Sunshine Station

Sunshine Station is located on Sunshine Drive, between 45th and North Lamar Boulevard and 49th Street, just northwest of the nearby Triangle mixed-use development. The station area includes restaurants, retail, and shops both in the Triangle and along Burnet Road. It offers easy access to a number of facilities serving the visually impaired, such as the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center and the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. The station stops adjacent to the community gardens and is accessible from nearby single-family and multi-family residential, neighborhood schools, a number of government and health facilities, and park connections. Pedestrian-activated hybrid beacons and well-marked crosswalks enhance walkability in the area.

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

System Connections...
- MetroBus 1, 3, 5, 338, 481, 656, 990
- Pedestrian scale lighting
- Buffer between sidewalk and bicycle path

Access to...
1. Texas Department of Aging and Disability
2. Central Texas Rehabilitation Hospital
3. Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
4. Sunshine Community Gardens
5. The Triangle

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

Ridership/Service
- Weekday Ridership (April 2016): 112 on / 135 off
- Saturday Ridership (April 2016): 43 on / 59 off
- Sunday Ridership (April 2016): 28 on / 33 off
- Target Weekday Ridership: 190-760 on
- Level of Service: 15 min peak/30 min off-peak

Demographics
- Population (2010): 3,450
- Population (2020): 6,040
- Population Density (2010): 4,500 ppl / sq. mile
- Employment (2010): 15,520
- Employment (2020): 17,300
- Employment Density (2010): 19,800 emp / sq. mile
- Households (2010): 1,943
- Households (2020): 3,311
- Median HH Size (2010): 1.82
- Housing Units (2010): 1,740
- Affordable Housing (2013): 0
- Median HH Income (2010): $37,900
- Zero Car HH (2014): 9
- Senior Population Age 65+ (2010): 150

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FACTS
- Service Open: 2014
- Target Weekday Ridership: 190-760
- Profile Date: 2016

PLACE TYPOLOGY
- Neighborhood TOD

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

NEEDS
- Safety and security
  - Enhanced safety visibility for sidewalks and bicycle routes
  - Evening of sidewalk grades
  - Improving ‘eyes on the street’ by encouraging buildings to front on the street
  - Recommend adding traffic signal at Wildcat Run/Sunshine Drive (E/W) with refreshed crosswalk paint
  - Existing Pedestrian-Activated Hybrid Beacon

- Streetscape improvements
  - Intersection improvements to better facilitate all travel modes
  - Bike/pedestrian connections
  - Sidewalk repair
  - Pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalks leading to station and at crossings
  - Shade trees
  - Buffer between sidewalk and vehicle lanes
  - Improved bike access and track crossings
  - Traffic calming, increasing pedestrian/bike safety at crossings

- Redevelopment opportunities
  - Redevelopment of publicly-owned property, other properties adjacent to station
  - Potential opportunities for infill or densification within the area to improve connectivity
  - Potential sharing parking opportunities

- Station amenities
  - Shade, trees or shade structure
  - Pedestrian scale lighting

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

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

CATALYST PROJECTS
- Guadalupe St from 24th St to 42nd St-Bicycle Facilities (Austin Transportation)
- North Lamar Blvd and Burnet Rd Corridor Improvements (Public Works)
- Nelray and Evans Utility Improvements (Austin Water)
The TOD Priority Tool includes land use, population density, infrastructure-roads, and employment density maps. The land use map shows various categories such as commercial, cultural services, and government services. The population density map highlights the average employment density in the ½ mile station area, which is 353 employees per square mile.
Mixed-Use residential, retail, and services at the Triangle on West 37th Street

Looking south to the Triangle from Sunshine Drive, Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center parking on the left

Looking east from Sunshine station (NB) toward the Triangle

The Austin Community Gardens on Sunshine Drive at the station (SB)

Looking south on Sunshine Drive, Texas School for the Blind

Looking north on Sunshine Drive