

### **General Questions & Comments about Urban Rail**

1. Have we sufficiently identified the problem we are attempting to solve?
2. What are the city's criteria for success?
3. How do we measure cost effectiveness or community benefit?
4. Is this the best use of the limited transportation funds? Would we as a community be better off investing in the Lone Star Rail Project?
5. What has the city done and what is the city doing to make sure land uses are compatible with and support the Urban Rail Program?
6. Urban rail should be accessible by current jobs, but not impede future growth.
7. How does this project proactively plan for intermodal connections?
8. In Texas we don't have the legal framework (authority) to plan. We think land use will adapt to our infrastructure investment. How patient are we willing to be, how long are we willing to wait to see how the market reacts to our investment?
9. Cheap and widely available parking negatively impacts transit use.
10. Is it possible to have dedicated ROW along the entire route?
11. If we had dedicated ROW along the entire route:
  - a. What is the cost of the system?
  - b. What is the ridership on the system?
  - c. What are the headways?
  - d. How does this impact vehicular travel times? Other impacts?
  - e. How does this impact development opportunities?
12. If we had shared ROW along the entire route:
  - a. What is the cost of the system?
  - b. What is the ridership of the system?
  - c. What are the headways?
  - d. How does this impact vehicular travel times? Other impacts?
  - e. How does this impact development opportunities?
13. How would connecting Urban Rail to the Red Line during the first phase impact ridership of the Red Line and the Urban Rail Project?
14. How would connecting Urban Rail to the Red Line during later phases impact ridership of the Red Line and the Urban Rail Project?
15. What would it cost to extend the Red Line further into downtown and connect to the Urban Rail Project closer into the urban core? How would this impact ridership on both systems?
16. How does the urban rail project connect to the Lone Star Rail project? How does this impact the ridership on both systems? Does this impact ridership on the Red Line?
17. Is there a cheaper alternative (rubber tired better bus on fixed guide way) that can be the Phase 1 for the project?
18. What peripheral support system would be required to make the system successful?

19. If we retrofit an existing bridge to cross Lady Bird Lake, would all or part of the bridge have to be closed to vehicular traffic during construction? How long would all or part of the bridge have to be closed to vehicular traffic? What travel time delays would vehicular traffic experience due to a partial or complete closure of a bridge?
20. Is Map A an additional route or in place of another route?
21. How do the multiple stations near/on the Red Line impact capital costs, operational costs, ridership, and potential development opportunities for both systems?