The College Station serves the students, employees, and visitors of an important and fast-growing educational institution in southern Illinois, the Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) campus. The quarter-mile station area is about evenly divided between SWIC’s campus and surface parking lots, and a vast vacant lot east of the MetroLink rail line. The College and surrounding residential neighborhoods are served by a “big box” strip mall development along Carlyle Avenue/IL-161, just north of the College campus.

SWIC has transit pass program available for students. SWIC is also focusing on a bicycle/pedestrian plan for campus.

SWIC owns and operates large surface parking lots adjacent to the MetroLink Station, and 598 of those spaces are dedicated parking for Metro customers.