TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

CAPITAL METRO CONNECTS PEOPLE, JOBS, AND COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING QUALITY TRANSPORTATION CHOICES. WE COVER A SERVICE AREA OF 522 SQUARE MILES, SERVE A POPULATION OF 936,363, AND AVERAGE 2.6 MILLION MONTHLY BOARDINGS.

SERVICES

- MetroRail: 32 miles between Leander and Downtown Austin. 9 stations.
- Vargools & Carpools: 141
- MetroAccess Vehicles: 139
- MetroExpress
- MetroBike
- RideShare
- FreightRail

CAPITAL METRO TOD

Transit-oriented development (TOD) creates transit-friendly walkable communities with a mix of people, jobs, and services. Capital Metro partners with its constituent communities to establish TODs in transit-rich locations. Implementing the CAMPO 2035 Activity Centers plan depends on focusing growth in walkable urban places served by transit.

Capital Metro considers TOD opportunities at several transit facilities. TOD provides increased ridership, increased revenues from development, and more choices for the community.

TOD supports affordable living. The two largest expenditures for most households are housing and transportation. Capital Metro works with the community to create more affordable living options by providing more transit and by supporting development in transit-rich locations.

CAPITAL METRO’S STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2012 GOALS

1. Provide a great customer experience.
2. Improve business practices.
3. Demonstrate the value of public transportation to an active community.
4. Be a regional leader.
CAPITAL METRO owns 11 acres of land from Comal St. west to IH 35, between E 5th and E 4th Streets. The rail platform and the plaza itself sit on about an acre of land and are not considered for redevelopment.

Currently the tracks run through the center of the available land. A federal grant was awarded in 2011 to realign the tracks to more closely follow E 4th St. The property served as Austin’s rail yard for 100 years before it was vacated in the 1980s, and Capital Metro acquired it in 1995. A grant-funded Brownfield Site Assessment is currently in progress with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The City of Austin is building E 5th as a Great Street starting Summer 2012 from IH35 to Onion St. In addition, an application for grant funding for the Lance Armstrong Bikeway (LAB) and an enhanced Gateway at the IH35 underpass at 4th Street will provide enhanced access to the Convention Center and serve as a gateway between Plaza Saltillo and the Waller Creek Project.

Plaza Saltillo Station sits on an acre of land owned by Capital Metro and leased to the City of Austin. The arrangement originated in 1997 when Austin obtained grant funding to construct the plaza in cooperation with its Sister City, Saltillo, Mexico. The Saltillo Plaza is managed by the Austin Parks & Recreation Department, however, the rail station platform remains separate from the plaza and is maintained by Capital Metro.

SITE/ADJACENT CHARACTER
• 10 acres, excluding the rail platform and plaza
• Population: 4,007 / Employment: 2,337
  Note: Population and employment within 0.5 mile transit zone around station. Source:CTOD

TRANSIT CONNECTIONS
• MetroRail Red Line: 18 trains weekdays, +6 Friday evenings and 14 Saturdays March-September
• Fixed Route Bus: 65 connections weekdays, 108 weekends

RIDERSHIP
• Rail Ridership: 300 weekly
• Fixed Route Bus: 1500

MAJOR EMPLOYERS
Huston-Tillotson University, Capital Metro, retail and restaurant employers, UT Charter Elementary School

EMPLOYMENT/ATTRACTIONS
Lance Armstrong Foundation, retail, historic sites, restaurants, entertainment, mixed-use developments