

Pleasant Valley Bus Rapid Transit
Austin, Texas
Small Starts Project Development
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The Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority (CapMetro) proposes to implement corridor-based bus rapid transit (BRT) in the 14-mile Pleasant Valley Road corridor that provides a north-south spine east of I-35 connecting the Mueller neighborhood of northeast Austin to the Goodnight Ranch neighborhood in southeast Austin. Based on the current level of design, the portion of the project operating in a separated right-of-way is to be determined. The project will include 15-19 near-level boarding stations, improved station amenities, improved pedestrian access to stations, transit priority treatments, branded transit vehicles, enhanced safety and security at stations, and increases in transit service. The corridor serves several major employment areas and key activity centers including Dell Children's Medical Center, Austin Community College (ACC) Eastview, Capital Metro Headquarters, Mendez Middle School, Widen and Hillcrest Elementary Schools, and Dove Springs Recreation Center. CapMetro believes that the project will provide high-capacity transit with frequent and reliable service and offer more choices that link people, neighborhoods, and employers in the corridor. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$35 million.

CapMetro adopted the locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Pleasant Valley BRT corridor in June 2020. CapMetro anticipates adoption of the LPA into the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in Fall 2020, completing the environmental review process with a Categorical Exclusion in Spring 2021, and receiving a Small Starts Grant in Fall 2021. Revenue service would begin in Summer 2023.

Project Location - Pleasant Valley Corridor

-  Pleasant Valley Corridor Stations
-  Pleasant Valley Corridor
-  Water
-  Park and Open Spaces
-  Activity Centers

Source: CapMetro, 2019

