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# Plaza Saltillo Station

Plaza Saltillo Station is located at the southwest corner of East 5th Street and Comal Street on one acre owned by Capital Metro. This station has a stage one, split platform (stage two will double the length). It is situated within a culturally rich area that has experienced rapid growth that has an eclectic mix of small businesses, artists, and new enterprises as the downtown area expands east. Capital Metro owns 10 acres, west of the station to IH 35, it is developing with the Endeavor Real Estate Group, with plans for dense mixed-uses, including offices, retail, restaurants, and apartments and paseos. The residential component will designate 25% for affordable housing, one-half reserved for seniors. Other new projects nearby include live/work condominium units and street level commercial spaces. Imagine Austin designates this area as a Neighborhood Center; Austin's TOD ordinance defines it as a Neighborhood Center

### Station Features...

- Digital real time information display
- Shelter/Benches/Destination map/Lighting
- Capital Metro MetroBike Shelter (26 spaces, air)
- Free bike racks (24)

### System Connections...

MetroBus 4, 17, 320

### Access to ...

- 1. DiverseArts Culture Works
- 2. CommUnityCare
- 3. Huston-Tillotson University
- 4. Eastside Station
- 5. The Arnold

## Missing Elements...

- Public Realm Improvements, including shade, pedestrian-scale lighting
- Activated plaza
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections and enhanced crossings
- Wayfinding



Maps - Photos -

## Ridership/Service

Weekday Ridership (April 2016)	104 on / 117 off	
Saturday Ridership (April 2016)	53 on / 68 off	
Sunday Ridership (April 2016)	None	
Target Weekday Ridership	1,350 on	
Level of Service	30 min peak/60 min off-peak	





# **Demographics**

Population (2010)	3,730
Population (2040)	8,740
Population Density (2010)	4,800 ppl / sq. mile
Employment (2010)	3,230
Employment (2040)	6,010
Employment Density (2010)	4,100 emp / sq. mile
Households (2010)	1,574
Households (2040)	3,844
Median HH Size (2010)	2.25
Housing Units (2010)	1,670
Affordable Housing (2013)	537
Median HH Income (2010)	\$45,100
Zero Car HH (2014)	67
Millenial Population Age 25-34 (2010)	880
Senior Population Age 65+ (2010)	330
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FACTS

PLACE TYPOLOGY

READINESS **METRICS** 

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NEEDS

CATALYST

PROJECTS

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	Segment		Central	
	Service Open		2010	
	Target Weekday Ridership		1,350	
	Profile Date		2016	
	TOD Village	READINESS Score	Ready	
	Connectivity		Medium	
	Market Strength		Medium	
	Land Availability		Medium	
	Government Support		Medium	
S	afety and security Improved lighting on sidewalks along 4th, 5th, 6th and Comal, Onion Streets Provide crosswalks where	<ul> <li>Improved bike access and track crossings</li> <li>Traffic calming, increasing pedestrian/bike safety at crossing</li> </ul>		

- Provide crosswalks where missing
- Pedestrian-scale lighting directed to illuminate crosswalks
- Secure the structures within the adjacent plaza to eliminate dark, unsafe areas
- Enhance safety, visibility for pedestrian paths and bicycle routes on 4th Street and the Onion Street paseo
- Increase in "eyes on the street" needed from the plaza and from now vacant properties on East 6th Street
- Standard street termination signage and barricade needed at Onion Street south side of East 5th Street

#### Streetscape improvements

- Intersection improvements to better facilitate all travel modes
- Sidewalk repair, replacement, and infill between gaps with proper ramp placement
- Pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalks leading to station and at crossings
- Shade trees on 5th Street north side
- Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes

### (Re)development opportunities

- Redevelopment potential along 4th Street. Comal Street
- Significant repurposing of warehousing in the area, additional potential remains
- Opportunity for shared parking, infrastructure improvements, lighting in parking areas needed
- Redevelopment of publiclyowned property, other properties adiacent to station
- Infill at nearby shopping centers
- Housing preservation interspersed with infill potential

#### Station amenities

 Pedestrian scale lighting recommended to remain on in plaza during hours of operation

#### Other amenities

- Continuance of pedestrian/bicycle trail
- Wayfinding to note areas within a "10 minute walk"

### Public/placemaking/art opportunity

- Significant placemaking opportunity
- Potential for other functional art
- Potential for collaboration between private/public interests
- Safe design
- Comal Pocket Park and Oswaldo A.B. Cantu Pan-Am Neighborhood Park General Park Improvements (Parks and Recreation)
- Various water and stormwater management projects
- Saltillo Crossings and Signals (Capital Metro)
- Plaza Saltillo Station Area Plan & Regulating Plan (Planning and Zoning)

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The predominant land uses in the ½ mile station area include: streets and roads, and single family residential. Land Use Agricultural Miscellaneous Industrial Apartment/Condo Mixed Use Aviation Facilities Mobile Homes Campgrounds Office

Parking

Preserves

Parks/Greenbelts

Railroad Facilities

Retirement Housing

Single Family

Streets & Roads

Threeplex/Fourplex

Transportation Facilities

Undeveloped

Warehousing

Utilities

Water

Cemeteries

Commercial

Common Areas

Cultural Services

Duplexes

Educational

Golf Courses

Group Quarters

Hospitals

Landfills

Manufacturing

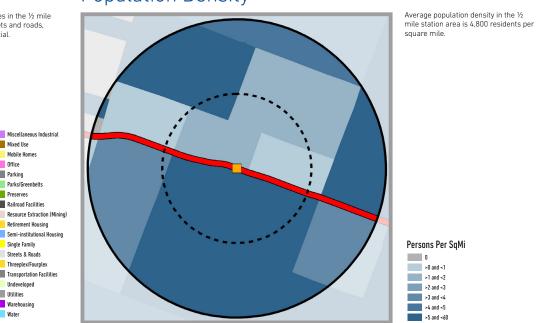
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Meeting & Assembly

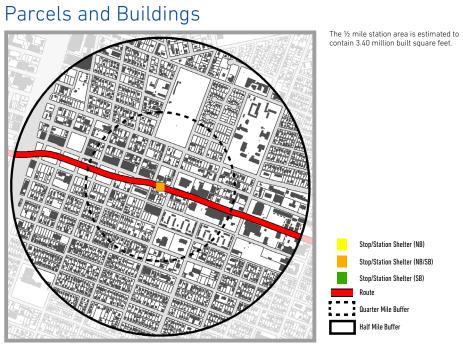
Government Services

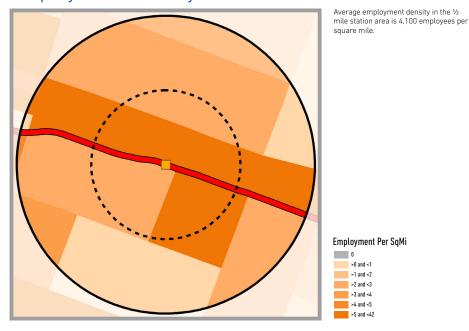
Large-lot Single Family



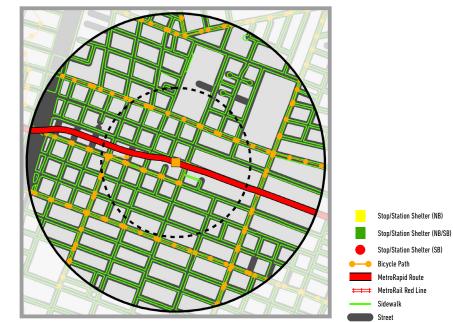


# **Employment Density**

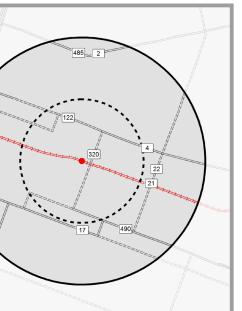




# Infrastructure-Roads









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Plaza Saltillo Station is named for the adjoining plaza and the City of Saltillo, Mexico, an Austin Sister City, built in 1997



The gazebo at Plaza Saltillo looking east to the Saltillo Lofts, a mix of salons, small businesses, and multifamily on Comal Street



New, mixed use development surrounds the station area, this one on East 6th Street and Comal, The Arnold, includes offices, retail, and multi-family



Looking north from East 5th Street and Comal Street, popular eateries and bars near the station area in existing and restored buildings



Onion Street and 4th Street, looking east with opportunities for connectivity



station

