



# **Federal Transit Administration:**

## **Opportunities to Align Transit Programs with Smart Land Use**

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# Linking Transit and Land Use: Why It Matters



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- Seventy percent of metropolitan jobs aren't accessible by transit, or involve a commute of more than three hours a day.
- The U.S. population is projected to increase by 100 million more people by 2050, focused in metro areas.
- Over the past 15 years, transit ridership has grown by an average of 2.1 percent per year.
  - If that trend continues, total transit ridership will be 15.5 billion trips by 2030.
- Transit agencies are faced with large state of good repair costs.
  - Our most-recent estimate is that an additional \$2.5 billion/year beyond current spending is required just to keep the existing U.S. state of good repair backlog from growing.

***Making the link between transit and land use can maximize connectivity , enhance accessibility, and makes economic sense.***<sub>2</sub>



*FTA provides more than 40 percent of funding for transit capital investments in local communities*

- Communities can use FTA programs to enhance transit and smart land use development by:
  - Leveraging the eligible purposes of FTA capital funding
  - Seeking to participate in FTA's Pilot Program for TOD Planning (CIG projects)
  - Taking advantage of FTA-sponsored tools, research, technical assistance, and training
  - Expanding community-based partnerships

# How to Leverage the Federal Transit Program



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## ➤ Indirectly through leveraging FTA transit investments

### — Formula-based transit capital programs

- Available to all public transit agencies through statutory-based formula
- Includes Urban, Rural, Enhanced Mobility, Flex Funding from Federal Highways

### — Discretionary transit capital programs

- Capital Investment Grants Program (New Starts, Small Starts, Core Capacity)
- TIGER
- Tribal Transit Program
- Bus Discretionary Program

## ➤ Directly through specific FTA programs/eligibilities

- Joint Development Authority
- Bike/Pedestrian Catchment Area
- CIG TOD Planning Pilot Program



# FTA Joint Development Authority



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A transit project held or controlled by a Grantee



Integrally related to commercial, residential or mixed-use development; often co-located



May include public, private or non-profit development associated with transit capital investments



FTA financial assistance =  
“Federal interest”

## FTA Circular on Joint Development issued on August 2014



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### CIRCULAR

FTA C 7050.1

August 25, 2014

Subject: FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GUIDANCE ON JOINT  
DEVELOPMENT

1. **PURPOSE.** This circular provides guidance to recipients of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) financial assistance on how to use FTA funds or FTA-funded real property for joint development. This circular: (1) defines the term “joint development”; (2) explains how a joint development project can qualify for FTA assistance; (3) describes the legal requirements applicable to the acquisition, use, and disposition of real property acquired with FTA assistance; (4) outlines the most common crosscutting requirements applicable to FTA-assisted projects, including FTA-assisted joint developments; and (5) describes FTA’s process for reviewing a joint development project proposal.

This circular incorporates provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Pub. L. 112-141 (2012), advances the goals of 49 U.S.C. § 5315 by informing FTA recipients of opportunities for private sector participation in public transportation projects, and includes the most current guidance for the federal public transportation program.

The requirements outlined in this circular are intended to assist recipients in managing FTA-assisted projects and in complying with federal rules. Recipients must comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements, including those not specifically mentioned in this circular.

Because there is no separate FTA grant program specifically for joint development, this circular does not present grant program requirements that are unique to joint development. Rather, it presents project eligibility requirements for a joint development to qualify as an eligible capital project. This circular also presents requirements generally applicable to FTA’s grant programs from the specific perspective of undertaking a joint development project. FTA funds used for joint development are subject to the requirements of the grant program through which they were received.

2. **AUTHORITY.** Federal transit law, chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.

3. **CANCELLATION.** This circular consolidates all of the existing FTA guidance<sup>1</sup> on joint development, and supersedes any FTA guidance on joint development contained in other sources, including, but not limited to, the following:

<sup>1</sup> As a result of the passage of MAP-21, FTA is in the process of updating many of its program-specific circulars. This circular will supersede guidance in those circulars pertaining to joint development.



# Secretary Foxx's Bike/Pedestrian Safety Initiative



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**Safer Communities:** USDOT will partner with local officials, advocacy groups, and safety organizations to spread the word about the Department's safety resources.

**Safer Policies:** USDOT will identify solutions to these issues through an initial research phase, followed by targeted policy change.

**Safer Streets:** USDOT will seek to create safer streets by engaging transportation professionals across the country in identifying and closing potentially dangerous gaps in pedestrian and bicycle networks.

*"As we look to the future, we must focus our efforts to tackle persistent and emerging issues that threaten the safety of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians across the nation. As a mayor, I saw an uptick in the number of joggers and walkers and bicyclists hurt on the road... You can expect me to bring more attention to pedestrian and bicycle safety during my time as Secretary." – Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx*



# CIG TOD Planning Pilot Program



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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Federal Transit Administration

### Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA): Solicitation of Project Proposals for the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of \$19.98 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 and FY 2014 funds under the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning as authorized under Section 20005(b) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, July 6, 2012. The program augments FTA's Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program by supporting comprehensive planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects that will help the projects develop information to address the CIG Program's evaluation criteria and thus be more competitive for that program's funding.

This notice solicits proposals to compete for FY 2013 and FY 2014 funding under the Pilot Program for TOD Planning and may include additional funds made available under future appropriations. It outlines the process to apply for funding, identifies FTA's priorities for these discretionary funds, and establishes the criteria FTA will use to identify meritorious projects for funding. This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at:

- Provides ~\$20 million for planning efforts
  - For TOD to support New Starts/Small Starts/Core Capacity projects
- Authorizes FTA to make grants for comprehensive planning that seeks to:
  - Enhance economic development, ridership, and other goals established during the project development and engineering processes;
  - Facilitate multimodal connectivity and accessibility;
  - Increase access to transit hubs for pedestrian and bicycle traffic;
  - Enable mixed-use development;
  - Identify infrastructure needs associated with the eligible project; and,
  - Include private-sector participation.
- Application Closing Date: November 3, 2014<sub>7</sub>

# FTA Tools to Help Transit Agencies



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## Mixed Income Transit Oriented Development (MITOD) Tool

[www.mitod.org](http://www.mitod.org)

A *how to* guide for local planners on how to plan a mixed income development near transit.

## The Location Affordability Portal

[www.locationaffordability.info](http://www.locationaffordability.info)

A GIS-based site that provides estimates of household housing and transportation costs at the neighborhood level.





# FTA Training, Research and Technical Assistance



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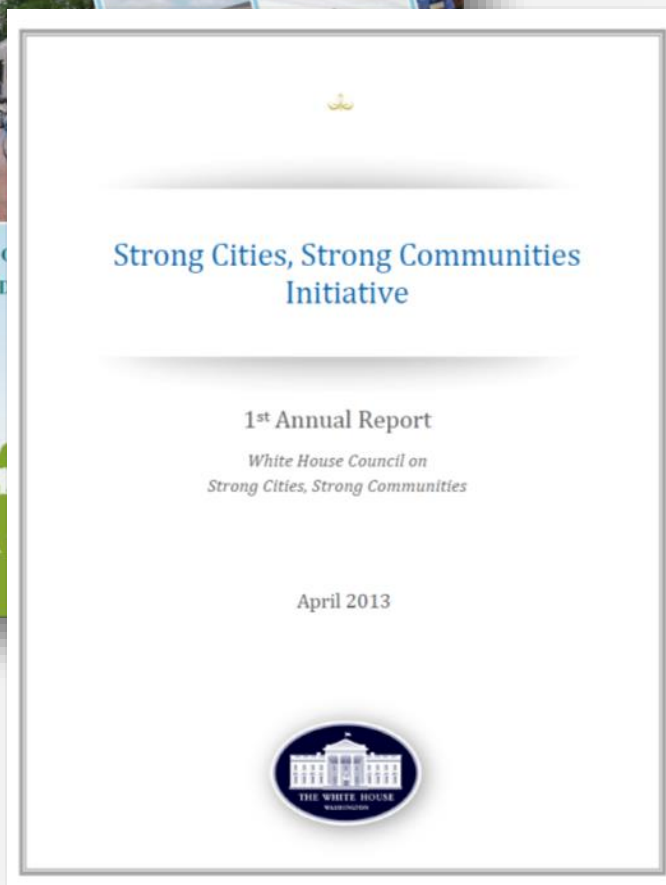
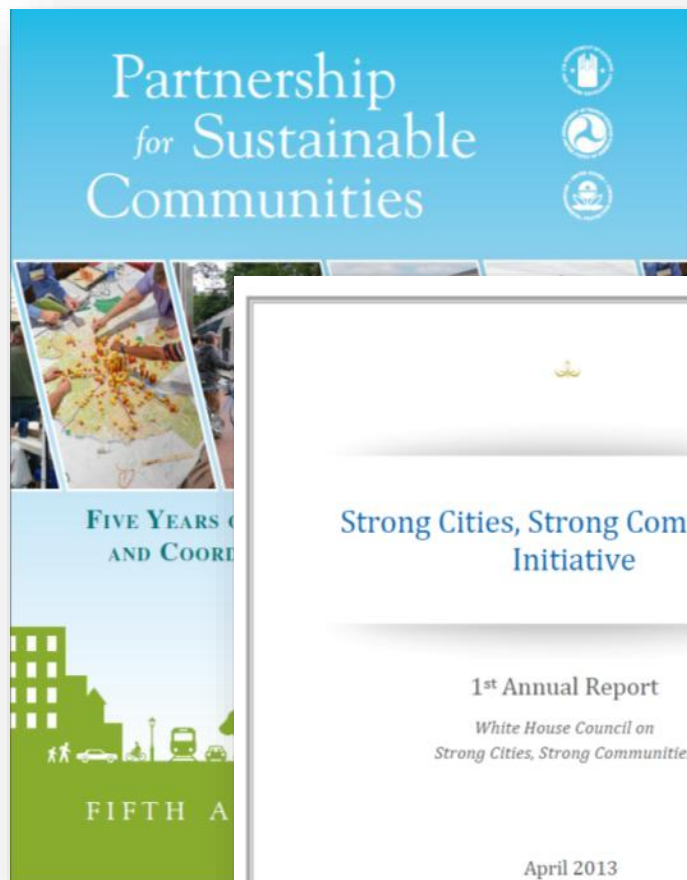


- **FTA-sponsored National Transit Institute Training**
  - Metropolitan and Statewide Planning
  - Transportation and Land Use
  - Transit-Oriented Development
- **FTA-Sponsored TOD Research**
  - 100 and 200 series of best practices to TOD in a wide variety of environments
- **FTA Value Capture Roundtable**
  - July 2013 convening of leaders in linking transit, transit-oriented development, innovative financing and value capture

# Partnership for Sustainable Communities and Other Place-Based Initiatives



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## ➤ DOT-EPA-HUD Partnership

- \$4+ billion in investment
- >1,000 communities supported
- Coordinated policy development
- Removing Federal barriers

## ➤ Strong Cities, Strong Communities (SC2)

- Focus on reinvestment in seven cities
  - Chester, PA
  - Cleveland, OH
  - Detroit, MI
    - Including light rail investment
  - Fresno, CA
    - Including BRT efforts
  - Memphis, TN
  - New Orleans, LA
  - Youngstown, OH



## **FTA Transit and Land Use Resources**

**[www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)**

**[www.mitod.org](http://www.mitod.org)**

**[www.locationaffordability.info](http://www.locationaffordability.info)**

**[www.ntionline.com](http://www.ntionline.com)**

**[www.sustainablecommunities.gov](http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov)**

