Auditorium Shores Station

Auditorium Shores Station is located just south of Lady Bird Lake, connected to downtown by the Congress Avenue and First Street Bridges. It serves a cluster of cultural and recreational destinations, including Auditorium Shores Park, the Long Center for Performing Arts, and the Palmer Events Center. Two hotels and a high-rise residential development have been built north of the station. To the east, within walking distance, are key employment centers: the City of Austin, Austin American-Statesman and the Texas Department of Transportation. To the south is the Texas School for the Deaf. The City of Austin’s 2014 “South Shore Central Master Plan”, which covers the area east of the First Street Bridge, seeks to enhance the waterfront pedestrian and bicycle network and encourage strategic development. One such opportunity is the large triangular lot immediately south of the station. “Imagine Austin” refers to this area as an activity corridor node.

**Station Features...**
- Digital real-time information display
- Shelter/Bench/Map/Lighting
- Free bike racks (2)

**System Connections...**
- MetroExpress: 935, 985, 987
- Local bus: 1, 7, 10, 20, 30, 110, 142, 483, 486
- Other last mile: B-Cycle Stations, Car2Go area

**Access to...**
1. Auditorium Shores
2. Long Center for the Performing Arts
3. Palmer Events Center
4. The Catherine Apartments
5. Hyatt Regency Hotel
6. One Texas Center

**Missing Elements...**
- Dense, compact mixed-use development
- Public realm improvements, including shade, pedestrian-scale lighting, street furniture, and sidewalk improvements
- Safe design, including high visibility at crossings for events
- Pedestrian and bicycle improved connections and crossings
- Wayfinding

**Ridership/Service**
- **Weekday Ridership (April 2016)**: 111 on / 116 off
- **Saturday Ridership (April 2016)**: 66 on / 83 off
- **Sunday Ridership (April 2016)**: 42 on / 42 off
- **Target Weekday Ridership**: 250 on

**Level of Service**: 15 min peak / 30 min off-peak

**Demographics**
- **Population (2010)**: 2,810
- **Population (2040)**: 8,030
- **Population Density (2010)**: 3,600 ppl / sq. mile
- **Employment (2010)**: 11,360
- **Employment (2040)**: 14,610
- **Employment Density (2010)**: 14,500 emp / sq. mile
- **Households (2010)**: 1,830
- **Households (2040)**: 4,550
- **Median HH Size (2010)**: 1.6
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- **Housing Units (2010)**: 2,150
- **Affordable Housing (2013)**: 0
- **Median HH Income (2010)**: $52,510
- **Zero Car HH (2014)**: 40
- **Millenial Population Age 25-34 (2010)**: 1,210
- **Senior Population Age 65+ (2010)**: 150

**Safety and security**
- Additional lighting needed in parking lots, along sidewalks, and at stations
- Wayfinding to nearby attractions and transportation routes
- Crosswalk enhancement, pedestrian-scale lighting
- Streetscape improvements
- Bicycle/pedestrian improvements to access 1st Street Bridge
- Widen sidewalks, improve crosswalks
- Widen bike lanes on Barton Springs Road and traffic flow management
- Address dangerous blind right turn from Barton Springs Road eastbound onto Riverside Drive eastbound
- Bike lanes on Riverside Drive

**Development Opportunities**
- Redevelopment of adjacent triangle parcel
- Austin American-Statesman potential redevelopment
- City of Austin southside redevelopment project

**Station Amenities**
- Shade
- Pedestrian-scale lighting

**Public/Placemaking/Art Opportunity**
- Limited placemaking opportunity
- Functional art, e.g., bookend to bat sculpture at South Congress Ave
- Safe design

**CATALYST PROJECTS**
- Various street reconstruction and utility projects
- Various park, promenade, and trail projects
- Various Austin Lakes aquatic plant control and restoration projects

**Auditorium Shores Station**

**Maps | Photos**
The predominant land uses in the ½ mile station area include streets and roads, water, and office.

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Large underutilized triangle property on Riverside Drive

Bike lane and Austin B-Cycle Station on Barton Springs Road, facing west

Intersection of West Riverside Drive and South 1st Street, facing north