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Capital Metro's Railroad

In May 1999, Capital Metro purchased the Giddings to Llano rail line from the City of Austin for future mass transit purposes. The 162 mile line originates in Giddings on the east and runs west to the wye located between Pedernales and Robert Martinez Streets, then northward along Airport Blvd and US183 terminating in Llano. In addition there is a small 6-mile spur track originating in Fairland terminating in Marble Falls. With ownership of the rail line, Capital Metro contracts with TransGlobal Solutions for the management of the asset including signals, bridges, trackage and right of way maintenance.



In order to fulfill the terms of the sale, Capital Metro contracts with a rail freight operator to provide service to businesses along the rail line. The largest commodity currently shipped on the line is crushed rock from the quarries located on the north end of the line near Burnet and Marble Falls. Approximately 13,200 train cars are run along this line per year. This equates to 52,800 trucks off the road annually

As owner, Capital Metro's primary focus is public safety. In the short time under CMTA ownership, Capital Metro has completed a \$1 million signal rehabilitation project and a \$620,000 street crossing project. Capital Metro staff members are in the process of completing a five-year rehabilitation and betterment



program designed to further improve signals, street crossings and track infrastructure on the entire 162 miles of track. This program includes new ties, rail and other safety enhancements. In addition, officers are assigned to protect the integrity of the line.

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