

CMTA – MetroRail
LSRD – LSTAR
COA – Urban Rail

Other Financial Partners

System Policy Committee

Exec. Oversight
Manager & staff
Integrated Rail Services

Transit Working Group

“One System” Approach – multiple systems operating together for seamless service delivery.