Kramer Station

Kramer MetroRail Station is located between Kramer Lane and Braker Lane. It has split stage one platforms (stage two will double the length). This area is in transition, redeveloping from industrial warehouses and utility storage yards, to consumer-oriented uses: shopping, entertainment venues, government offices, and services. The Domain is just west of the station, the J.J. Pickle Research Campus to its south, and the IBM Campus is north of the station. East of the station are established low density multi-family apartment complexes and suburban single-family detached residences. It is in the City of Austin’s North Burnet/Gateway planning area, which encourages transit-oriented development through generous land use entitlements. High density, mixed-use projects are anticipated in the area of the station. The City has built good bikeway connections along Kramer Lane, however intermodal connectivity to surrounding activity centers remains limited.

Station Features...

• Digital real time display
• Shelter/Benches/Destination map/Lighting
• Capital Metro MetroBike Shelter (24 spaces, air)
• 10 Bike racks

System Connections...

• MetroBus 240, 392, 446

Access to...

1. IBM
2. Charles Schwab
3. Austin Energy
4. Topgolf
5. Circle Brewing Co.

Missing Elements...

• Mixed-use infill and redevelopment
• Public realm improvements, including shade, street furniture, pedestrian-scale lighting
• Pedestrian and bicycle connections and enhanced crossings
• Street grids or pedestrian/bikeway paths
• Wayfinding

Demographics

Population (2010) 800
Population (2040) 2,130
Population Density (2010) 1,000 ppl / sq. mile
Employment (2010) 6,420
Employment (2040) 20,190
Employment Density (2010) 8,200 emp / sq. mile
Housholds (2010) 423
Housholds (2040) 1,118
Median HH Size (2010) 1.82
Housing Units (2010) 920
Affordable Housing (2013) 0
Median HH Income (2010) $44,600
Zero Car HH (2014) 0
Senior Population Age 65+ (2010) 40

Ridership/Service

Weekday Ridership (April 2016) 263 on / 262 off
Saturday Ridership (April 2016) 180 on / 74 off
Sunday Ridership (April 2016) None
Target Weekday Ridership 1,930 on
Level of Service 30 min peak/60 min off-peak

Station Amenities

• Stop/station shelter (SB)
• Stop/station shelter (NB/SB)
• Stop/station shelter (NB)

NEEDS

Safety and Security

• Lighting needed on sidewalks and to illuminate crosswalks
• Enhanced safety visibility for pedestrian paths and bicycle routes
• "Eyes on the street" can be significantly improved with buildings that open to the station

Streetscape Improvements

• Mid-block crossing needed on Kramer Lane to access bus/other station with correct ramp placement
• Bike/pedestrian connections have gaps
• Confusing merge signal; 3 to 4 lane
• Pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalk leading to station and at crossings
• Shade trees
• Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes
• Improved bike access and track crossings
• Traffic calming, increasing pedestrian/bike safety at crossing

(Re)development Opportunities

• Redevelopment opportunities in all quadrants: strip commercial, warehouses appear to be in transition
• Redevelopment of publicly-owned property (Austin Energy etc.), other properties adjacent to station
• Infill potential within vacant land areas

Station Amenities

• Shade: trees or other shade from west sun

Other Amenities

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

Public/Placemaking/Art Opportunity

• Limited potential for functional art
• Potential for collaboration between private/public interests
• Safe design

Catalyst Projects

• North Lamar Blvd and Burnet Rd Corridor Improvements (Public Works)
• North Service Center Improvements Program (Thru FY16) (Austin Water)
Austin Energy offices across Kramer Lane from the platform, new apartments to the north with Top Golf

Warehouse/showroom lease space on east side of platform

Looking west, toward the Domain, on Kramer Lane

Warehouse/shipping on west side of platform

Warehouse/showroom lease space on east side of platform (east side)

Kramer Lane looking east, warehouse/shipping on right, new bikeway (left)