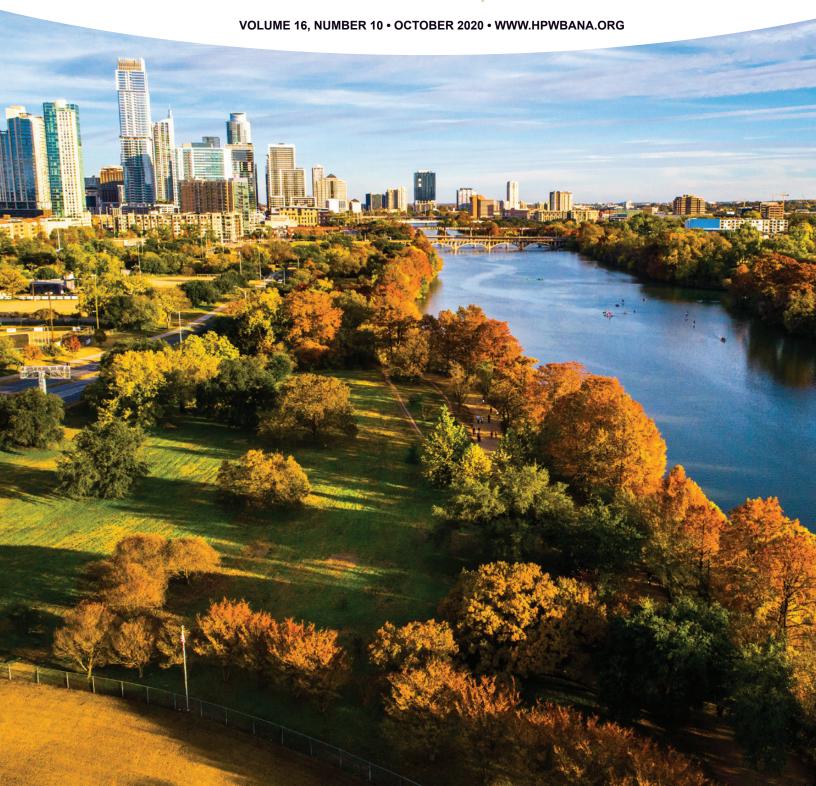
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STOP THE MONEY TRAIN TO UNAFFORDABILITY

\$7 BILLION IS TOO MUCH FOR SOMETHING THAT DOES TOO LITTLE

THEY ARE TELLING YOU A FAIRY TALE:

WHY SHOULD WE TRUST CAPMETRO TO MANAGE A MONUMENTALLY COMPLICATED AND EXPENSIVE PROJECT?

They said the Leander-Convention Center line would cost \$60 million, but former Senator Kirk Watson said it wound up costing \$140 million, 133% more than was promised voters. They're asking you to vote on a marketing idea, just colored lines on a map, yet no significant engineering or environmental studies have been conducted. Plus, their plan includes a rail line in a tunnel under Congress Avenue, which they say will be very expensive, but they won't say how expensive because they don't have a clue.

This suggests that Project Connect could wind up NOT costing \$7 billion but \$16 billion OR MORE.

CAPMETRO HAS A DISMAL RECORD OF MANAGING MONEY AND CARING ABOUT SAFETY.

A Texas State Legislature investigative staff reported that CapMetro mismanaged \$200 million in a reserve fund. They had to delay the opening of the Leander-Convention Center line for two years when federal safety regulators found an improper signal system, unsafe bridges, and other safety problems—all of which added \$30 million to the final cost of the line.

San Antonio's transit agency, VIA, moves 20% more riders than CapMetro in a service area that's twice as big, yet CapMetro spends 42% more per ride.

From *The Washington Post* (August 10) on the D.C. rail system: "Officials use terms like 'catastrophic' and 'Armageddon' to describe the system's money woes."

CAPMETRO PROMISED VOTERS THAT A PORTION OF THE LEANDER-CONVENTION CENTER LINE'S COST WOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

Now, CapMetro is making the exact same promise to voters for Project Connect. **This is a myth!** And if they don't get those federal dollars, they will still collect the taxes and do as much as they can—with no concrete completion plan.

WHO WILL RIDE THE MONEY TRAIN?

The rail cars will be like all the empty buses we see every day. It will NOT increase the number of riders of public transportation. Too few people live close to the lines. An increasing number of people will be working remotely, and this kind of transport just won't be necessary. Downtown offices will no longer be a destination for as many workers as CapMetro is putting into its ridership estimates. And don't forget our weather: Would you walk a mile in Texas heat and cold and rain to a rail stop?

PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT: The Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention warns against being on crowded
rail cars, such as the subways in New York City, which
are seen as a principal cause of it being the epicenter
of the global coronavirus pandemic. The Washington Post:
"...They stand on station platforms and at bus stops, nervously
waiting for rides in confined spaces with strangers—prime
conditions for spreading the virus. They board thinking the
virus could be lurking anywhere—on subway poles, bus seats
or floating in the air around them from another passenger's
uncovered cough or sneeze."

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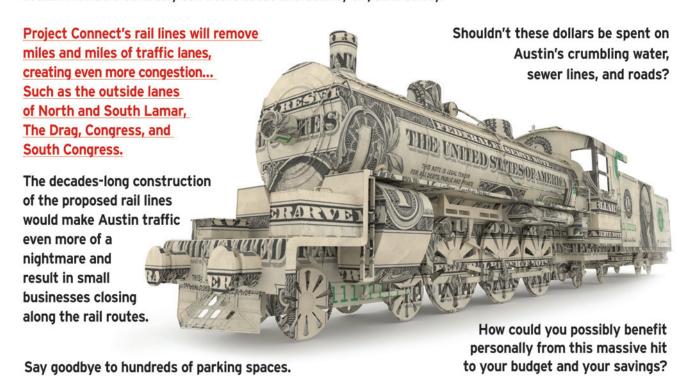
VOTE NO FOR PROJECT CONNECT

If Proposition A with Project Connect Passes...

A 25% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO PAY FOR THIS MONEY TRAIN

The \$460 million "Active Transportation" bond that's also on this ballot would cost even more.

And taxes will yet again increase as property values inevitably rise. Landlords will raise rents to cover higher property taxes. This is all from the same mayor and council members who are "defunding" and "re-imagining" \$150 million of the APD budget, with a huge reduction in the number of officers on the streets. The mayor and council members obviously don't care about affordability or public safety.



"This election will tell us how much BS Austin voters will believe and how much taxes they will pay to get it."

Retired Travis County Judge Bill Aleshire

Listening to developers and lobbyists, city staff, and small activist groups has put the mayor and council so out of touch with reality. They don't understand why it's wrong to raise property taxes by 25% in the middle of a pandemic when so many people are out of work, behind on their mortgage and rent payments, and struggling to meet their necessities. The mayor, a multi-millionaire, got elected promising affordability. Instead, he wants to slam the 65+, the disabled, the retired, and those living paycheck to paycheck with a 25% tax increase.

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Constable Patrol

Following are the reports from the constable for his patrol activities through September 11, 2020. The constable has begun reporting the range of speeding over the speed limit in his reports: 1-9 mph over the posted speed, 10-15 mph over the posted speed, and 16 mph or more over the posted speed. For the cumulative reporting of the information in the summary reports since late April, six moving violations were for speeds between 1 and 9 miles per hour over the posted speed limit and 74 moving violations were for speeds between 10 and 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The constable is reporting that he is seeing more neighbors walking while he is on patrol.

Please note that 79% (143 out of 180) of the traffic stops for 2020 continue to be of drivers who do not live in the Highland Park West Balcones Area compared with 73% (404 out of 556) of the traffic stops for 2019 and 74% (495 out

of 672) of the traffic stops for 2018. The trend continues that roughly 75% of traffic stops are not residents of the neighborhood. Traffic enforcement is a key element for safety in the neighborhood.



The cost of the constable patrol is \$65/hour.

Neighbor donations provided funding for 122 hours (74%) of the 164 paid patrol hours in 2019. For 2020, a donor is pledging to donate \$4,000 to match \$4,000 in neighbor donations. **Please ask your neighbors for their support of this effort.** To contribute to this effort, you may donate through http://hpwbana.org/get-involved/join-hpwbana, include a donation with your annual dues payment, or contact me at president@hpwbana.org.

We have all been receiving e-mail information and recommendations on the COVID-19 Virus. Resources include:

https://austintexas.gov/COVID19 (City of Austin);

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus (National Institutes of Health); and,

https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/ (Texas Health and Human Services)

And thanks for your continued support.

Be Safe!

Pieter Sybesma, President

Board of Directors

Highland Park West Balcones Neighborhood Association

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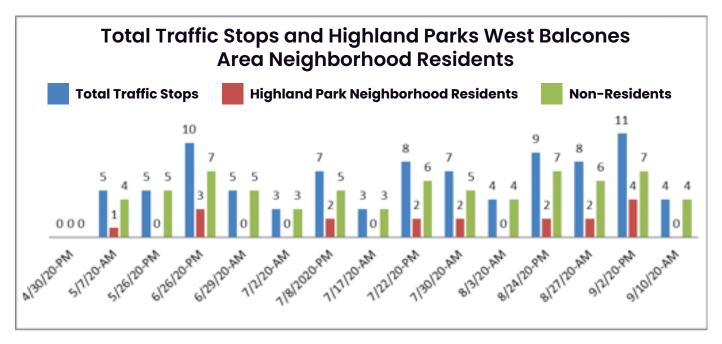


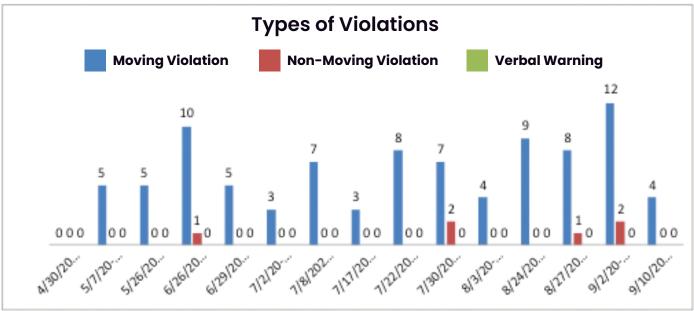
HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES AREA NEIGHBORHOOD 2020 SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS APRIL 1 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Constable Random Patrol Times: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Generally)

Traffic Enforcement Areas: Balcones, Perry, and Hancock and smaller side streets or School Zone and both crosswalks, and patrol throughout the neighborhood. Moving violations are running a stop sign, speeding, failing to yield right of way, or unsafe lane change.

79% OF TRAFFIC STOPS DO NOT LIVE IN THE HPWBANA AREA





Highland Park West Balcones Area

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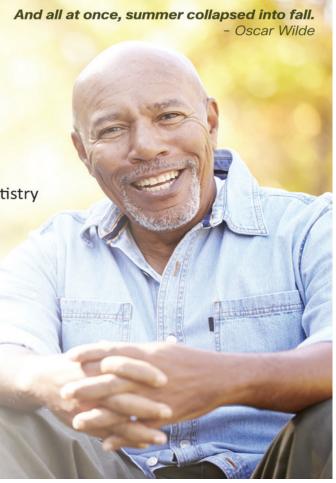
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Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Please join your District 10 Neighborhood Associations for a virtual City Council Candidate Forum via Zoom Videoconference.

HOSTED BY:

West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG)

Highland Park / Balcones West Area Neighborhood Association (HPBWANA)

Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association (BWNA), and Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA)

Meet the Candidates Plus Q&A Session

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqdmgqD8jGdVTVXnLKBmMGrwVDzmlhLxK

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

More information available at HPWBANA.org

Austin Energy Announces Tree Trimming



City of Austin

Austin Energy

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September 10, 2020

Mr. Pieter Sybesma president@hpwbana.org

Dear Mr. Sybesma:

We are providing you with this information because you have been listed as your neighborhood representative. Austin Energy will be working in your neighborhood, Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Assn., pruning and removing trees from near the electric lines. The National Electric Safety Code requires Austin Energy to maintain our lines to ensure the safety of our customers and maintain reliable electric service to your neighborhood. Pending the completion of a utility tree regrowth rate study, Austin Energy has reduced the clearance requirements our Contractors maintain from the electric lines. After the study has been completed and reviewed, we may need to return to your neighborhood to obtain the proper clearance determined by the study.

Before we actually perform any work on the trees, we will attempt to contact each property owner that has trees that may be affected by the work. Our Contract notifiers and Austin Energy staff will work with each property owner to attempt to reach an agreement on the work to be performed on the property. Our notification process is provided below for your information.

- Contract notifiers evaluate each property to determine the proposed work to be done.
- If the property owner is not home, a door hanger with the details of the proposed work will be left at the residence, unless there is no house or structure.
- The notifiers will attempt to contact the property owners by telephone to discuss the proposed work.
- If the property owner can still not be contacted, a certified letter will be sent to them with a
 copy of the proposed work to be done.

During this process, each property owner may request the following actions from Austin Energy and its Contract personnel.

- You may request an on-site meeting with a Contractor representative to review the proposed tree work
- You may request an on-site meeting with an Austin Energy employee to discuss the proposed tree work
- You may request to have a third-party present during the meetings

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- You may request modifications to the proposed tree work
- You may request to not have trees removed on your property
- · You may request to be present when the tree work is performed
- You will receive a written work plan (VWP) documenting the final plan for your property
- You may request pricing on potential electric system modification to minimize or reduce tree

We are always available to answer any of your questions or concerns about the proposed tree work and any possible tree replacements for your neighborhood or individual properties. If you or any of your neighbors have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (512) 505-7546.

Craig Stoughton Austin Energy

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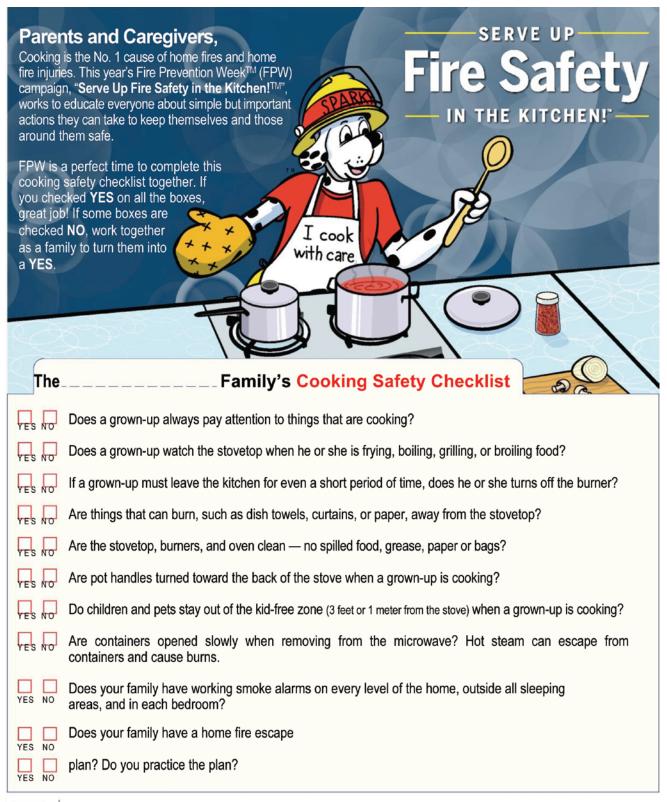
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LETTUCE RECYCLE!

by Dena Houston

MIXED-UP RECYCLING



Mixed materials present a special challenge to the recycling industry. In the Austin market, these items are not recyclable and must go into the trash can. The reason they cannot be recycled is that these items consist of layers of material that cannot be separated in order to recycle the various parts. Tetra packs are the most common material. They are layers of plastic, cardboard, and foil. The

following items are examples of Tetra packs and other mixed materials that cannot be recycled in Austin:

- Amazon packaging consisting of padding material between two layers of brown paper
 - Bread crumb containers (e.g., Progresso bread crumbs)
 - Snack foods, cookies, and chip bags
 - Single use food pouches baby food, tuna fish, etc.
 - Juice boxes (single serving)
- Mailing envelopes consisting of stiff paper lined with bubble wrap or other insulation
- Cardboard box containers (Tetra packs) Orange juice, milk, bouillon

PLEASE REMEMBER – WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!!

AUSTIN CREATIVE REUSE

Due to the pandemic, Austin Creative Reuse is closed. However, they are accepting appointments to take donations. Please visit https://www.austincreativereuse.org/ for current information. They also provide Zoom shopping and curbside pickup.

IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT CURBSIDE COMPOST COLLECTION

All Austin residents who do not yet have curbside compost collection were originally scheduled to have it begin in September 2020. Sadly, because of the pandemic, the equipment necessary to make this happen (green curbside bins, etc.) is not being

produced. It is the hope of Austin Resource Recovery that the rollout will happen by the end of 2020.

RECYCLE & REUSE DROP-OFF CENTER

Due to the pandemic, the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center is closed. However, you can make an appointment to have hazardous materials and batteries picked up safely at your home. The Center cannot take electronics or Styrofoam at this time. Please call 512-974-4343 to schedule a home pickup.

NEW CURBSIDE PICKUP PROGRAM IN AUSTIN

Austin Resource Recovery has just teamed up with Goodwill of Central Texas to offer clothing and housewares curbside collection to all residential customers at no cost! They will pick up unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, linens, and housewares in any condition for reuse or recycling. The pickup is by appointment only. Please see the following website for details: http://austintexas.gov/department/clothing-housewarescurbside-collection

QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS:

IF THE RECYCLE & REUSE DROP-OFF CENTER IS STILL CLOSED, WHERE CAN I RECYCLE OLD COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL CAMERAS? The Staples Store on Barbara Jordan Blvd. will accept electronics for recycling. They provide this service free of charge. This includes laptops, hard drives, and digital cameras. Please remove or erase hard drives on any donated computer.

HOW DO I RECYCLE THE SILVER INSULATED BAGS THAT COLD FOOD IS DELIVERED IN? Sadly, these bags are not recyclable but they are certainly reusable. They make great bags for using at the grocery store. At this time, I have not been able to locate an organization that can reuse them.

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website that offers help in finding out how to recycle specific items: http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do

Stay tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to me at this address: recycling@hpwbana.org.

Neighborhood Forum on Project Connect (Proposition A)

Monday, October 12, 2020 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Please join via Zoom Videoconference

HOSTED BY:

Highland Park / Balcones West Area Neighborhood Association (HPBWANA)

Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA)

Learn About Austin's New Transit Plan

- David Couch, Program Officer, Project Connect project data
- Representative from Mobility for All in favor of the proposition
- Representative from Our Mobility, Our Future opposed to the proposition
- Q&A questions gathered by neighborhood association leaders

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdeuvqjsjGt20Eczy28yvqdMYlTyzYE6H

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Background Information For Your Review:

Project Connect web site: https://www.capmetro.org/projectconnect

Information on the tax rate election (note especially slides 25-27) https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=344136

Mobility for All web site: https://www.transitnowatx.com/

Our Mobility, Our Future web site: https://ourmobilityourfuture.com/

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