Tech Ridge Park & Ride

Tech Ridge Park & Ride is the northern terminus of MetroRapid Route 801. Through its park and ride and feeder bus facilities, it is a major entry point into the Capital Metro system. The station is located just east of I-35, between Howard Lane and Parmer Lane. The half-mile station area includes light industrial and logistical facilities, multi-family development, a major public high school, and retail. Capital Metro owns 33 acres of land at the station, where a mixed-use cluster of residential, employment, and retail development is envisioned over time. “Imagine Austin” lists Tech Ridge as a neighborhood center; Austin’s TOD ordinance defines it as a town center.

Station Features...
- Digital real-time information
- Shelter/Bench/Destination Map/Lighting
- Free bike racks (20 spaces)
- MetroBike Shelter (24 spaces)
- Park and ride (476 spaces)

System Connections...
- MetroExpress: 135, 935
- Local bus: 1, 243, 275, 392
- Capital Area Rural Transit (CARTS)
- Last mile: none

Access to...
1. Central Transportation Systems, Inc.
2. The Shops at Tech Ridge
3. Villas Tech Ridge, The Bridge at Center Ridge
4. Pearson Inc, HID Global, Dell Parmer South Campus, GM

Missing Elements...
- Destination services
- Compact mixed use development
- Wayfinding
- Public realm improvements
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections and crossings

Demographics
- Population (2010): 1,010
- Population (2040): 2,090
- Population Density (2010): 1,300 ppl / sq. mile
- Employment (2010): 1,460
- Employment Density (2040): 8,040
- Employment Density (2010): 1,900 emp / sq. mile

Ridership/Service
- Weekday Ridership (April 2016): 469 on / 442 off
- Saturday Ridership (April 2016): 259 on / 241 off
- Sunday Ridership (April 2016): 148 on / 152 off
- Target Weekday Ridership: 600 on

Level of Service
- 12 min peak/20 min off-peak

Station amenities
- Transit center with activated space

Safety and security
- Lighting needed in parking lots, along sidewalks, at crosswalks, at station
- Isolated, activate area

Streetscape improvements
- Increase walkability and bike/pedestrian access to shopping, office, and residential
- Clearly define proximity and paths to services, destinations through design

(Re)development opportunities
- Opportunity for development of 28 acres of undeveloped land owned by Capital Metro and within an enterprise zone
- Surface parking could be redeveloped into structured parking within a dense, compact, mixed use development within a public/private venture

FACTS
- Segment: North
- Service Open: 2014
- Target Weekday Ridership: 600
- Profile Date: 2016

PLACE TYPOLOGY
- Regional Hub

READINESS SCORE
- Connectivity: Medium
- Market Strength: Low
- Availability: Medium
- Government Support: Medium

NEEDS
- Safety and security
- Streetscape improvements
- (Re)development opportunities

PUBLIC/PLACEMAKING/ART OPPORTUNITY
- Recreational space at water detention/retention area
- Potential for functional art

CATALYST PROJECTS
- Projects to be identified in future
The predominant land uses in the ½ mile station area include commercial, miscellaneous industrial, and undeveloped.

The ½ mile station area is estimated to contain 2.84 million built square feet.

Average employment density in the ½ mile station area is 1,900 employees per square mile.

Average population density in the ½ mile station area is 1,300 residents per square mile.
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- MetroRapid Southbound Stop
- Clock Tower
- Center Ridge Drive entrance to Park & Ride
- West Park & Ride Lot
- MetroBike Shelter
- Undeveloped land and detention owned by Capital Metro