Ohlen Station

Ohlen Station is located at the intersection of Burnet Road and Ohlen Road. Characterized by a suburban development pattern, the area is comprised of shallow commercial lots containing strip retail, restaurants, office space, and auto dealerships along Burnet Road. Two-story multi-family is prevalent west of Burnet Road, half-way to Shoal Creek Boulevard, where it becomes single-family detached residential. East of Burnet Road is single-family detached residential backing to the commercial frontage properties. Public elementary and middle schools are nearby. Shade trees are significantly missing; the neighborhood association planted small street trees all along the north Burnet Road segment in 2014. The auto-centric nature of the station area, distance between uses, and discontinuous sidewalks present challenges to pedestrian and bicyclist access. Bike lanes are present along portions of the station area.

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

System Connections...
- MetroBus 3, 19, 325
- Other last mile: none

Access to...
1. Shu Shu’s Asian Cuisine
2. Dairy Queen
3. Austin Sports Connection
4. North Village Public Library
5. Costume World

Missing Elements...
- Compact mixed-use development
- Public realm improvements, including shade, pedestrian-scale lighting
- Pedestrian, bicycle connections and enhanced crossings

Demographics

Population (2010) 3,630
Population (2040) 5,270
Population Density (2010) 6,600 ppl / sq. mile
Employment (2010) 4,520
Employment (2040) 8,710
Employment Density (2010) 5,800 emp / sq. mile

Ridership/Service

Weekday Ridership (April 2016) 73 on / 76 off
Saturday Ridership (April 2016) 86 on / 70 off
Sunday Ridership (April 2016) 17 on / 20 off
Target Weekday Ridership 130-420 on
Level of Service 15 min peak/30 min off-peak

Streetcape improvements
- Bike/pedestrian connections, marked crosswalks and possibly pedestrian signals
- Sidewalk repairs
- Refresh crossing paint
- Pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalks leading to station and at crossings
- Shade trees at corners to enhance crossings and offer shade until small trees can offer functionality
- Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes
- No crosswalk, signals on Buehl Ave which is overly wide
- Wide street right-of-way, large concrete areas left from early driveways, etc
- Traffic calming, consolidating driveways to increase pedestrian/bicycle safety

Other amenities
- Continuance of pedestrian/bicycle trail
- Wayfinding to note areas within a “10 minute walk”

Public/placemaking/art opportunity
- Limited placemaking opportunity
- Potential for other functional art
- Potential for collaboration between private/public interests
- Safe design

Needs

Safety and security
- Lighting needed on sidewalks and to illuminate people in crosswalks
- Enhanced safety, visibility for pedestrian paths and bicycle routes
- “Eyes on the street” can be improved with buildings that are near open to the street and that activate travel by foot and/or bicycle

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Projects

- North Lamar Blvd and Burnet Rd Corridor Improvements (Public Works)
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Looking north, the right-of-way may provide an opportunity for redevelopment.

Looking south at station (NB), there is no crosswalk to connect to station across.

Looking west at station (NB).

Concrete pad on Burnet Road at Ohlen Road, looking southwest.

East at the station (SB) fronting Burnet Road.