

## **The Typology and Strategic Plan: Tools for Regional Visioning and Implementation of TOD**



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# CTOD CENTER FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

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Sustainable Communities  
Attainable Results

  
STRATEGICECONOMICS

- ***5-year old partnership dedicated to improving practice through technical assistance, research + policy reform***
- ***Creating a national marketplace for TOD, working with cities, transit agencies, developers, investors + communities***
- ***Developing new tools and collaborative and equitable planning models***
- ***On-line Clearinghouse of TOD + Transit Best Practices***

# How Can We Plan Strategically for Transit + TOD?

- No one-size-fits-all to TOD
- Multiple questions that we're trying to answer
- Transit + TOD planning and investment happen at different scales

*Decisions need to be made within a framework and shared with multiple stakeholders.*

# Why Consider Differences in TOD?

- Create aspirational vision of future land uses in station area
- Prioritize stations for investment
- Provide guidelines and actions for implementation
- Measure performance on a range of metrics



Fruitvale Transit Village



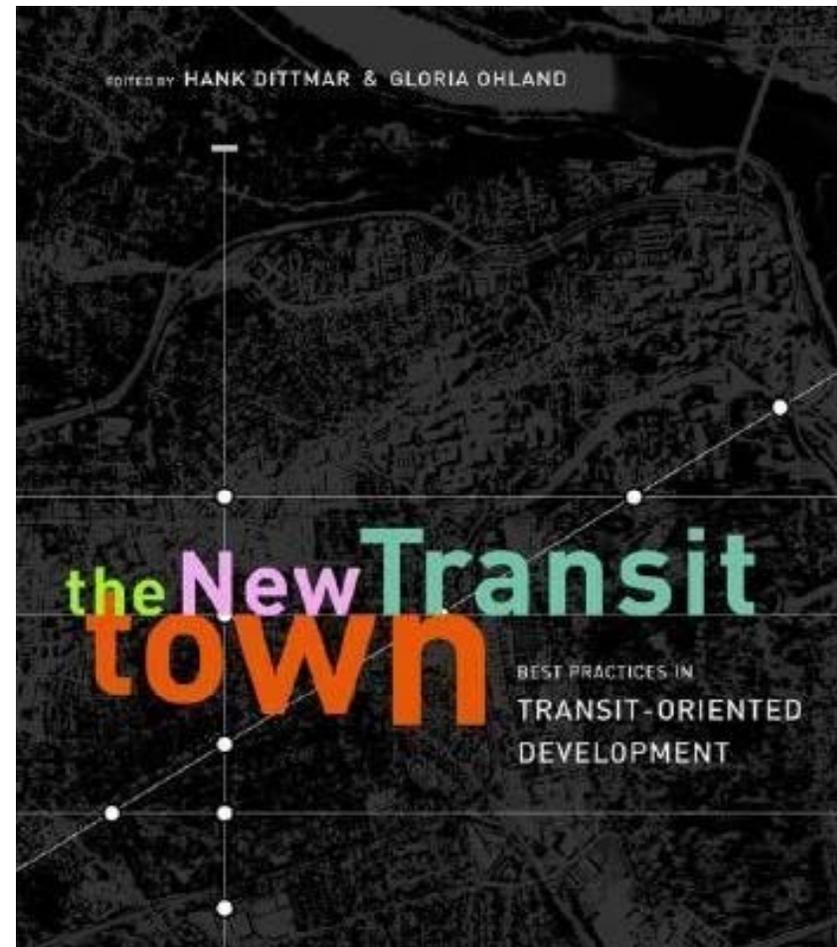
Midtown Manhattan

# Drawing from Existing Practice

- Center for TOD Typology Development
  - “Place” Types that support station area planning and benchmarking
  - Corridor Types that support land use and transit planning
  - Market and Opportunity Types that support strategic planning
- Typology Systems Developed By Others
- Implications for the Portland Region

# New Transit Town Typology

- Goal: Illustrate “one size does not fit all” concept for TOD
- Provided density, use mix guidelines
  - Mainly applicable to new development
  - Qualitative approach



# New Transit Town Typology

TOD Type	Land Use Mix	Minimum Housing Density	Housing Typology	Scale	Regional Connectivity	Transit Modes	Frequency	Examples
Urban Downtown	Primary office, center urban services, retail, multifamily housing, hotel	>50 units/acre	Multifamily Loft	High	High density of regional system	All modes	<10 minutes	Peeters Row (Chicago) LoDo (Denver) South Beach (San Francisco)
Urban Neighborhood	Residential, Retail, Class B commercial	>30 units/acre	Multifamily Loft Townhouse Single family	Medium	Medium access to downtown, subregional circulation	Light rail Streetcar Rapid bus Local bus	0 minutes peak 20 minutes off-peak	Markingburg (Dallas) Fulcrum (Chicago) Barrio Logan (San Diego)
Suburban Center	Primary office, center urban services, retail, multifamily housing, hotel	>30 units/acre	Multifamily Loft Townhouse	High	High access to downtown, subregional hub	Rail Streetcar Rapid bus Local bus Paratransit	0 minutes peak 0-15 minutes off-peak	Arroyo County (Virginia) Addison Circle (Dallas) Evanston (Illinois)
Suburban Neighborhood	Residential, Neighborhood retail, Local office	> 2 units/acre	Multifamily Townhouse Single family	Medium/Low	Medium access to downtown, center, Access to downtown	Light rail Rapid bus Local bus Paratransit	10 minutes peak 10 minutes off-peak	Crossings (Metropolitan Area, CA) Vine, CA O'Hare-Chrysoth (San Jose, CA)
Neighborhood Transit Zone	Residential, Neighborhood retail	>7 units/acre	Townhouse Single family	Low access to a center	Low	Local bus Paratransit	15-30 minutes Demand responsive	
Community Town Center	Retail center, Residential	> 2 units/acre	Multifamily Townhouse Single family	Low	Low access to downtown	Commuter rail Rapid bus	Peak service Demand responsive	Paris Crossing (Illinois) Susan City (California)



# Denver TOD Strategy

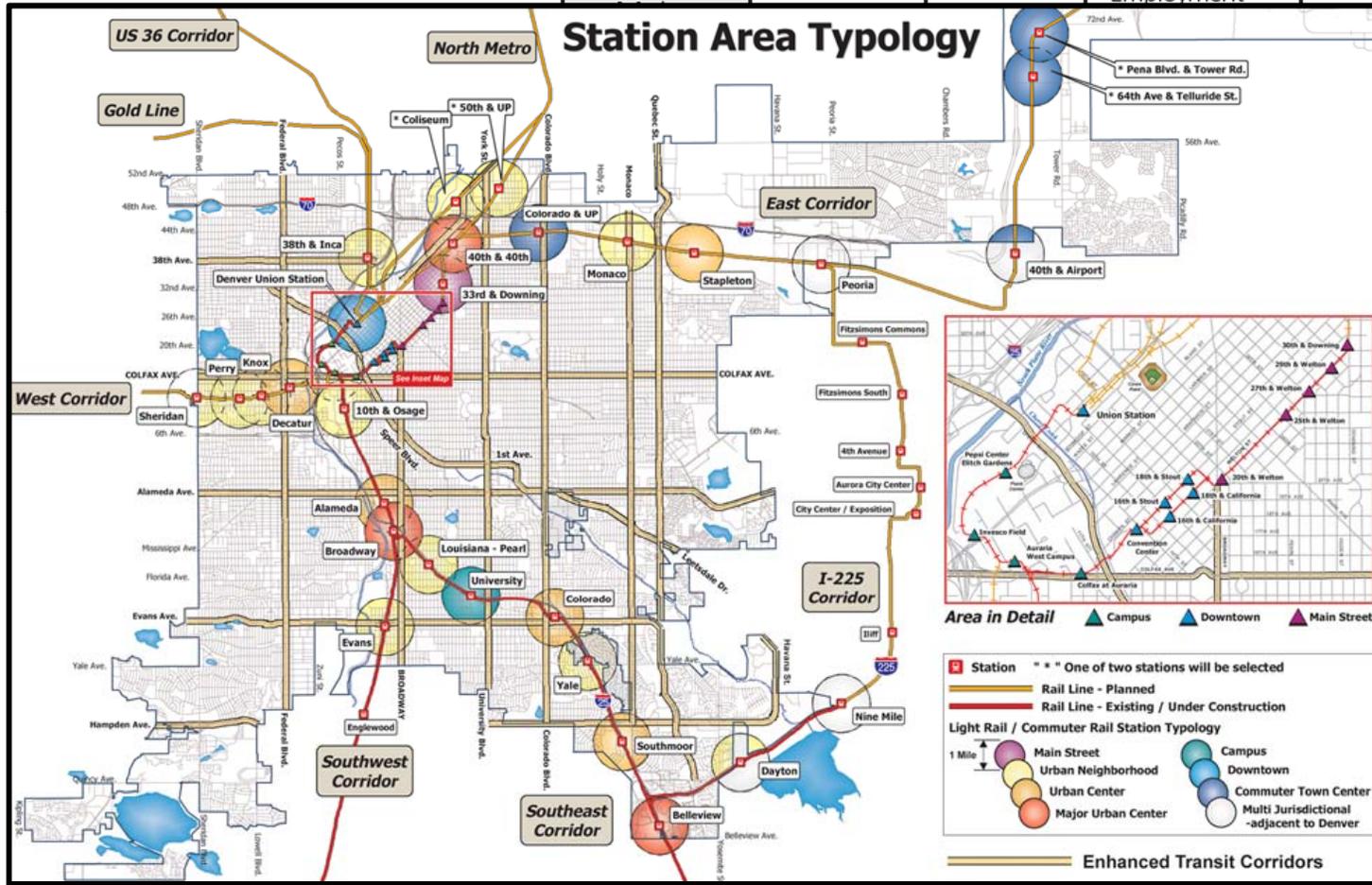
Goal: Provide a vision for future land uses in station areas without the expense of individual plans

- Prioritize stations for planning efforts



# Denver TOD Place Types

TOD Typology	Desired Land Use Mix	Desired Housing Types	Commercial/Employment Types	Proposed Scale	Transit System Function
Downtown	Office, retail, residential, entertainment, and civic uses	Multi-family and loft	Prime office and shopping location	5 stories and above	Intermodal facility/transit hub. Major regional destination with high quality feeder bus/streetcar connections.
			Employment		Sub-Regional destination. Some Park-n-ride. Linked with district circulator transit and express feeder bus.
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					Neighborhood walk-up station. Very small Park-n-ride, if any. Local bus connections.
					Capture station for in-bound commuters. Large Park-n-ride with local and express bus connections.
					Bus or streetcar corridors. District circulator or feeder transit service. Walk-up stops. No transit parking.
Special Events Station	Sports Facilities	multi-family	Limited office/retail	Varies	Large Commuter destination. Large parking reservoirs but not necessarily for transit.



# Station Area Prioritization

## Denver TOD Typology and Activity Priorities

Stations	TOD Typology	Market Opportunity	Phasing Priority of City Action
Denver Union Station	Downtown	Strong	Underway
"D" Line, existing			
33rd & Downing (new station)	Main Street	Emerging	Monitor & Respond
Welton Street Stops	Main Street	Emerging	Monitor & Respond
16th Street Stops	Downtown	Strong	Monitor & Respond
10th & Osage	Urban Neighborhood	Emerging	Immediate
Alameda	Urban Center	Emerging	Immediate
Broadway	Major Urban Center	Strong	Underway
Evans	Urban Neighborhood	Long Term	Monitor & Respond

# Denver TOD Strategy

## Implementation Lessons Learned:

- More community buy-in would have facilitated implementation + future station area plan process
- Typology should have included more detail on attributes of places
- Market feasibility could have played larger role

# MTC TOD Policy

- Goal: Understand development potential across cities, and where investment can help generate more density
- Established corridor density minimums to secure funding
  - Place types defined by quantitative analysis: density and actual station connectivity

TABLE 1: Resolution 3434 Transit Extension Projects Subject to Corridor Thresholds

PROJECT	SPONSOR	TYPE	THRESHOLD IS MET WITH CURRENT DEVELOPMENT?
BART East Contra Costa Rail Extension	BART/CCTA	Commuter Rail	No
BART — Downtown Fremont to San Jose/Santa Clara (a) Fremont to Warm Springs (b) Warm Springs to San Jose/Santa Clara	(a) BART (b) VTA	BART extension	No
AC Transit Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Bus Rapid Transit: Phase 1	AC Transit	Bus Rapid Transit	Yes
Caltrain Downtown Extension/Rebuilt Transbay Terminal	TJPA	Commuter Rail	Yes
MUNI Third Street Light Rail Transit Project Phase 2 — New Central Subway	MUNI	Light Rail	Yes
Sonoma-Marin Rail	SMART	Commuter Rail	No
Dumbarton Rail	SMTA, ACCMA, VTA, ACTIA, Capitol	Corridor Commuter Rail	No
Expanded Ferry Service Phase 1: Berkeley, Alameda/Oakland/Harbor Bay, and South San Francisco to San Francisco (Note 1)	WTA	Ferry	No
Expanded Ferry Service Phase 2: Alameda to South San Francisco, and Hercules, Antioch, Treasure Island, Redwood City and Richmond to San Francisco (Note 1)	WTA	Ferry	No

Note 1: The WTA Ferry Expansion “Corridor” for the purposes of the TOD policy consists of all new terminals planned in Phase 1 and Phase 2.

# MTC TOD Strategy

- “Benchmarked” place types and targets for station area planning
- Potential criteria for regional funding priority

 <b>STATION AREA PLANNING MANUAL</b> DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES		Centers			
		Regional Center	City Center	Suburban Center	Transit Town Center
		Development Guidelines	Housing Mix (New Development) [2]	High rise & mid rise apartments/condos	Mid-rise, low-rise, some high-rise and townhomes
Station Area Total Units Target [3]	8,000 - 30,000		5,000 - 15,000	2,500 - 10,000	3,000 - 7,500
Net Project Density (New Housing) [4]	75-300 du/acre		50 -150 du/acre	35 - 100 du/acre	20 - 75 du/acre
Station Area Total Jobs Target	40,000 - 150,000		5,000 - 30,000	7,500 - 50,000	2,000 - 7,500
Minimum FAR (New Employment Development)	5.0 FAR		2.5 FAR	4.0 FAR	2.0 FAR

			Districts	Corridor
Urban Neighborhood	Transit Neighborhood	Mixed Use Neighborhood		
Mid-rise, low-rise, townhomes	Low-rise, townhomes, some mid-rise and small lot single family	Mid-rise, low-rise, townhomes, small lot off immediate corridor		
2,500 - 10,000	1,500 - 4,000	2,000 - 5,000		
40 - 100 du/acre	20 - 50 du/acre	25 - 60 du/acre		
N.A.	N.A.	750 -1,500		
1.0 FAR	1.0 FAR	2.0 FAR		

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## Implementation Lessons

### Learned:

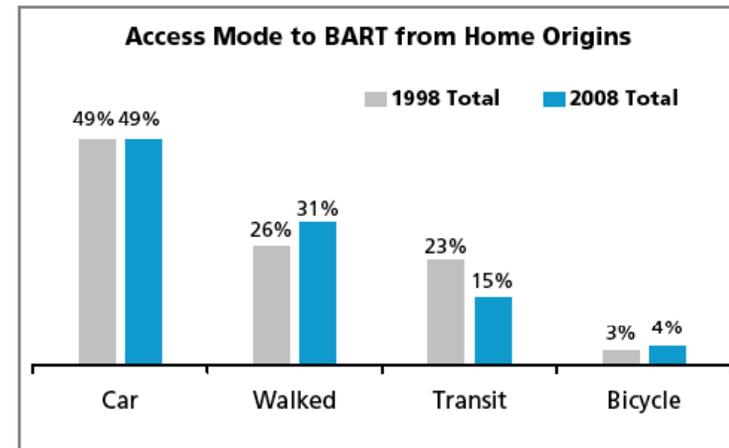
- Approach offered way to attach accountability to allocation of regional funds
- Words used in typology mattered: added “suburban” to be more inclusive
- TOD Strategy responded primarily to housing need, less so to where jobs go



# BART Access Study

Goal: Identify stations where small access improvements could leverage large changes in station access modes (from car to other)

- Classified stations based on both current and aspirational place types
- Considered potential for undeveloped land to transform place types
- Quantifiably integrated land use and access conditions



Access-Based Station Typology Matrix

Descriptors	Scale		Transportation Setting					
	Ridership	Station footprint	Street network	Proximity to freeway off-ramp	Parking capacity	Parking fill time	Transit service types	
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Auto Dependent	Low - Moderate	Large	Suburban residential, suburban hillside	 	Adjacent	Medium or Large	Morning	Local

# BART Access Study

## Implementation Lessons

### Learned:

- Place Types not accepted by all BART staff – ended up with access types instead
- Needed to be more explicit about purpose, and limitations of typology approach
- Quantifiable place types held more weight – but couldn't agree on aspirations

Is downtown Walnut Creek (a local downtown)...



...really like downtown Berkeley (a local downtown)?



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# Initial Themes

## Typology Approaches:

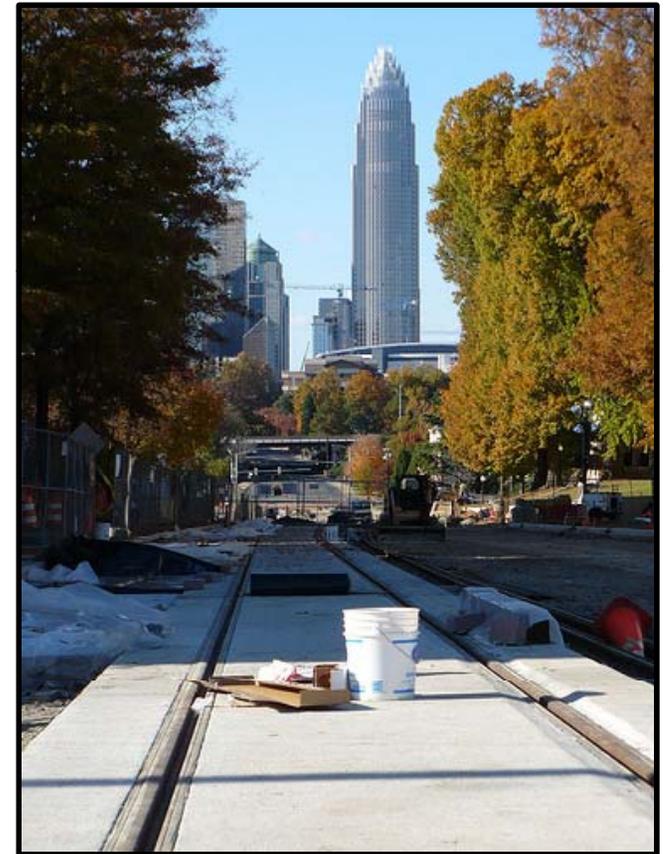
- Describing land use mix and intensity
- Moving from qualitative to quantitative information about land use
- Looking at long term development opportunity, but not more immediate market conditions

## Early Typology Purposes:

- Communicate long term vision/expectation for individual stations
- Create framework for future land use plan
  - Illustrate that not all TOD is the same
  - Understand what's appropriate in given station context

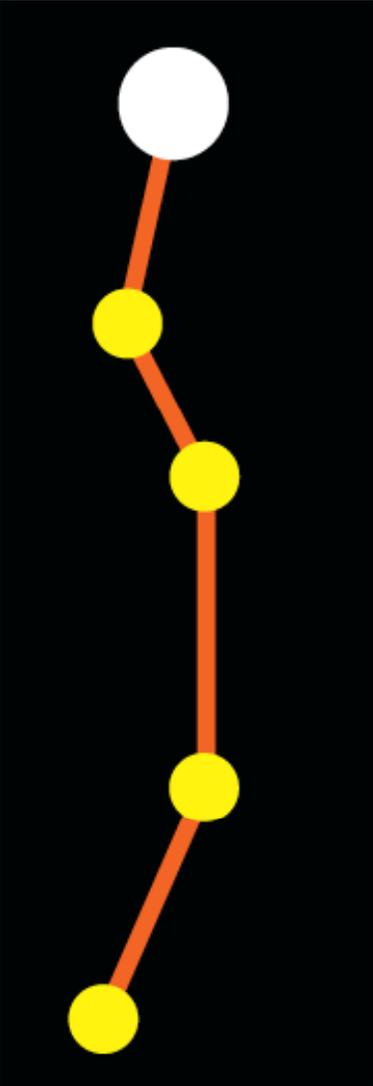
# Corridor Level Analysis

- Helps us understand role of transit in shaping station areas
- Connectivity enhances understanding of what the “potential” is in any place
- Not so much about technology as about:
  - Frequency
  - Linking origins and destinations
- Development opportunities shape potential future roles for corridors

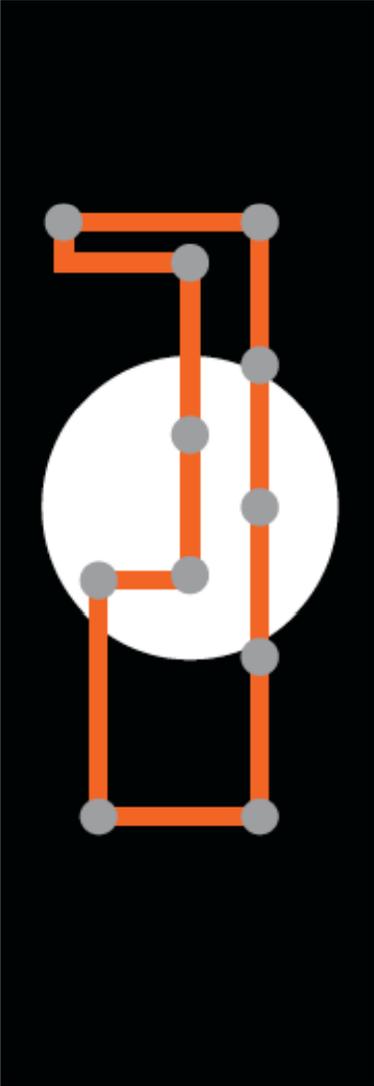


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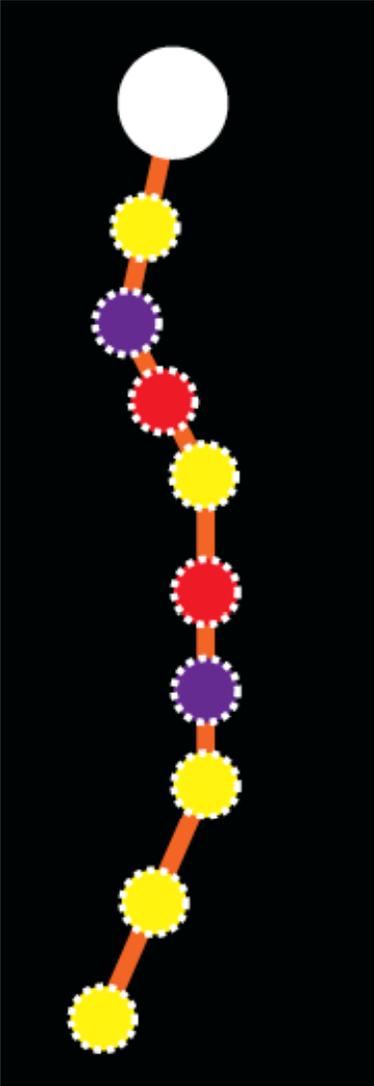
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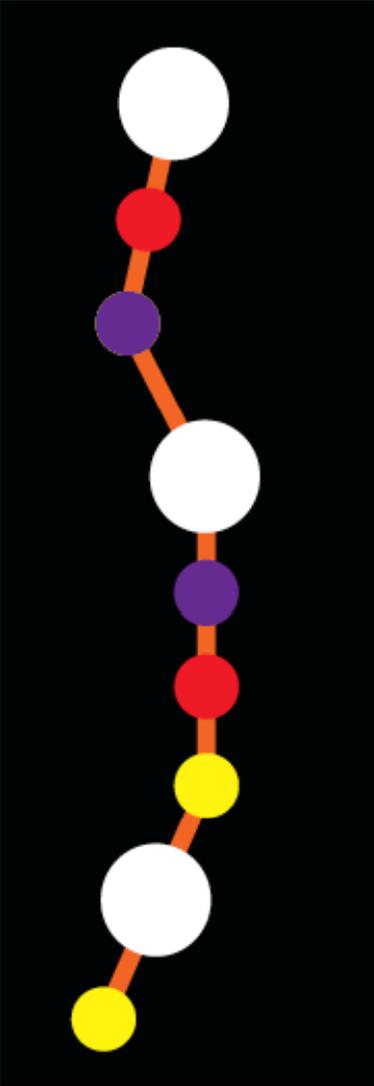
District Circulator



Planned Growth

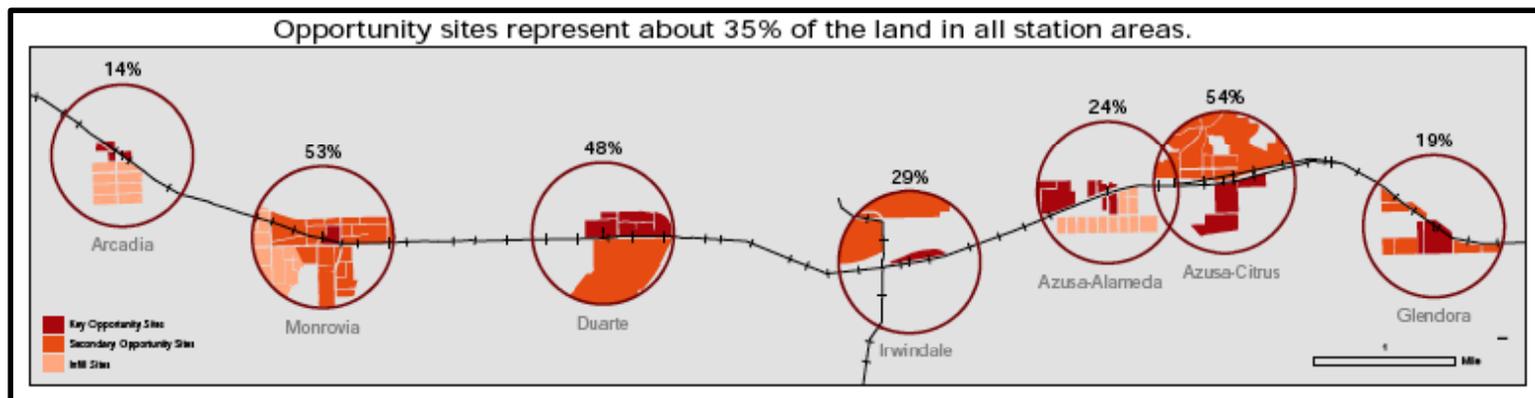


Destination Connection



# Los Angeles Corridor Studies

- Goal: Understand how transit could change station area market potential
- Began to consider how one station area could influence its neighbors in terms of:
  - Market Strength + Development Opportunity
  - Origins and Destinations



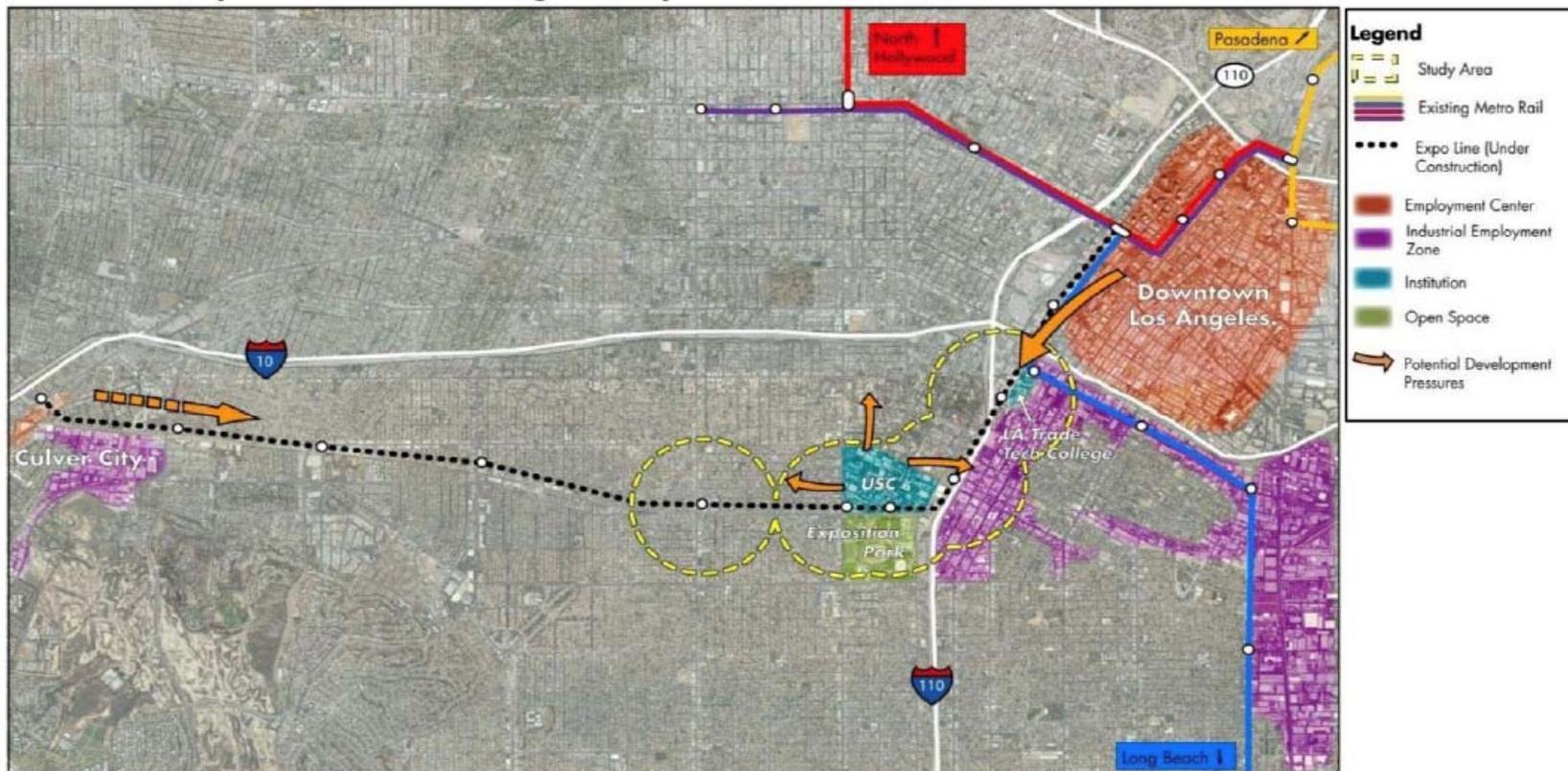
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## Potential to change market by

Expanding reach of strong market trade areas

Improving access to destinations

Potential Development Pressures Affecting the Study Area

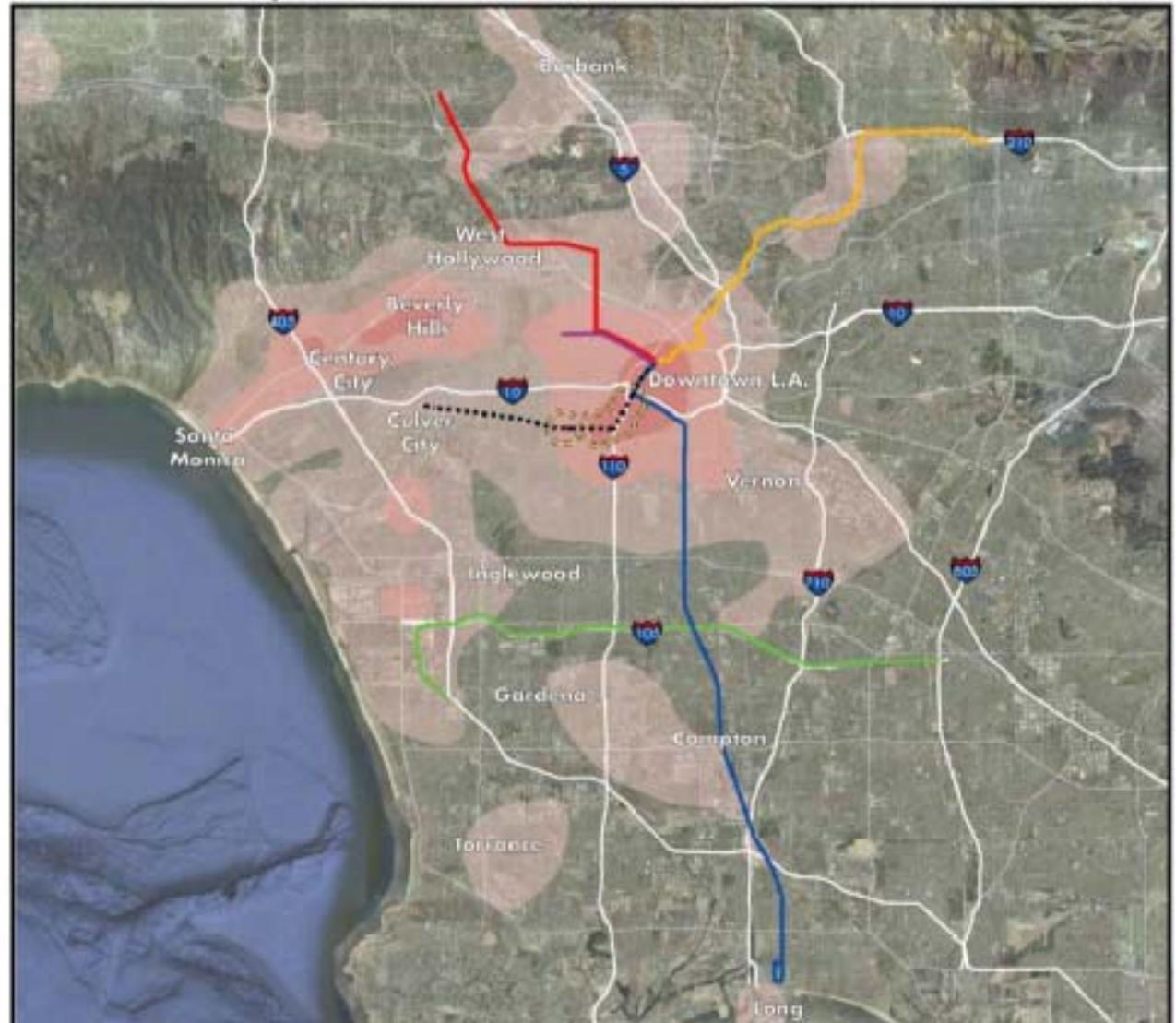


Sources: GoogleEarth Pro, 2008; Strategic Economics, 2009.

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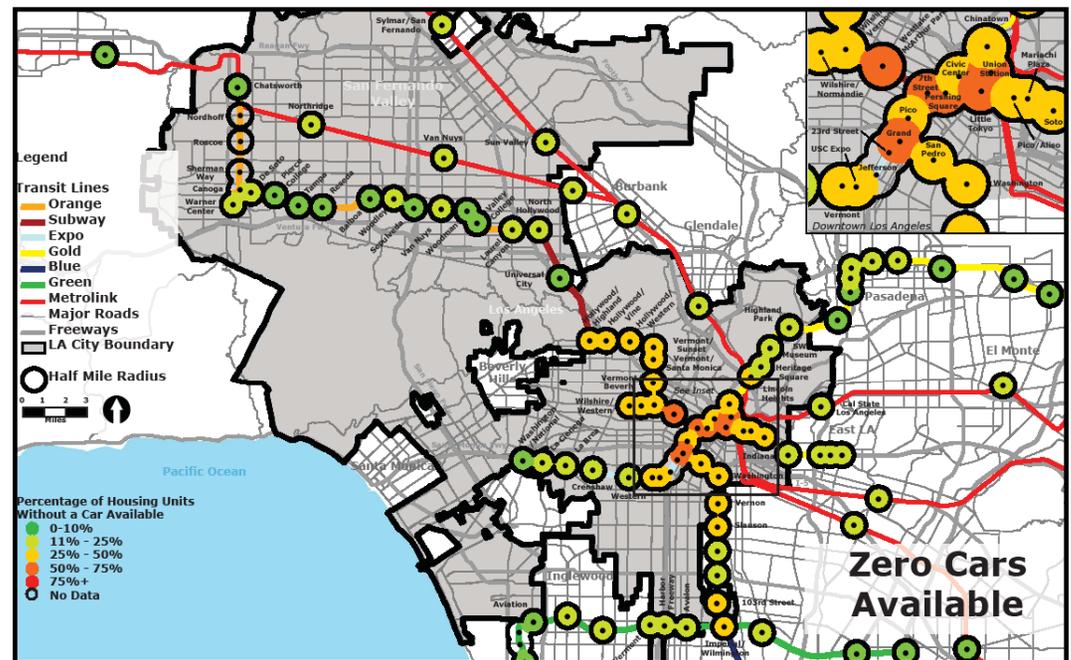
Improving access to destinations: a look at current commutes relative to transit

Places Where Study Area Residents Work, 2006



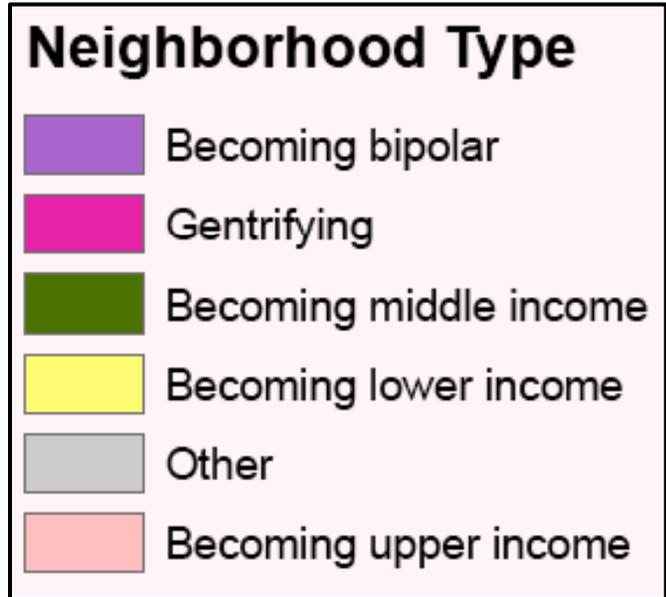
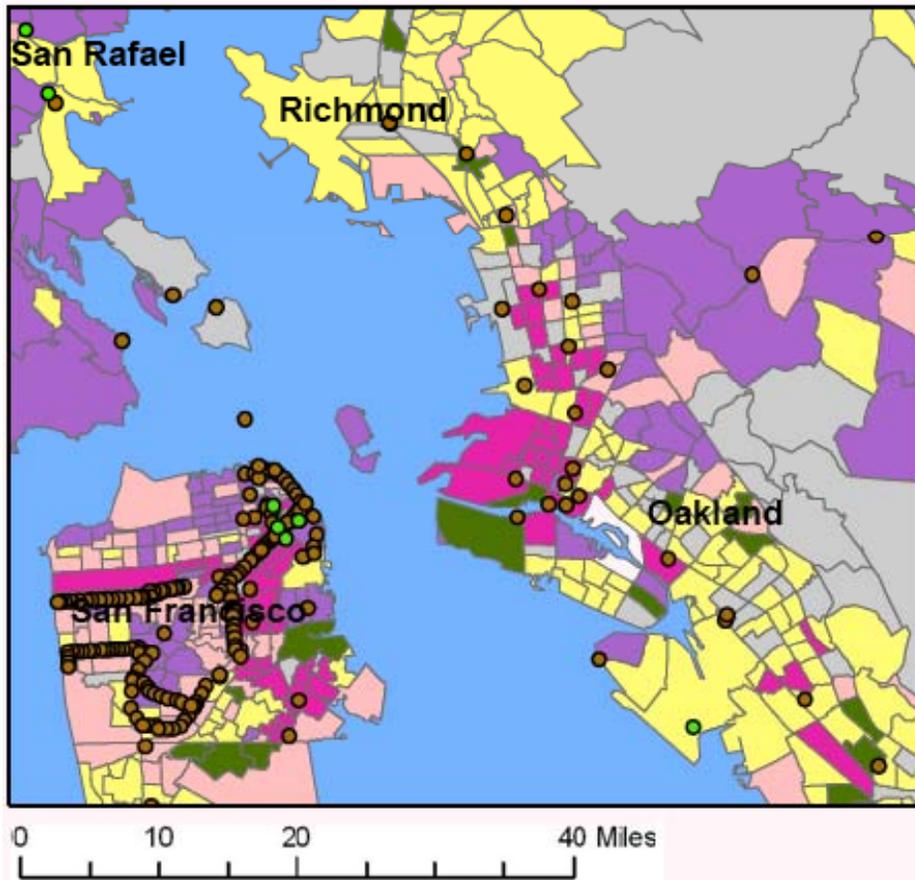
# Los Angeles TOD Analysis

- Goal: Convene TOD stakeholders around multiple TOD goals to understand issues and determine next steps
- Not just new development, but access, environmental, and equity considerations



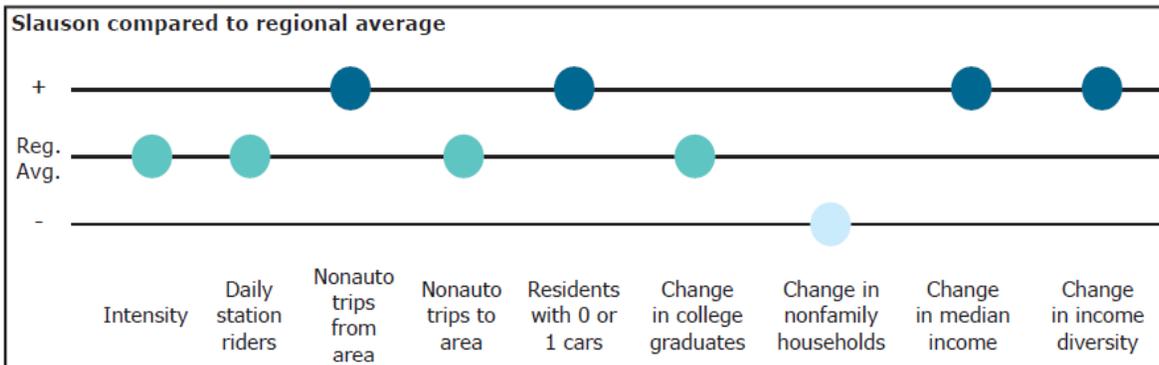
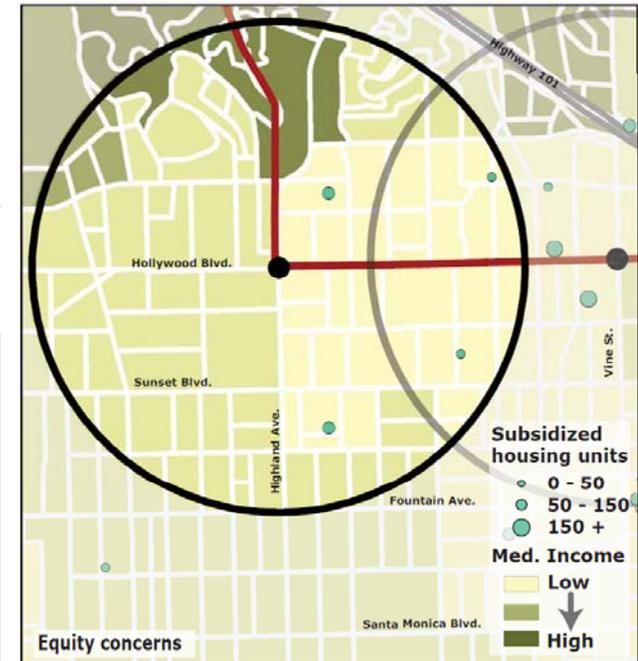
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Bringing Equity into the Picture



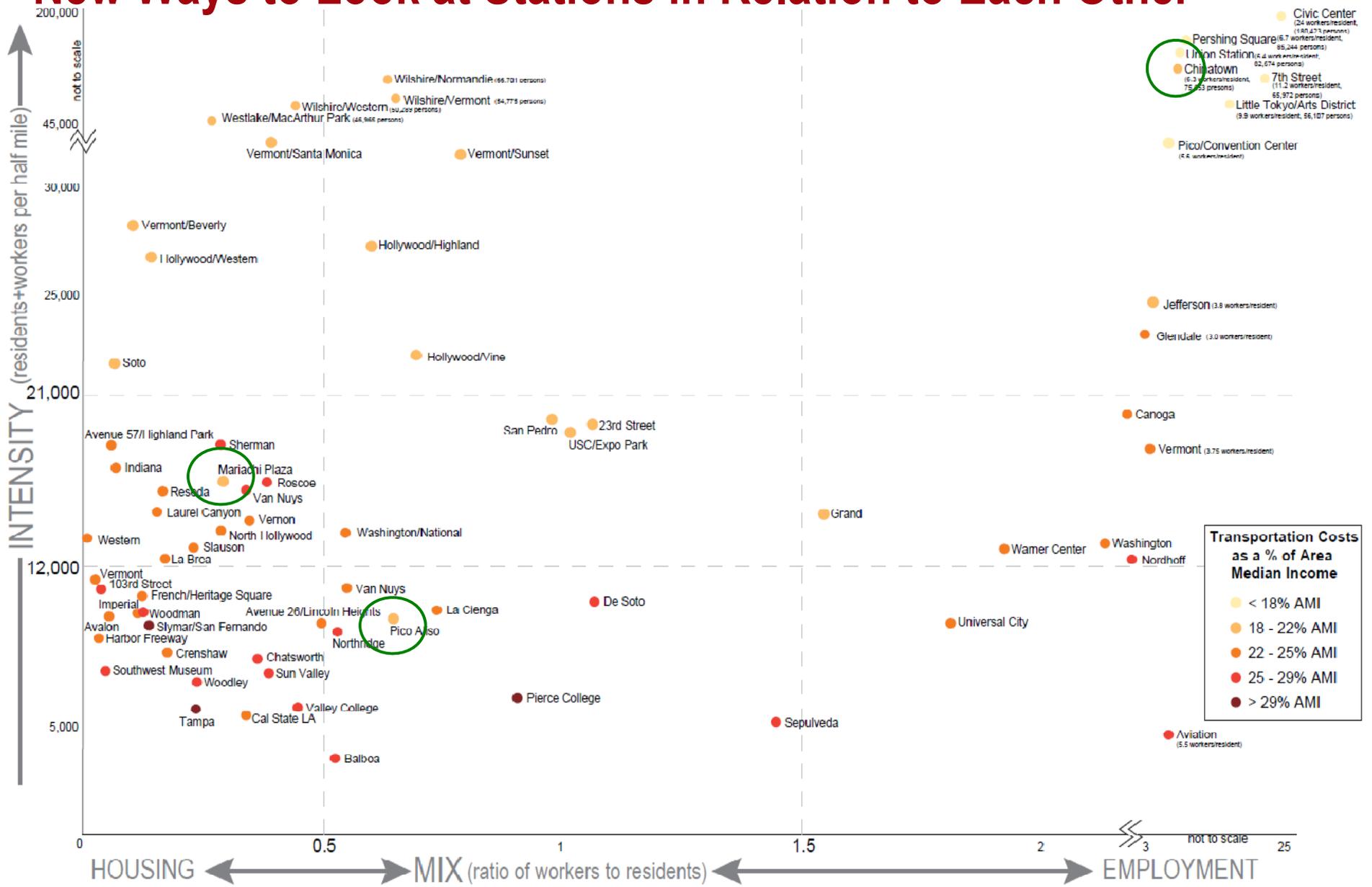
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<b>Neighborhood Change</b>	College graduates (1990-2000)	+4.3%	Nominal change
	Nonfamily households (1990-2000)	-15.6%	Rapid decrease
	Median Income (1990-2000)	+8.4%	Increase
	Income diversity (1990-2000)	+3.5%	Increase
	Affordable Units (2009-2015)	0 units, 0% expiring	No change
<b>Development Opportunity</b>	Underutilized Land	85 acres	Small, clustered
	Avg. commercial & industrial parcel	0.55 acres	Moderate

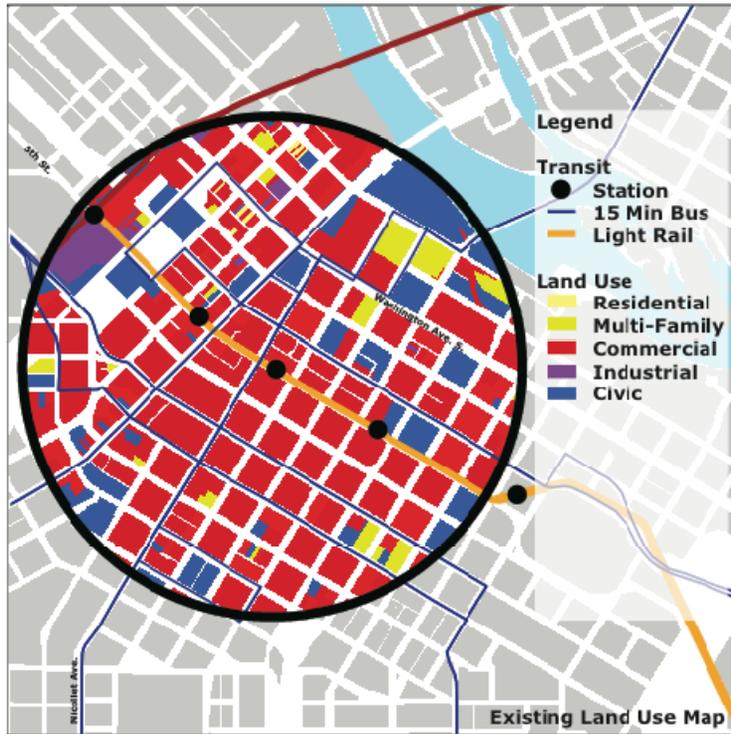


Metric	Value	Evaluation
Daily Station Boardings	4,018 riders	High
Mobility Barriers	Block size	Semi-walkable
Non-Auto Work Trips from Area	26.2%	High
Non-Auto Work Trips to Area	14.1%	Moderate
Residents with 1 or 0 cars	78%	High

# New Ways to Look at Stations in Relation to Each Other

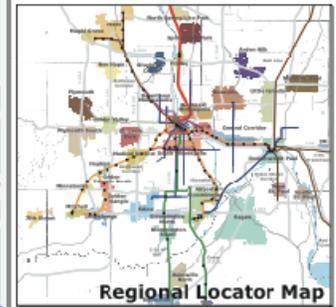


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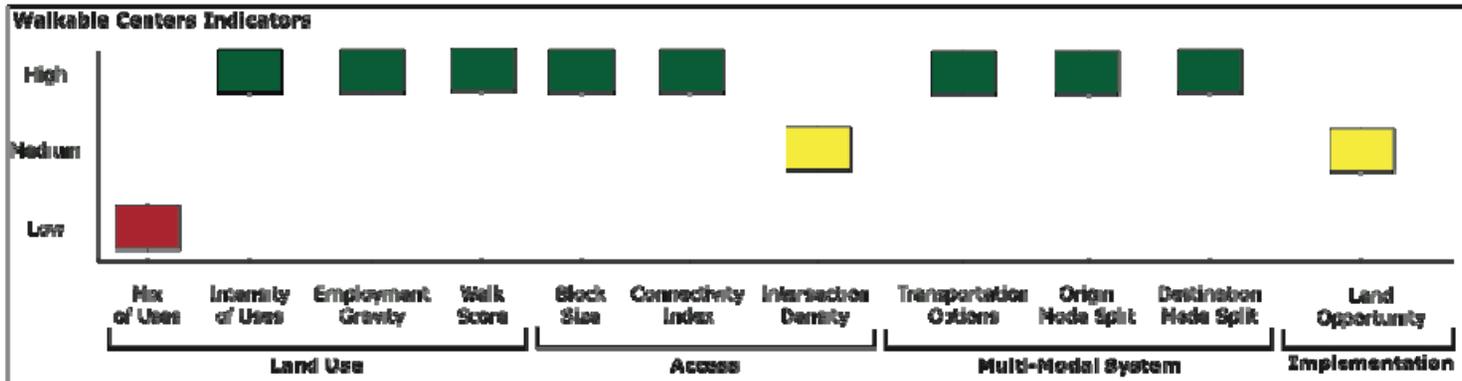


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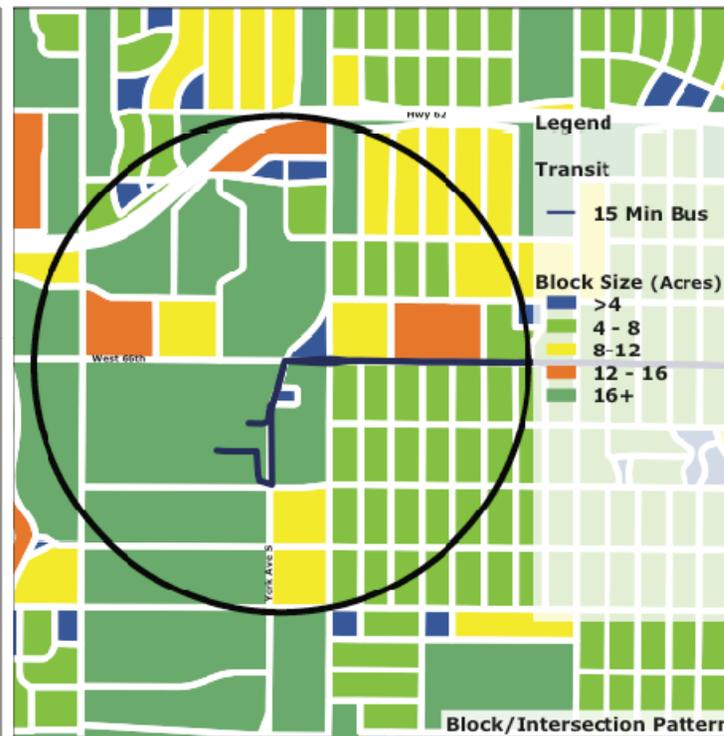
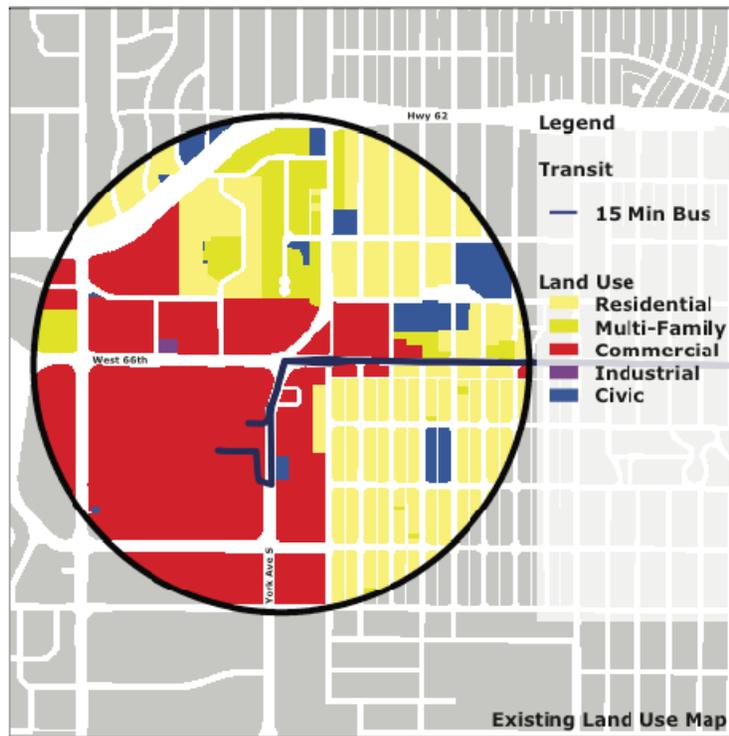
### Downtown Minneapolis (Nicollet Mall @ 5th Street S)



Indicator	
Mix of Uses (Working/Residents)	217
Intensity of Uses (Work. + Res./Acre)	214.7
Employment Gravity	High
Walk Score	98
Average Block Size	3.94 Acres
Connectivity Index	1.89
Intersection Density	167/mi
Origin Mode Split	56% Non-auto
Destination Mode Split	37% Non-auto
Land Opportunity	109 Acres

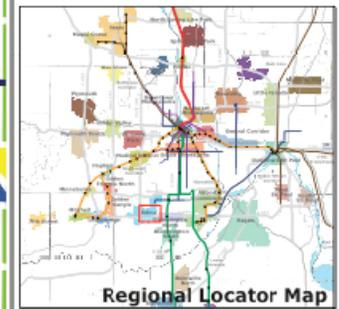


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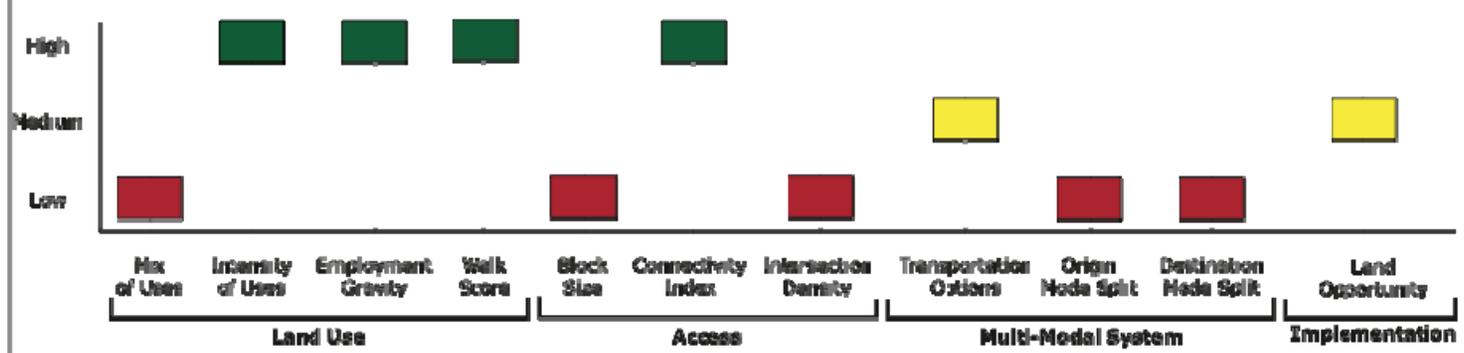
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### Southdale Area (W 66th Street @ York Ave S, Edina)



Indicator	
Mix of Uses (Workplaces/Residents)	6.0
Intensity of Uses (Work. + Res./Acre)	46.4
Employment Gravity	High
Walk Score	92
Average Block Size	10.0 Acres
Connectivity Index	1.8
Intersection Density	40/sq mi
Origin Mode Split	9% Non-auto
Destination Mode Split	4% Non-auto
Land Opportunity	116 Acres

### Walkable Centers Indicators



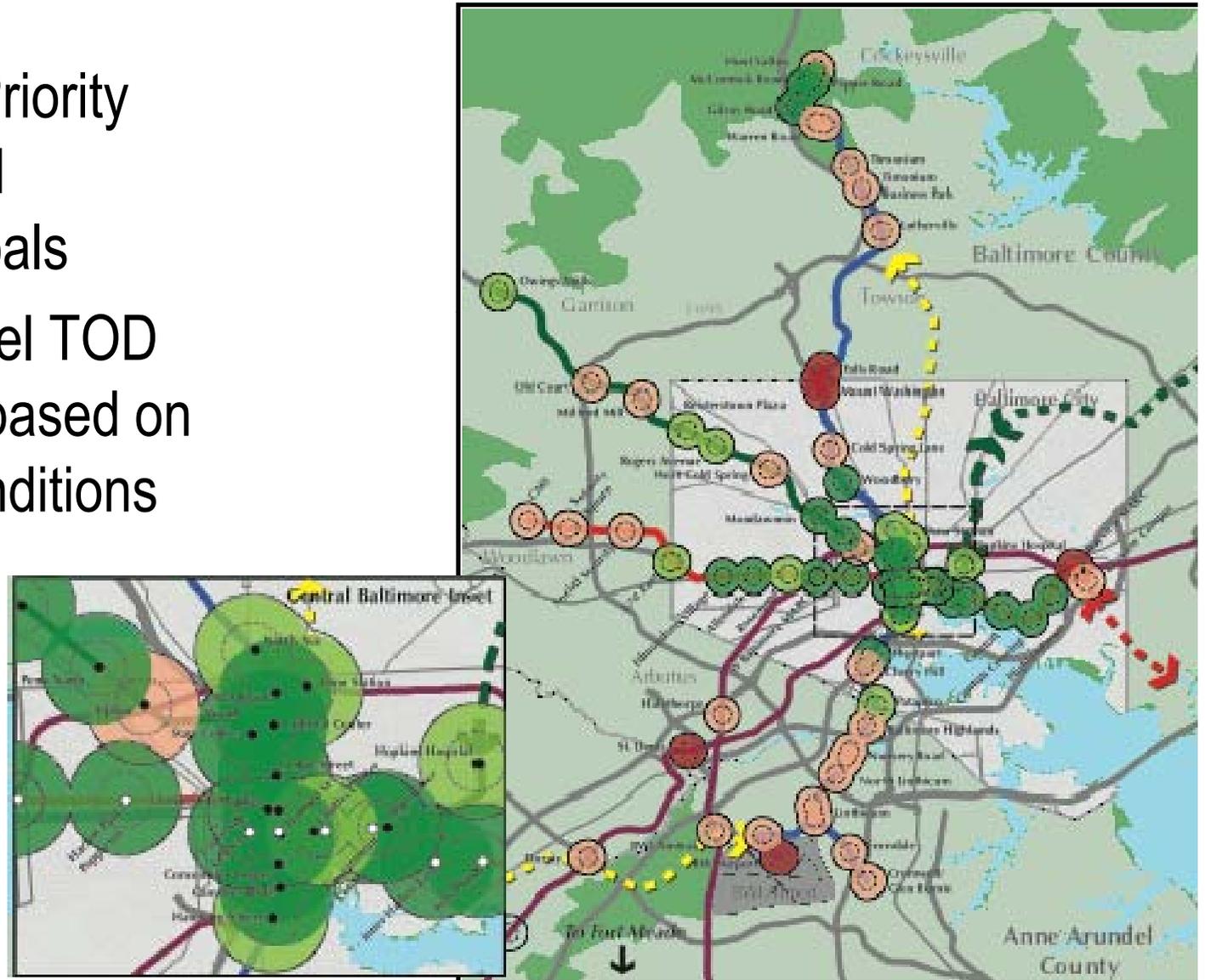
# Central Maryland TOD Strategy

- Goal: prioritizing investment and coordinating stakeholders to become more proactive
- “Place types” didn’t suggest how to deal with *implementation*
- Regional scale creates new challenges of jurisdiction and collaboration



# Central Maryland TOD Strategy

1. Regional Priority Map based on TOD goals
2. Station-level TOD approach based on current conditions



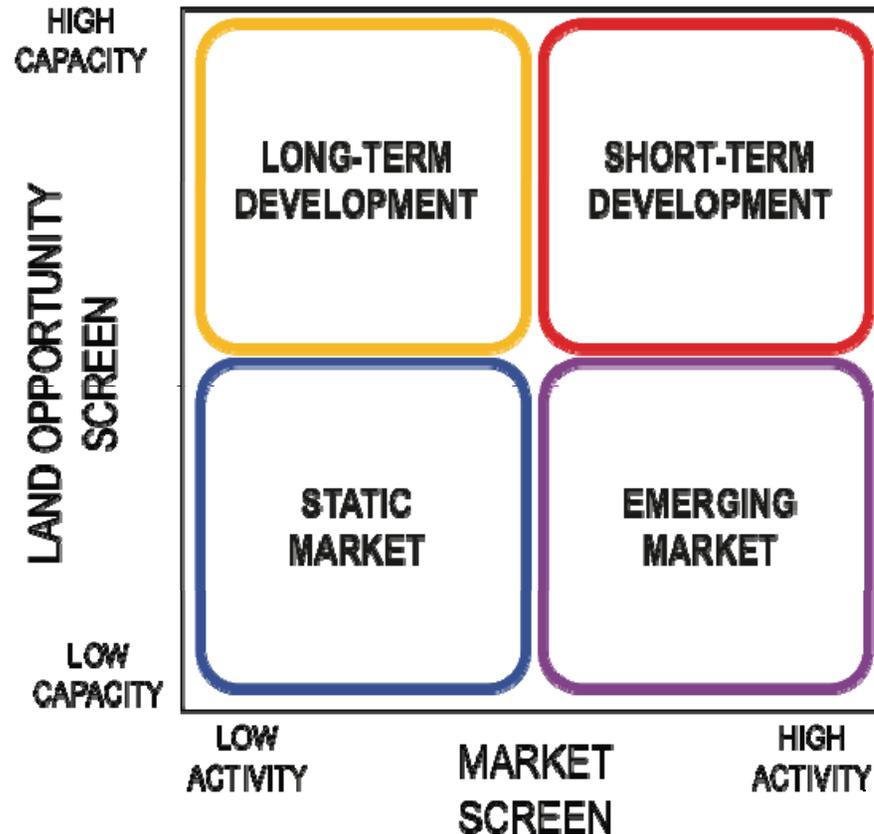
# TOD OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS

## KEY QUESTIONS

- Is there land available for development?
- Is there the potential for some uses to transition to others?
- Are there opportunities to intensify existing residential or employment concentrations?

## KEY INDICATORS

- Underutilized Commercial/Industrial Land
- Holding Capacity
- Non-programmed public land



## KEY QUESTIONS

- Is there development happening now?
- Are values going up quickly?
- Is there a lot of transaction activity?

## KEY INDICATORS

- Permit activity
- Sales Activity
- Median Income

# NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGY ANALYSIS

## KEY QUESTIONS

- Who is living in the station area currently?
- What is the strength of the housing market?
- Are there challenges of gentrification or disinvestment?

## KEY INDICATORS

- Market Value Assessment
- Jobs Housing Balance
- Income Diversity and Median Income

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<p><b>SHORT-TERM DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p>OWINGS HILLS INNER HARBOR EAST  <b>DEVELOPMENT FACILITATION</b>          ODEWTON</p>	<p>STATE CENTER HOPKINS HOSPITAL  <b>PROACTIVE DEVELOPMENT</b>          REISTERSTOWN PLAZA PENN STATION</p>		
<p><b>LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p>ABERDEEN MARTIN STATE AIRPORT  <b>MARKET PRIMING</b>          WHITE MARSH</p>	<p>ROGERS AVE W BALTIMORE MARC  <b>MARKET CATALYST</b>          CHERRY HILL WESTPORT</p>		
<p><b>EMERGING MARKET</b></p>	<p>TOYSON WOODBURY  <b>OPPORTUNISTIC DEVELOPMENT</b>          BAYVIEW CAMPUS HUNT VALLEY FELS POINT</p>	<p>EDMONDSON VILLAGE  <b>PROACTIVE REINFORCEMENT</b></p>		
<p><b>STATIC MARKET</b></p>	<p>BWI STATION COLDSRING LANE  <b>MONITOR &amp; RESPOND</b>          CMB</p>	<p><b>QUALITY-OF-LIFE IMPROVEMENTS</b>          I-70 EAST</p>		
	<p><b>EMPLOYMENT CENTER</b></p>	<p><b>STABLE COMMUNITY</b></p>	<p><b>VULNERABLE COMMUNITY</b></p>	<p><b>CHALLENGED COMMUNITY</b></p>
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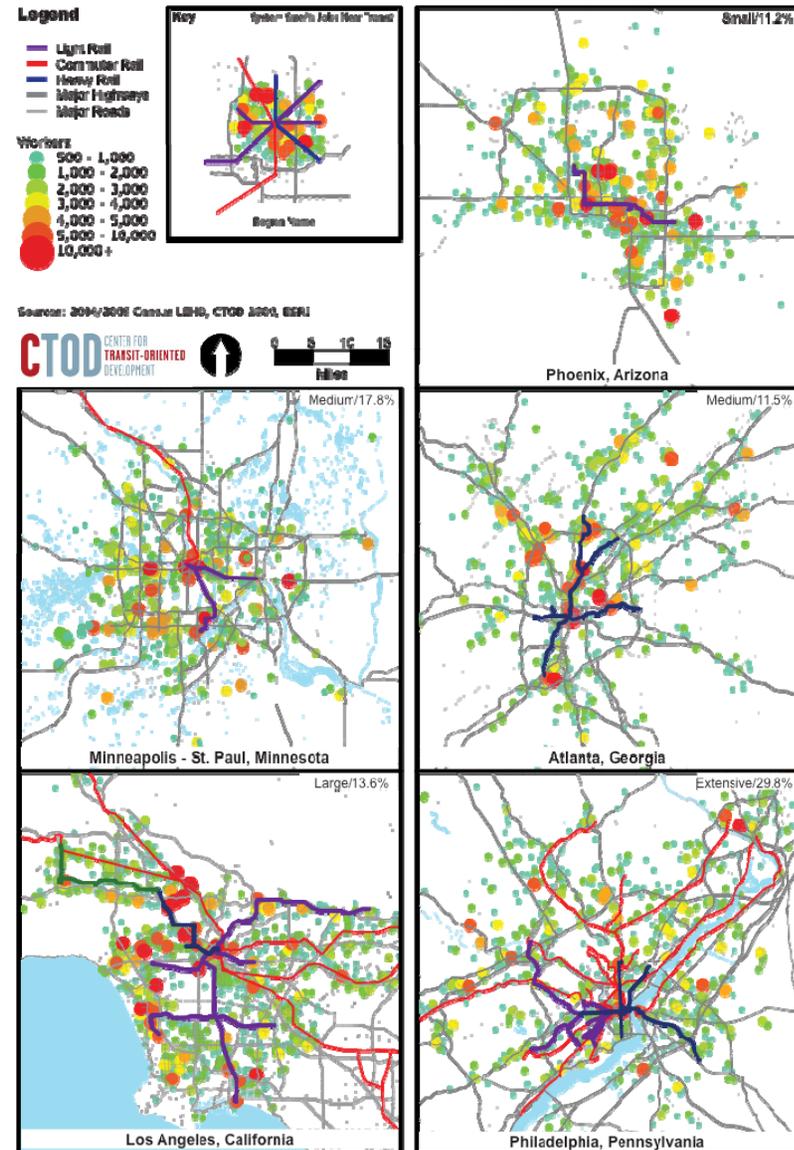
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## Implementation Lessons Learned:

- Need to find the right methodology to define priorities and bring stakeholders together
- Typology can address process as well as places, but it can be difficult conceptually
- In a weak real estate market, sometimes you just have to wait

# Still questions to be answered

- GHG Emissions benchmarks
- Employment patterns and performance
- Economic development and jobs

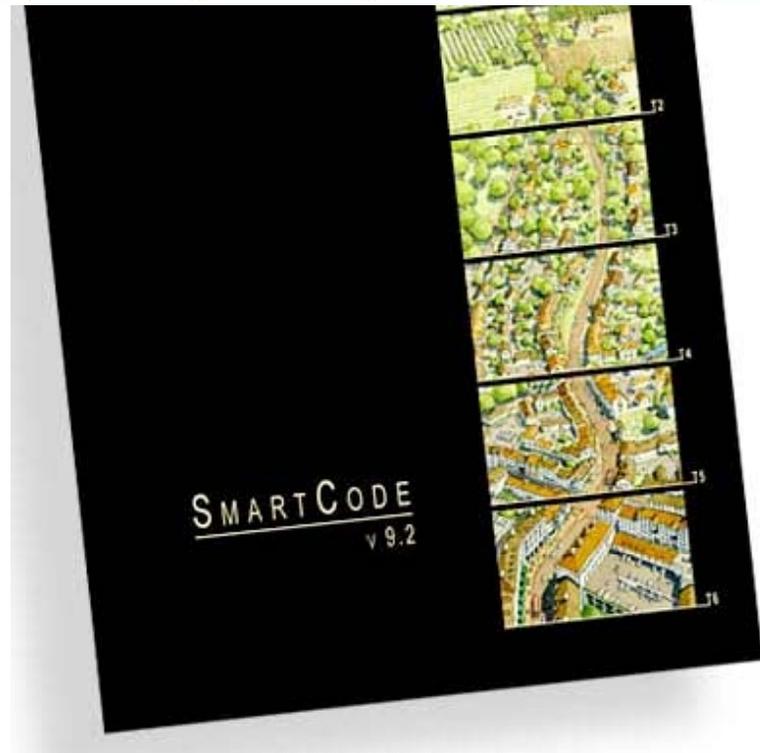
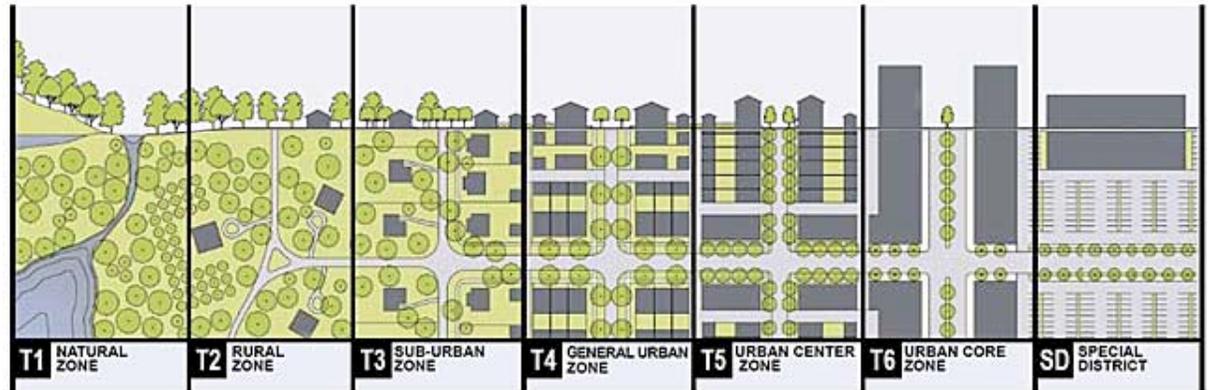


# Influential Non-CTOD “Place Type” Efforts

- New Urbanist Transect - CNU
- Station Design/Function Typology – PB Place Making
- Glatting Jackson Access Types
- Arup Transportation Access Types
- Portland Centers and Corridors Work

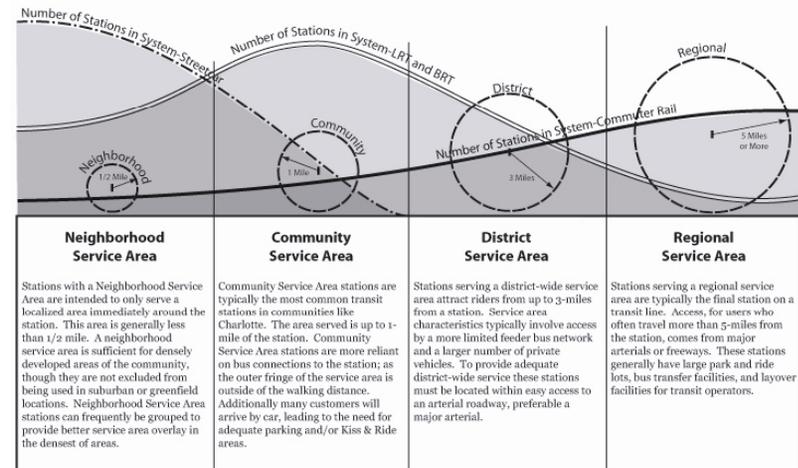
# CNU Transect/SmartCode

- Categorizes places along a continuum from rural to urban
- SmartCode codifies an approach to land use regulation based on the transect
- Provides clear standards and guidelines



# Charlotte Station Types

- Outlines City/Transit Agency responsibilities at each type of station
- Combines access type and community context
- Developed prior to completion of first segment of regional transit plan





### Neighborhood Stations

Neighborhood Stations serve established communities up to a 1-mile radius from the station. These stations are primarily walk-up stations with supporting bus connections on-street and an occasional small park-n-ride.

Neighborhood Stations serve established communities, their design needs to fit within the existing community fabric. Station finishes and materials need to match the finishes and material of the surrounding community.



### Urban Stations

Urban Stations are walk-up stations which serve existing transit supportive destinations within 1/2-mile, or smaller radius from the station.

Urban stations are walk-up stations with no supporting bus connections, or park-n-ride facilities.

Urban stations are designed to fit within the existing physical community fabric. In many cases, the finishes and materials are high-quality because Uptown Charlotte has high-quality finishes and materials.

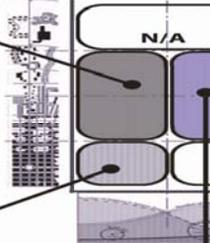


### Commuter Station

Community stations serve multiple service areas. Bus transit and park-n-ride facilities play a prominent role in walk-up facilities.

Community stations are often located in areas that are not transit supportive, these stations have a large impact in how they are designed and adjacent Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

Stations may need to have its finishes and materials exceed those of the surrounding community. The Community Station also need a public space incorporated design and have its parking area so that it can evolve into joint land development project in the future.



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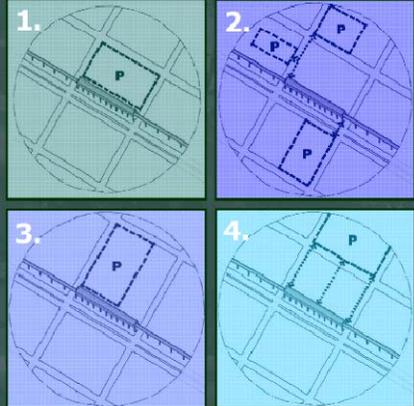
# Implications of Transit Design

- Decisions in transit design have impact on TOD potential
- Transit agencies need to be willing partner in catalyzing TOD

TRANSIT DESIGN FOR TOD

## Locating Parking

1. Adjacent to platform
2. Dispersed in small lots
3. Right angle to platform
4. Away from platform

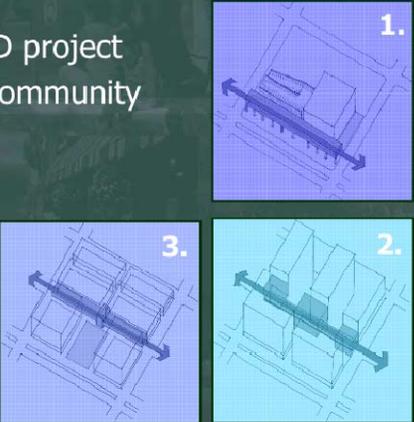


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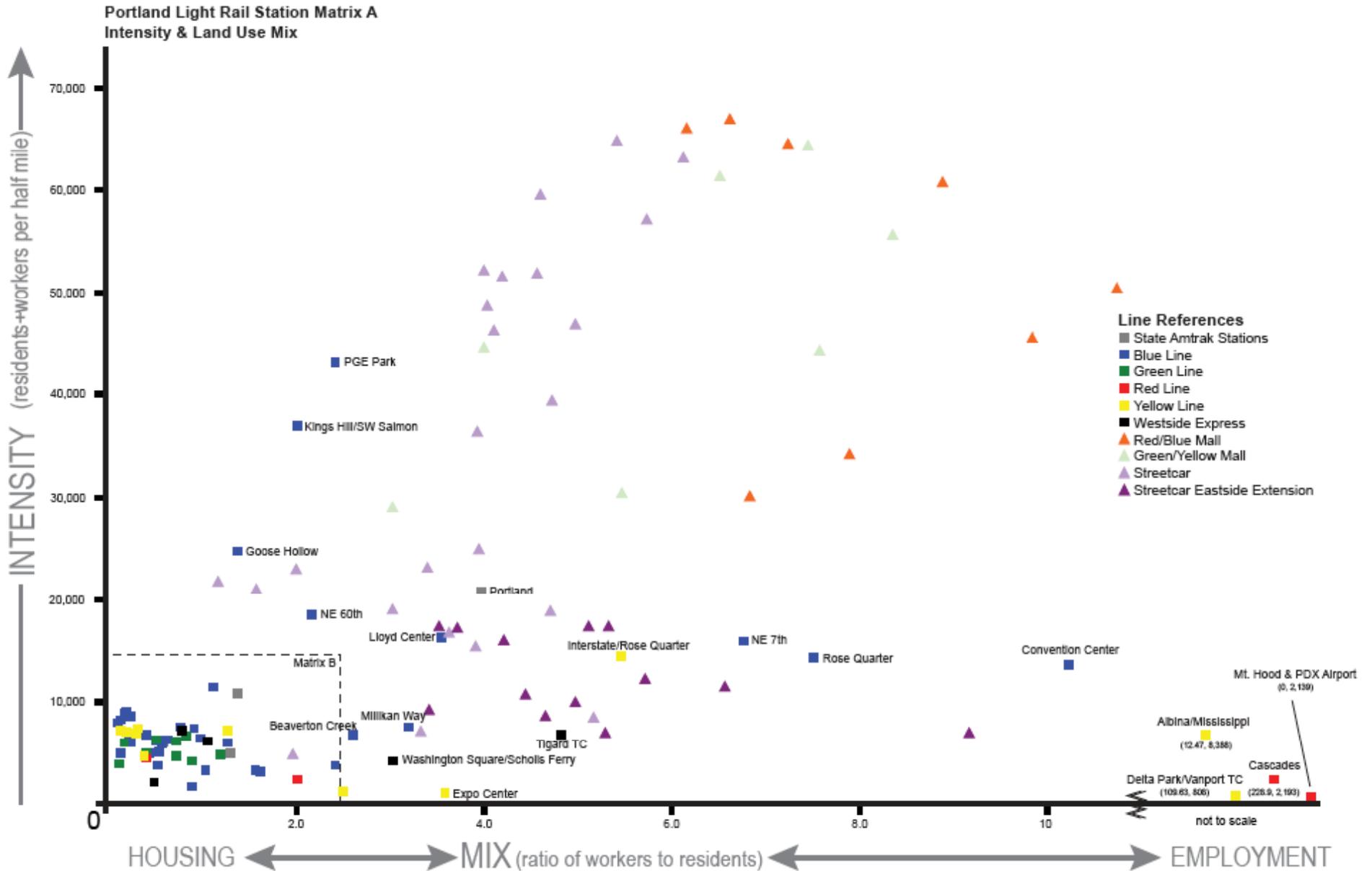
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1. Freestanding JD project
2. JD anchoring Community Center
3. JD anchoring Metropolitan Center

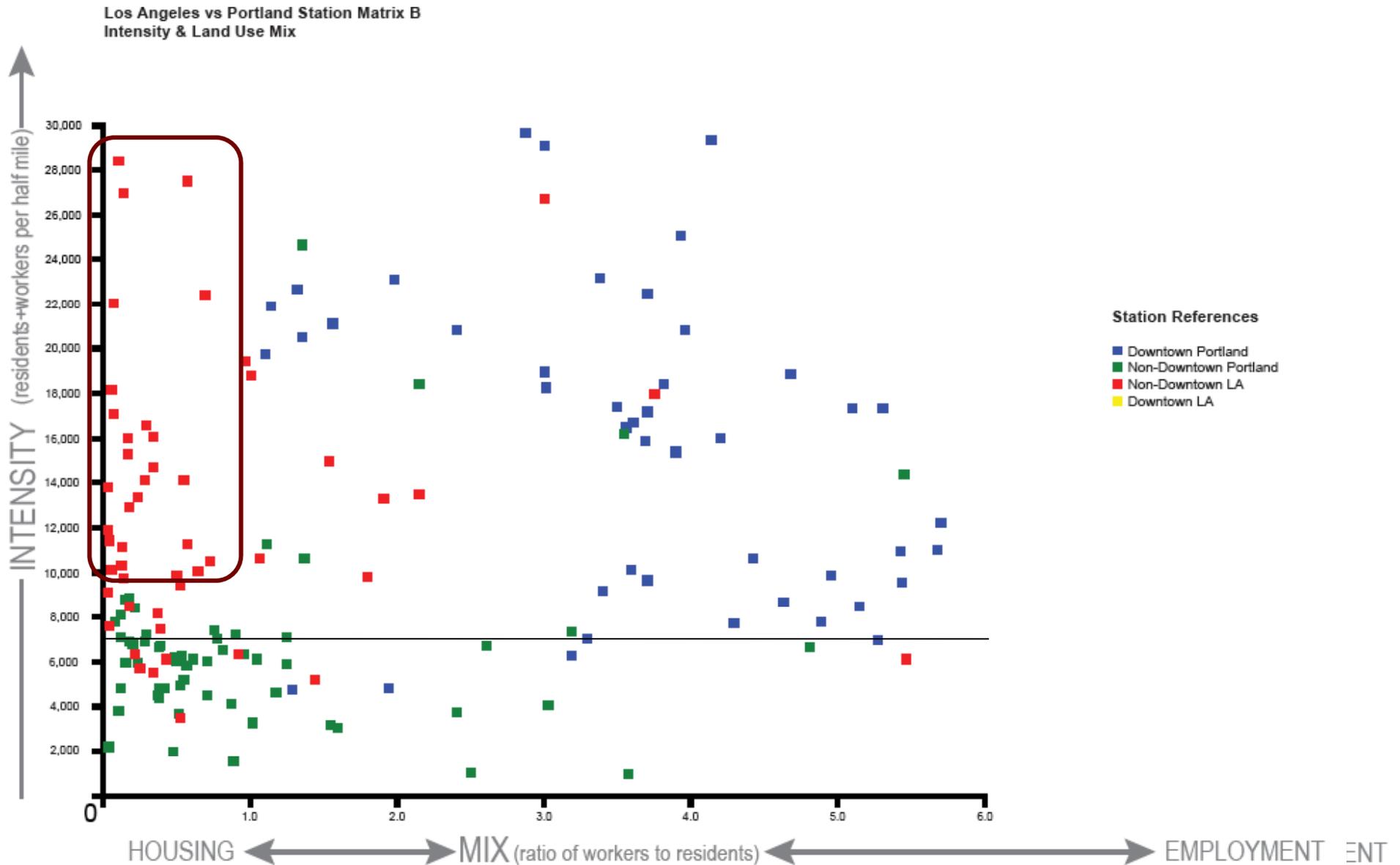


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# Portland Mix + Intensity Matrix



# Comparison of Portland and LA



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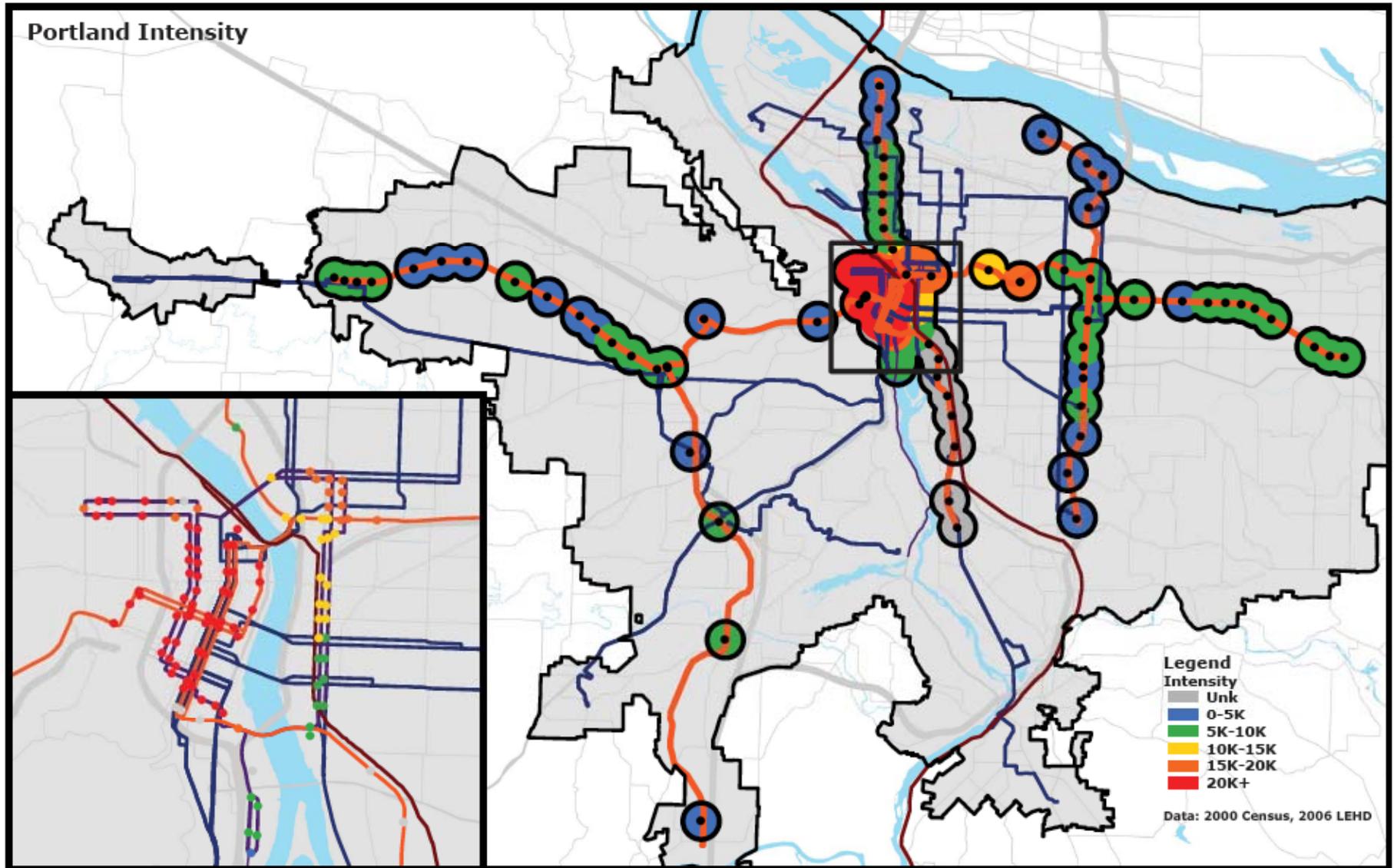
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# Reflections for Portland

## Focus on Prioritizing Investments, Measuring Outcomes

- Well performing CBD and Streetcar stations, but suburban areas in need of catalytic efforts
- What vision makes sense for more outlying areas?
- Strong foundation of data to benchmark performance

# Intensity (Workers + Residents)



# Land Use Mix (Workers/Residents)

