



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Austin Mayor and Council Members, Austin Transit Partnership Board Chair and Board Members, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board Chair and Board Members

FROM: Susan Somers, Vice Chair, Project Connect Community Advisory Committee

CC: Greg Canally, Executive Director, Austin Transit Partnership
Dottie Watkins, President and CEO, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority
T.C. Broadnax, City Manager, City of Austin

DATE: June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Appointment to Project Connect Community Advisory Committee

On June 12, 2025, the Project Connect Community Advisory Committee (CAC) voted unanimously to recommend Joseph El Habr to fill a mid-term vacancy on the CAC that resulted from the resignation of former member Gretchen Flatau.

The CAC followed Section 3.7 of the updated CAC Bylaws that allows the CAC to make a mid-term vacancy recommendation for final approval by the ATP Board, CapMetro Board, and Austin City Council. To reach this recommendation, the CAC Governance Working Group reviewed applications from the most recent CAC applicant pool and considered the current expertise on the CAC and potential gaps to identify the best candidate for this current vacancy. The candidate recommendation was then reviewed and voted on by the full CAC at the June 12 regular meeting.

If approved for appointment, Joseph El Habr's term will expire on December 31, 2027.

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On May 8, 2025, during our regular meeting, the CAC recognized Gretchen Flatau for her service. Ms. Flatau was one of the original members of the CAC and went above and beyond helping to establish our

body, including her leadership as Vice Chair and participation on several working groups. Also, CAC members would like to thank ATP staff for working closely with the CAC throughout this process and to the leadership of the ATP Board, CapMetro Board, and Austin City Council for their continued support of the CAC and its efforts. If you have any questions, you can reach out to me at [bc-susan.somers@austintexas.gov](mailto:susan.somers@austintexas.gov),

Record of the vote:

June 12, 2025: Recommendation of Joseph El Habr approved on an 8-0-0 vote (two members absent; one vacancy).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Somers".

Susan Somers

Vice Chair, Project Connect Community Advisory Committee