Oltorf West Station

Oltorf West Station is located on South Lamar Boulevard at Oltorf Street. The area is low- to medium density and eclectic, with a mix of single-family residential housing types (e.g., townhomes, detached, multi-family residential, restaurants, retail, schools, commercial buildings, and animal clinics). Lots fronting South Lamar Boulevard, particularly on the east side, are very shallow. Neighborhoods nearby are close to local schools and a large branch library. The area has recently gained several restaurants and bars in mostly restored buildings. Wide driveways, inconsistent sidewalks and bike lanes, and poor crossings make walking or biking undesirable. Common areas near the station include South Austin Park and Ricky Guerrero Park.

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

System Connections:
- MetroBus 3, 331, 338, 484
- Other last mile: Car2Go area

Access to:
1. CVS Pharmacy
2. Aviary
3. Austin-Travis County Integral Care
4. South Austin Recreation Center
5. Twin Oaks Public Library

Missing Elements:
- Dense, compact mix of uses
- Enhanced public realm, including shade, pedestrian-scale lighting
- Pedestrian and bicycle connections and enhanced crossings
- Grid streets, bikeway grids
- Minimize driveway cuts, approach widths
- Wayfinding

Demographics
- Population (2010): 4,270
- Population (2040): 8,120
- Population Density (2010): 5,400 ppl / sq. mile
- Employment (2010): 2,060
- Employment (2040): 3,640
- Employment Density (2010): 2,600 emp / sq. mile
- Households (2010): 2,062
- Households (2040): 3,649
- Housing Units (2010): 2,220
- Affordable Housing (2013): 423
- Median MH Income (2011): $49,500
- Senior Population Age 65+ (2010): 270

Ridership/Service
- Weekday Ridership (April 2016): 47 on / 53 off
- Saturday Ridership (April 2016): 38 on / 38 off
- Sunday Ridership (April 2016): 19 on / 21 off
- Target Weekday Ridership: 100-360 on
- Level of Service: 15 min peak/30 min off-peak

Streetscape improvements:
- Intersection improvements needed to better facilitate all travel modes
- Bike lanes are narrow, adjacent to high volume/speed traffic on South Lamar Boulevard
- Bike lane, added street lighting needed on West Oltorf Street (moderate traffic volumes)
- Pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalk leading to station and at enhanced crossings
- Shade trees, sidewalks with curbs, barrier-free
- Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes, particularly at South Lamar Boulevard and West Oltorf Street intersections to define the modes/spaces
- Traffic calming, increasing pedestrian/bike safety at crossing

Safety and security:
- Lighting needed in parking areas, on sidewalks and to illuminate crosswalks.
- Enhanced eyes on the street encouraged by development open to the street front

NEEDS
- Streetlighting needed in parking
- Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes
- High volume/speed traffic

PLACE TYPOLOGY
- Neighborhood TOD
- Emerging

READINESS SCORE
- Connectivity: Low
- Market Strength: High
- Land Availability: Medium
- Government Support: Medium
- (Re)development opportunities:
  - Redevelopment of publicly-owned property, other properties adjacent to station
  - Infill and/or redevelopment potential; e.g., strip commercial with shared parking, under-utilized lot
  - New (re)development occurring south of the station area
  - Oxford Ave. Single family homes have converted to office uses, with wide sidewalks and good lighting
  - Redevelopment needed for pedestrian/bike safety

Station amenities:
- Shade: trees or shade structure
- Pedestrian scale lighting
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PUBLIC/PLACEMAKING
- Utilities: with shared parking
- Pedestrian/bike safety

PROJECTS
- Rail/Street Crossing Supplemental Safety Measures (Austin Transportation)
- Ricky Guerrero Pocket Parks - General Park Improvements (Parks & Recreation)
Looking east, new restaurants, services, shops at Oxford Lane address the street and offers attractive access to the neighborhood by foot and bike.

Looking south, new development is underway, with Walden Park apartments in the trees to the south.

Traveling south, absence of curbs, wide drives inhibit foot traffic.

Looking north toward downtown, large parking lot at Oltorf, small buildings.

Walden Park apartments, looking east into the complex.

South of Walden Park, redevelopment includes new eateries, shops, services.