

Planning Partnerships for Livable Communities: APTA-AMPO Findings

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FTA Asked APTA and AMPO for Help to:

- Identify good partnerships and characteristics; and
- Conduct outreach at APTA meetings
- Three years efforts complete



Case Study Examples Included:

- Philadelphia
- Seattle
- Cleveland
- Chicago
- San Antonio
- Houston
- Salt Lake City
- Albany, NY
- Broward County, FL
- Sacramento



Common Themes from Case Studies:

- Regional Scenario Planning
- Close working relationships between MPOs and transit agencies
- Conscious effort to plan for livability
- Special transit and land use plans at key centers of development
- Leadership in reaching out to new planning partners
- Cultivation of “champions”



Many examples of “good practice”

- Peer exchanges at APTA meetings highlighted specific examples
- Written up in case study notes to be published by FTA
- Continuing need to disseminate good examples from around U.S.



Challenges to Livability Planning:

- Funding to implement – new transit service, streetscape changes, bike/ped paths, etc.
- Prioritizing investments – vision vs. existing
- Support of local governments for zoning and policy changes – mixed use development, affordable housing, etc.
- Time required to build trust at staff and policy levels
- Transit and MPO staff technical resources
- Jurisdiction/boundary issues

