

Cote, Barbara

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Ken,
I assume you mean this little summary....

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Ken Cartwright, Vice President of Capital Construction and Engineering met with FTA Region VI and posed the question asked by Chairman Martinez at the Capital Metro board of directors meeting yesterday.

Capital Metro Question: We have been approached about the possibility of putting an urban rail investment in the North Lamar corridor where we already have the BRT investment.

FTA Verbal Answer (summary): The Austin community decided that bus rapid transit in the North Lamar corridor was a priority and the next need. The project was supported by the region through CAMPO. Capital Metro and FTA signed a contract to this effect. FTA sees their investments as permanent. However, if the Austin community were to come back to FTA and indicate that there has been a change in priorities or a new need in this corridor, FTA would consider the request. Before making this request, Capital Metro and the community would need to go through the entire planning process again to show that urban rail is the highest priority in this corridor. It is important to consider that there are many demands on federal funds for New Starts and Small Starts projects, and FTA has already made a permanent investment in this corridor.

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