

TOD Partnerships

MetroLINK – At a Glance





The Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (MetroLINK) serves the Illinois Quad Cities, including the communities of Carbon Cliff, Colona, East Moline, Hampton, Milan, Moline, Rock Island, and Silvis, IL.



Fixed-route service, known as the Metro, operates 62 fixed-route vehicles across twelve (12) routes and provides 3.4 million trips per year



ADA paratransit and special transportation services operate fifteen (15) vehicles (mini-vans, 12-passenger, and 14-passenger)



Passenger ferryboat service, known as the Channel Cat Water Taxi, operates three (3) 49-passenger vessels on the Mississippi River from May-October



John Deere Commons Redevelopment

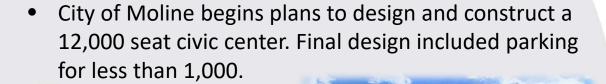
- Late 1980's shift in downtown central business district
- Loss of 6,000+ downtown employees and shift to suburban retail
- John Deere initiative created "Renew Moline" to assist in redevelopment





John Deere Commons Redevelopment

- Consultant engaged to conduct an opportunity analysis and "Smart Growth" Transit-Oriented Development Plan
- Plan included mixed-use facility with a MetroLINK transit terminal, upper floor parking structure, commercial and restaurant space, and a John Deere museum and tourist attraction









John Deere Commons Redevelopment

- Brownfield site redevelopment
- \$300 Million investment over 15 years
- Nearly 1 Million visitors per year





The "Q" Multi-Modal Station - History

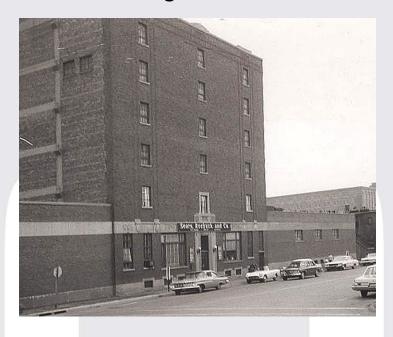
- 2008 Metropolitan Rail Study identifying the JD Commons development as preferred for a future multi-modal station to serve passenger rail
- \$177 Million HSIPR grant awarded to ILDOT and IADOT to reinstate service between Chicago, Quad Cities, and Iowa City, IA
- \$10 Million TIGER II grant awarded to City of Moline (and ultimately MetroLINK) for a multi-modal station in Moline, IL





The "Q" Multi-Modal Station – Project Site

- Immediately south of the John Deere Commons development
- Adaptive reuse of former Sears Warehouse on National Historic Register
- Purchased by the City of Moline for \$1.6 Million
- MetroLINK & the City undertook environmental remediation of building and surrounding former automotive sites







The "Q" Multi-Modal Station – Project Partners

- MetroLINK
 - Administer FTA & ILDOT capital grants
 - Facilitate contract procurement and management (design, construction, etc.)
- City of Moline
 - Land acquisition
 - Issue RFI for private developers
 - Prepare and execute developer and condo agreements
- Amin Group
 - Design & construct private development of hotel and retail tenant spaces
- Other Stakeholders
 - National Park Service & IL Historic Preservation Agency
 - BNSF and IAIS Railroads
 - ILDOT (adjacent to state corridor)
 - Neighborhood Capital Institute (market analysis)



The "Q" Multi-Modal Station – Project Highlights

- Westin Element extended stay hotel (Spring 2018)
- Retail tenant "Urban Farmhouse" boutique (Fall 2018)
- Three additional tenant spaces in negotiation or build-out stages (Present)
- Developer seeking USGBC LEED Interior Design certification
- Coordination of Federal Historic Tax Credits and Section 106 historic review
- City and MetroLINK retain 25% of net proceeds from tenant lease for maintenance of public spaces







The "Q" Multi-Modal Station - Interiors



The "Q" Multi-Modal Station – Next Steps

- Construct pedestrian skywalk connection to Centre Station transit terminal (Fall 2019)
- Coordinate with ILDOT and host railroads on integration of rail platform and rail corridor improvements to implement rail service
- Monitor/administer condo agreement, including building maintenance and revenue model for tenant spaces







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