PLACEMAKING

Activating Space Around STL Transit

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Why Placemaking?

- Create Sense of Place
- Build active & engaging corridors to connect communities to transit
- Improve confidence in safety and security of system
- Create economic opportunities - $ in our communities
- Increase ridership

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CMT & AARP St. Louis Partnership

Goal: Identify ways each station can capitalize on its assets to promote health, opportunity and well-being for transit users, as well as everyone else who lives, works and plays near that station.

- 37 stations – many with little or no development
- Opportunity to begin the discussion
- Focused on three stations –
- Forest Park Station
- Delmar
- North Hanley
- Walk Audits led by Arcturis last fall

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Delmar Station

DELMAR - EXISTING

OPPORTUNITIES

- Adjacent to The Loop, a vibrant mixed use commercial/entertainment district.
- Adjacent to mixed use neighborhood.
- New investments of residential, commercial and mixed use nearby.
- New Loop Trolley with a trolley stop near station.
- Access to bus routes.
- Nearby Metro parking lot provides public parking with a guard during peak times.
- Good lighting at platform.
- Adjacent building walls on west edge of station offer opportunity for murals and graphics.
- Abundant open space and mature trees.

CONSTRAINTS

- Lack of wayfinding signage directing passengers to The Loop.
- Limited wayfinding signage Delmar Boulevard to platform.
- The station lacks visibility from Delmar Boulevard and Hodiamnont Avenue.
- The station area has a poorly defined perimeter.
- The platform area has declining landscape and sharp drop-off of pavement along west side.
- No accessible ramp to Hodiamont Ave. and no mid-block crosswalk to access neighborhood.
- Platform entrance from parking lot has ticket validator machines away from ticket vending machines which can be confusing to passengers, especially visitors.
- Sidewalks along Hodiamont Ave. are in very poor condition.
- No public restrooms for passengers.
- Former railroad building has many hidden corners and spaces which are not sealed off nor well-lit at night.
- Overgrown vegetation along west end of railroad building hinders visibility of platform from street.
- No electrical charging stations for passengers to use.
- Emergency phones are located far away from station, in parking lot.
- -Des Peres Ave. near bus stops is not well lit at night.
- -Lack of wayfinding from Metro parking lot to station platform.

Forest Park Station

FOREST PARK - EXISTING

OPPORTUNITIES

- Adjacent to stable, mixed use neighborhood.
- Adjacent to Forest Park with numerous institutions and events.
- Potential for gateway to Forest Park at DeBaliviere Ave. and Forest Park Parkway.
- Access to bus routes.
- Access to The Loop Trolley with stop at station.
- Parking lot provides some commuter and visitor parking.
- Wide sidewalks on street for pedestrian traffic and potential programming.
- Good lighting at platform and under DeBaliviere Avenue.
- Vertical elevators towers offer opportunity for branding graphics.

CONSTRAINTS

- Lack of wayfinding signage directing passengers to Forest Park.
- Limited wayfinding signage or confusing wayfinding signage from DeBaliviere Avenue to platform.
- Lack of clearly defined portal, to lower platform, at the street level of DeBaliviere Avenue.
- Lack of queuing space at TVM's.
- Lack of identification signage for elevators at platform level.
- Limited shade along east side of DeBaliviere Avenue.
- Limited seating and limited variety of seating types.
- Narrow staircase from platform to street level.
- No public restrooms for passengers.
- Numerous hidden corners around structures at street level and under DeBaliviere Avenue, west of platform.
- No electrical charging stations for passengers to use.
- Emergency phones are located far away from station, in parking lot.

North Hanley Station

NORTH HANLEY - EXISTING

OPPORTUNITIES

- Abundant parking for commuters.
- Access to bus routes.
- Parking garage is in good condition.
- Accessible ramp to North Hanley Road is in good condition.
- Good lighting near platform and along accessible ramp.
- Adjacent to regional St. Vincent's Greenway trail.
- Adjacent to corporate campus and university campus.

CONSTRAINTS

- Single access point to platform creates pedestrian choking point on path.
- Large amount of adjacent pavement creates heat island affect.
- Limited shade in summer; limited windbreaks in winter.
- Limited seating and limited variety of seating types.
- No public restrooms for passengers.
- Limited landscape to provide shade, define space, soften visual extends of pavement.
- Bus route signage is at low viewing height and difficult to read.
- Lack of wayfinding and identification signage.
- Fencing parallel to tracks is too low.
- Numerous signs of neglect including peeling paint, damaged fencing, declining landscape, obsolete pay phone stands, and erosion on slopes.
- No electrical charging stations for passengers to use.
- Emergency phones are located far away from station, in parking lot.

Who participated?

CMT
AARP
Design Team – Arcturis and Innis Consulting
City of St. Louis
St. Louis County
Washington University
Bi-State
Great Rivers Greenway
UMSL
AECOM
SEIU Local 1
University Square
CBB
Center for Head Injuries
Mercy
NextSTL
KMOV
MoDOT
St. Louis County Police
Local citizens and stakeholders
Neighbors

Key Findings:

- Opportunities through collaboration
- Many of short term action items possible within a year
- Buy-in necessary from neighbors
- Many of the action items can be applied to entire system
- Will enhance overall quality of the system for current riders and add to the discussions on expansion

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Short term action items:

- Improve maintenance and signs of neglect
- Improve landscaping
- Install art to enhance area
- Install placemaking elements
- Turn on lights where possible
- Install wayfinding
- Host pop up programming

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Long term action items:

- Development/redevelopment around stations
- Public restrooms
- Bike rental/Bikeshare at Forest Park Station
- Collaboration with surrounding stakeholders to activate space on regular basis
- Improve pedestrian infrastructure around stations

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Delmar Station :

DELMAR - PROPOSED

KEY:
1. STATION/METRO IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE
2. PREFABRICATED RESTROOM BUILDING
3. MIXED-USE INFILL
4. STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (SHADE TREES, LIGHTING, PAVEMENT, AND STREET FURNITURE)
5. REMOVE OVERGROWN LANDSCAPING WEST OF WABASH STATION
6. CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE LOOP BRANDING
7. PLANTERS
8. BOLLARD LIGHTING
9. CHESS TABLES AND CHAIRS
10. PAINTED WAYFINDING ON SIDEWALK
11. TRASH RECEPTACLE
12. PROGRAMMING OF STATION AREA

Forest Park Station:

FOREST PARK - PROPOSED

KEY:
1. BIKE SHARE PROGRAMMING
2. MIXED USE-DEVELOPMENT WITH PARKING GARAGE
3. ARCHITECTURAL AND GRAPHIC IMPROVEMENTS TO STATION ENTRY TOWERS
4. ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING
5. PLANTERS AND TRASH RECEPTACLES
6. OUTDOOR SEATING FOR ADJACENT RESTAURANT
7. FOOD TRUCK PARKING
8. CAFE TABLES AND CHAIRS
9. LANDSCAPING / STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS
10. RELOCATE BUS SHELTERS
11. STREET BANNERS
12. PAINTED WAYFINDING ON SIDEWALK

North Hanley Station:

NORTH HANLEY - PROPOSED

KEY:
1. SHADE CANOPY STRUCTURE
2. SOLAR POWERED CHARGING STATION
3. MURAL ON ADJACENT WALL
4. HIGHER, TRANSPARENT FENCING ALONG TRACKS
5. PLANTERS
6. VARIETY OF SEATING
7. CONCRETE SEAT WALLS ENHANCED WITH BRANDING GRAPHICS
8. BOLLARD LIGHTING

Lights are on, accomplishments to date:

- Lights now on at the Wabash Station
- Vegetation blocking view from street level to Delmar Station has been removed
- New Wrought Iron fencing in on west side of Delmar Station to improve visibility and overall look
- Meetings held to improve wayfinding at Forest Park Station to tie in to Forest Park
- Pop Up event scheduled for May 4 at Delmar Station/Wabash Station to visualize
- Meetings with stakeholders on North Hanley station area

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CMT & AARP St. Louis Metro Market on May 4, 2017

4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with Great Race 2017

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