St. Edward’s Station

St. Edward’s Station is located on South Congress Avenue at its intersection with Lightsey Road and Woodward Street. Its entire northeast quadrant is the St. Edward’s University campus. Mid- to low-level multi-family residential adjacent to the campus transitions to single-family detached residential. The southeast quadrant includes the Penn Field business park, a former airport redeveloped to an art, design and entertainment destination. A quarter-mile south of the station is Berkshire SoCo, a new mid-rise loft apartment development with shops and restaurants at street level that occupies 600 feet along South Congress. Underutilized suburban-style centers on Ben White Boulevard may present redevelopment opportunity. Just to its west is a mix of single-family and multi-family residential, some of it new. “Imagine Austin” lists St. Edward’s as a neighborhood center.

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

System Connections...
• Local bus: 1, 228, 486
• Last Mile: Car2Go area

Access to...
1. St. Edward’s University
2. Berkshire SoCo
3. Penn Field business park
4. Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital

Missing Elements...
• Grid streets, paths and sidewalks
• Compact, mixed-use development
• Public realm improvements, including shade, pedestrian-scale lighting
• Pedestrian and bicycle enhanced connections and crossings
• Wayfinding

Weekday Service
Weekday Ridership (April 2016) 163 on / 146 off
Saturday Ridership (April 2016) 99 on / 72 off
Sunday Ridership (April 2016) 79 on / 63 off
Target Weekday Ridership 410-520 on
Level of Service 15 min peak / 30 min off-peak

Demographics
Population (2010) 3,810
Population (2040) 6,130
Employment (2010) 2,930
Employment (2040) 6,750
Employment Density (2010) 3,700 emp / sq mile
Households (2010) 1,840
Households (2040) 3,070
Median HH Size (2010) 2.02
Median HH Size (2040) 2.03
Housing Units (2010) 1,990
Affordable Housing (2013) 0
Median HH Income (2010) $40,970
Zero Car HH (2014) <10
Millenial Population Age 25-34 (2010) 1,030
Senior Population Age 65+ (2010) 270

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Category: Neighborhood TOD

Ready

Connectivity: Medium
Market Strength: High
Land Availability: Low
Government Support: Medium

Safety and security
• Additional lighting at crosswalks, on sidewalks, South Congress Avenue and stations
• Wayfinding to St. Edward’s, Penn Field development, SoCo District

Streetscape improvements
• Pedestrian refuge island at crosswalk South Congress Ave/Coleman Street intersection
• Enhanced crosswalk at South Congress Avenue/Coleman Street, e.g., bulb-out, refresh paint
• Improve pedestrian trail at St. Edward’s University near Frederick Street
• Bike lanes along South Congress Avenue, physical separation desirable
• Improvements to Lightsey Road, pedestrian/bicycle network

Other amenities
• Wayfinding to note areas within a “10 minute walk”
• Public plazemaking/art opportunity
• Potential for functional art
• Safe design

CATALYST PROJECTS
• ADA Sidewalk & Ramp Improvements Group #17 City-Wide (Public Works)
• South Service Center HVAC Rehab (Water)
The predominant land uses in the ½ mile station area include educational, single family residential, and apartment units.

The ½ mile station area is estimated to contain 3.79 million built square feet.

Average employment density in the ½ mile station area is 3,700 employees per square mile.

Average population density in the ½ mile station area is 4,900 residents per square mile.
Crosswalk with pedestrian-activated signals on South Congress Avenue at Coleman Street at the university entrance

Shops @ SoCo, mixed-use residential and commercial

Entry to Penn Field Business Park

Minimal access control points to stand-alone and strip retail along South Congress Avenue, looking southwest

St. Edward’s University, facing northwest

Bike lane along South Congress Avenue, looking southwest

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