

Transit Oriented Communities

aka partnering with cities for better neighborhoods



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TOD and TOC



Differences:

Scale—Site v District

Context—Neighborhood v City

Main focus—Building v Infrastructure

Transit focus—Station connection v System node



Mix of uses

Walkability/Bikeability

Car-light or even car-free living is an option

Design matters

Transit design & urban design fit together



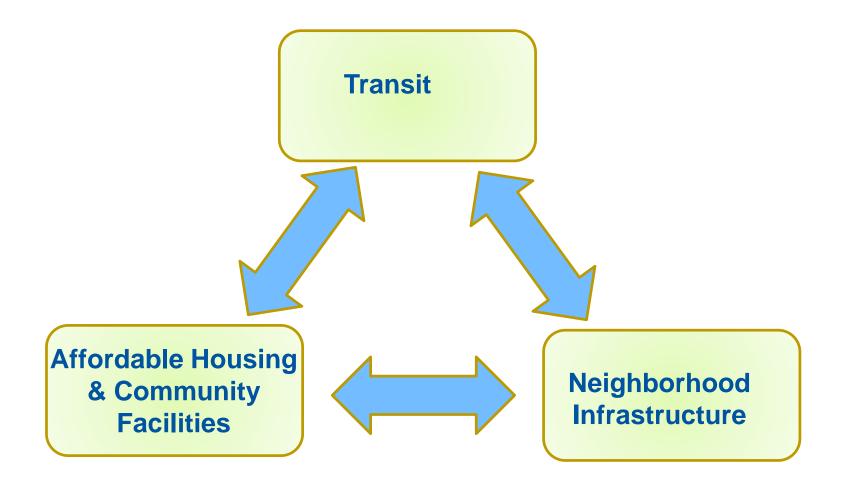






Major Investment Needs









Many pieces for TOC





















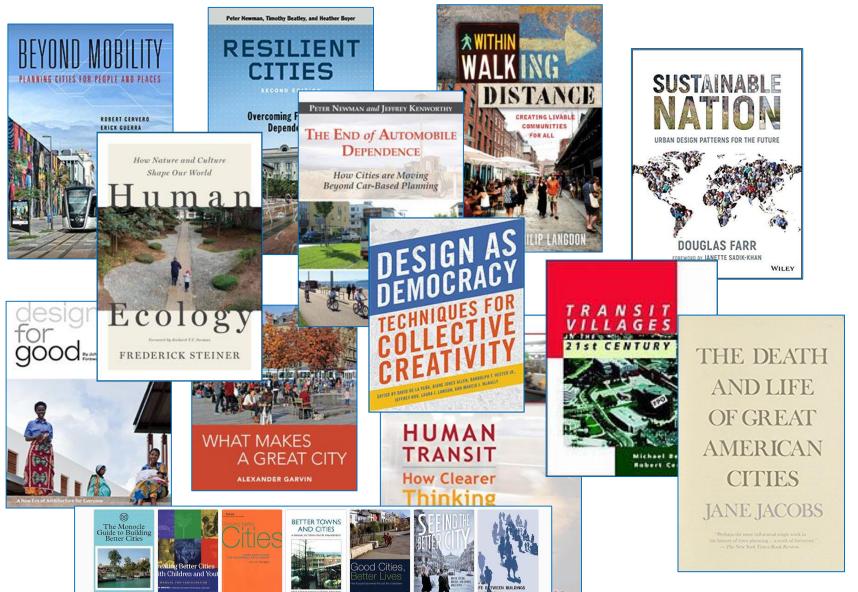
- Buildings- residential, commercial or mixed
- Transit connection
- Good walkable streets
- Bike access
- Stormwater management
- Family facilities
- Green landscaping
- Affordable housing
- And even, alas, parking





Hot Topic- How do we build TOC?









The Monocle

Guide to Buil...

Creating

Better Cities ..

David Driskell...

Growing

Better Cities

Luc J. A. Mou...

Better Towns

Richard Havw...

Better Lives: .

Peter Hall, 20...

Better City: H..

Charles R. W.,

buildings

Jan Gehl, 1971

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What Cities can do to welcome TOD



- Build streets, parks, and other public destinations in places accessed by transit
- Zone for transit efficiency
- Plan for walkable mixed use communities
- Plan & build bike transportation
- Prioritize walk/bike modes in transit-served places







What Cities can do with existing transit



- Encourage high-ridership developments and discourage low-ridership developments in transit-rich areas.
 - Eds, Meds, and Events
 - Dense housing, especially affordable housing
- Work to make street changes that increase transit safety
 - Eliminate free rights near transit stops/stations
 - Daylight intersections near transit
- Prioritize walk/bike design in transit-rich areas





Metro Transit TOD goals



- Maximize the development impact of transit investments
- Support regional economic competitiveness
- Advance equity
- Support a 21st century transportation system









Projects, Programs, Resources, & Partnerships



Projects

- Snelling-Midway TOD
- 38th St. Station TOD

Programs

o Forums, TOD tours, conferences, etc.

Resources

- Public Property Database, expanded
- TOD Funding guide, updated annually
- Developer's Guide to TOD
- **District Parking Report**
- **Ground Lease Explainer**

Partnerships

- Two corridor FTA TOD Pilot Planning Grants
- Reviewer for TOD grants & plans as requested

JOINT DEVELOPMENT

Partnering to Build Complete Communities Near Transit

September 2017





Allianz Field and TOD

Location: Saint Paul, MN

Sponsor: Metro Transit

Left-Allianz Field and Snelling-Midway TOD, proposed, Saint Paul, MN

Metro Transit acquired this 9.9-acre parcel near the intersection of University and Snelling avenues in St. Paul, MN in the 1970s with FTA assistance. The land was most recently used for construction staging for the Green Line light rail transit and the A Line bus rapid transit projects, which have stations nearby and opened in 2014 and 2016, respectively. These transit projects helped created a unique opportunity for TOD on this and surrounding properties. In 2016, the City of St. Paul entered a master agreement with a joint venture, including a professional soccer team, to build a soccer stadium with easy access to both transit lines. The long-term goal is to create a complete community surrounding the stadium including residential. office, retail, and public open spaces.



- . The 20,000-seat stadium will be the home of a professional soccer team built with roughly \$200 million in private funds and the anchor of a mixed-use TOD estimated at \$300
- The City of St. Paul estimates that approximately 7,000 people will use transit to access the stadium on game days The adjacent TOD will further increase transit ridership
- The agency will lease the land to the City of St. Paul for 52 years and the city will own the stadium.
- · Metro Transit expects to receive at least \$29 million over the

Saint Paul MN



One of 4 featured projects in 2017 FTA Joint Development Guide





TOD Project: Allianz Field





https://www.mnufc.com/photos/2018/07/19/allianz-field-ptfe-lighting-test

Testing the lighting, July 19, 2018 Opening March/April 2019





TOD Partnerships—FTA TOD Pilot Planning Grants



Gold Line: Washington County: First dedicated ROW BRT





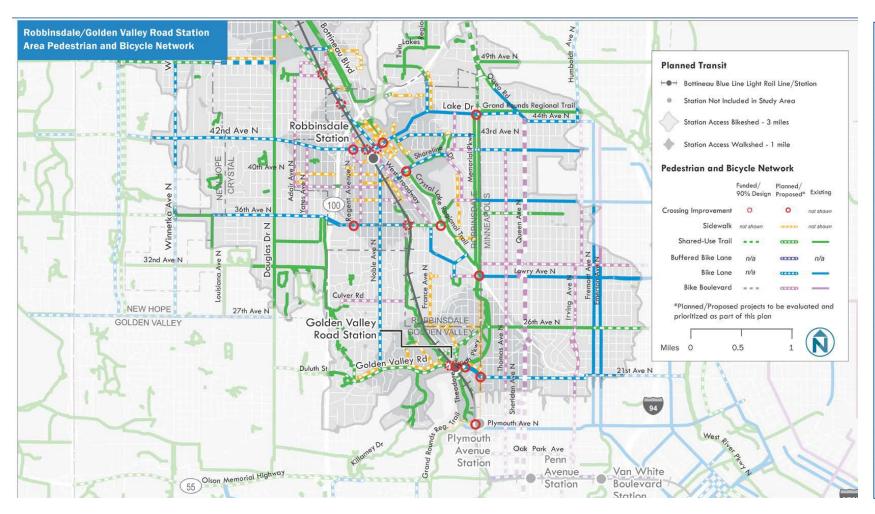


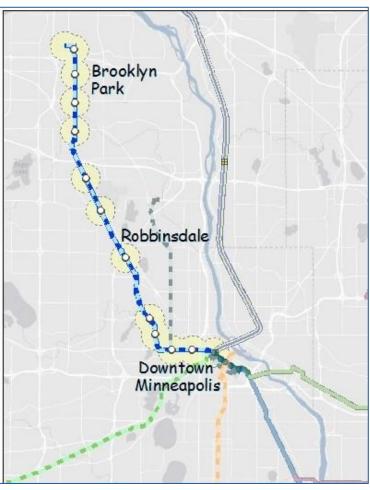


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Blue Line Extension: Hennepin County is Subrecipient/Project Manager



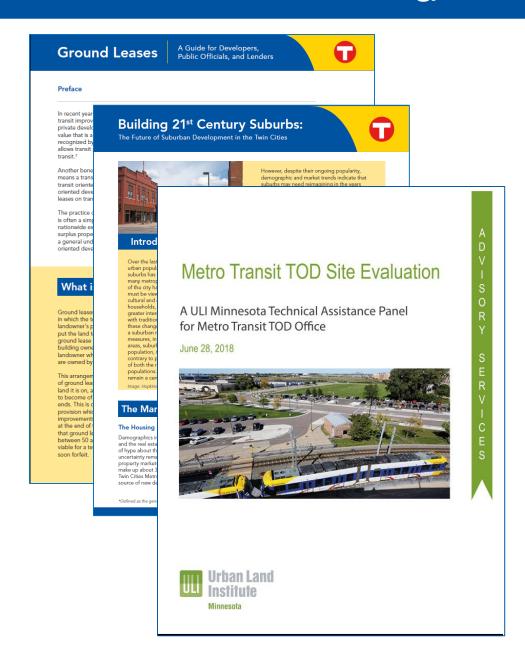


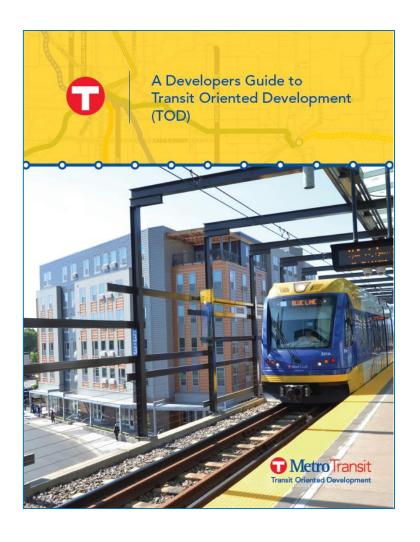




TOD Resources on www.metrotransit.org/tod











Summary



- Transit agencies need partners to create transit oriented communities
- Cities can leverage transit by coordinating planning and investments with transit
- Examples from TOD office in the Twin City region:
- www.metrotransit.org/TOD

Vision: Transitways are as seamlessly incorporated into City development planning and permitting as waterways





Questions?



















