Downtown Stations - North

The northern portion of downtown Austin is served by two MetroRapid stations, roughly three-tenths of a mile apart: Museum Station at West 17th Street, and Capitol Station at West 12th / 13th Streets. The northbound platforms are on Lavaca Street, the southbound platforms a block west on Guadalupe Street. These stations are served by both the MetroRapid 801 and MetroRapid 803 lines. They are within the Uptown/Capitol District of the “Downtown Austin Plan,” with an easy walk to the State Capitol, other state offices and institutions and museums. ACC Rio Grande Campus is a quarter-mile walk to the west. In general, the half-mile surrounding these stations is mostly built out with transit-supportive densities and uses. However, east of Lavaca Street there are several surface parking lots which could accommodate future infill development. The interior blocks to the west are a mix of small offices and single-family homes, many historic. “Imagine Austin” lists this area as a Regional Center.

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

System Connections...
- MetroExpress: 935, 982, 983, 987, 990
- Local bus: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 19, 20, 30, 37, 103, 110, 481
- Last mile: B-cycle Stations, Car2Go area

Access to...
1. Texas State Capitol Complex
2. Bullock Texas History Museum
3. Austin Community College
4. Doubletree Suites Hotel
5. State Office Complex
6. United Methodist Church

Missing Elements / Opportunities...
- Public realm improvements, including pedestrian-scale lighting, street furniture, sidewalk repair
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections
- Wayfinding

Demographics
- Population (2020): 9,920
- Population Density (2010): 3,000 ppl / sq. mile
- Employment (2010): 44,050
- Employment (2020): 44,720
- Employment Density (2010): 41,200 emp / sq. mile
- Households (2010): 1,840
- Households (2020): 5,530
- Median HH Size (2010): 1.58
- Housing Units (2010): 2,472
- Affordable Housing (2013): 84
- Median HH Income (2011): $60,130
- Zero Car HH (2014): 29
- Millenial Population Age 25-34 (2010): 1,000
- Senior Population Age 65+ (2010): 190

Safety and security
- Lighting in parking lots, along streets and sidewalks, and at stations
- Wayfinding to ACC Rio Grande, Bullock History Museum, Capital Complex, Governor’s Mansion, civic buildings
- Streetscape improvements
- Pedestrian-scale lighting
- Bicycle parking
- Clear path connections, possible green lanes
- Resurface/strip half-lane Guadalupe Street
- Sidewalk improvements on Lavaca and Guadalupe Streets
- Repair crosswalk at Lavaca Street/West 13th Street intersection, clear path
- Physical separation of NB bike lane
- Bike lane improvements along Guadalupe Street
- Traffic calming, enhanced crosswalks to improve pedestrian and bike safety
- Guadalupe Street/West 12th Street intersection improvements (ADA)
- Drainage repairs at SB station at Guadalupe Street and 12th Street
- Utility/signs in sidewalk
- Redevelopment opportunities
- Built-out: limited infill potential

Station amenities
- Shade: trees or shade structure
- Pedestrian-scale streetlights
- Other amenities
- Wayfinding to note areas within a “10 minute walk”
- Public/placemaking/art opportunity
- Limited potential
- Potential for functional art
- Safe design

Catalyst Projects...
- Various sidewalk, streetscape, and road reconstruction/repavement projects
- Various water, wastewater, stormwater management projects
- Various Shoal and Waller Creek projects

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Average employment density in the ½ mile station cluster area is 1,208 employees per square mile.

Average population density in the ½ mile station cluster area is 3,000 residents per square mile.

Average employment density in the ½ mile station cluster area is 41,200 employees per square mile.

The predominant land uses in the ½ mile cluster area include streets and roads, offices, and educational facilities.
West 13th Street (Goodman Building, far left), looking west

Guadalupe Street, looking south

Crosswalk at the intersection of Guadalupe Street and College Avenue, looking west

Sidewalk on west side of Guadalupe Street, looking north

Shops on Lavaca Street, looking southwest

Mixed-use parking garage on Lavaca Street with studio space on ground floor