North Lamar Transit Center

The North Lamar Transit Center is located at the intersection of North Lamar Boulevard and US 183 and its frontage road, and West Anderson Lane. This hub connects the MetroRapid 801 service with several MetroBus routes; it also provides park & ride spaces, readily accessible from US 183 and to downtown. This station area includes strip retail, services, storage units, automobile dealerships, and expansive parking lots. A garden apartment development is located east of the station, and the Thurmond Heights public housing complex is to the north. Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity is weak, due to the grade-separated frontage roads and fragmented sidewalks. The Transit Center is within nominal walking distance of the single-family neighborhood southwest of the intersection, but the route beneath the US 183 overpass is uninviting. “Imagine Austin” lists this area as an activity corridor node.

Station Features...
- Digital real-time information display
- Shelter/Bench/Destination Map/Lighting
- Free bike racks (16)
- Park & ride (268 spaces)

System Connections...
- Local bus: 1, 240, 275, 300, 323, 350, 383
- Last Mile: none

Access to...
1. Thurmond Heights Public Housing
2. Concordia University - North Lamar Center
3. Executive Suites at Lamar Towers

Missing Elements / Opportunities...
- Dense, compact mixed-use development
- Grid streets, paths and sidewalks
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections and crossings
- Wayfinding
- Public realm improvements
- “Third place” gathering spots

Demographics
- Population (2010): 4,900
- Employment (2010): 2,210
- Employment Density (2010): 8,520
- Households (2010): 1,810
- Median HH Size (2010): 2.8
- Housing Units (2010): 1,980
- Affordable Housing (2013): 0
- Median HH Income (2010): $32,960
- Zero Car HH (2014): 10
- Senior Population Age 65+ (2010): 280

Ridership/Service
- Weekday Ridership (April 2016): 275 on / 276 off
- Saturday Ridership (April 2016): 114 on / 117 off
- Sunday Ridership (April 2016): 91 on / 90 off
- Target Weekday Ridership: 900 on
- Level of Service: 15 min peak / 30 min off-peak

Station amenities
- Pedestrian-scale streetlights
- Additional shade
- Increased visibility and security with “eyes on the street”
- Enhanced active security presence and activation of surrounding areas

Streetscape improvements
- Enhanced, high visibility pedestrian/bike route crossing at North Lamar at US 183
- Pedestrian-scale lighting
- Mid-block crossing at North Lamar/Powell Lane intersection, a divided six-lane highway

Redevelopment opportunities
- Design of the North Lamar Transit Center, to include a mix of uses with enhanced connectivity to the area through a variety of travel modes, and increasing visibility and functionality of the transit, possibly through public-private partnership

Other amenities
- Low- and medium-density residential, elementary school, park
- Wayfinding to note areas within “10 minute walk”

Public/placemaking opportunities
- No or limited placemaking opportunity
- Potential for functional art
- Safe design

CATALYST PROJECTS
- North Lamar Blvd and Burnet Rd Corridor Improvements (Public Works)
- Morrow and Gault Water & Wastewater Line Renewal (Water)
Average employment density in the ½ mile station area is 2,800 employees per square mile.

Average population density in the ½ mile station area is 6,200 residents per square mile.

The ½ mile station area is estimated to contain 5.12 million built square feet.
Crosswalk at the intersection of West Anderson Lane and North Lamar Boulevard, facing southwest

Sidewalk along the west side of North Lamar Boulevard, facing southwest

Parking lot at the North Lamar Transit Center

Crosswalk at the intersection of West Anderson Lane and North Lamar Boulevard, facing southwest

West Side of North Lamar Boulevard, facing southwest

Santa Maria Village Apartments, east side of North Lamar Boulevard