

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: August 15, 2016

**Subject:** TOD Guide Web Site

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** *2040 Transportation Policy Plan, Transit Oriented Development Policy*, Minn. Stat. § 473.867

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Deb Detrick, 651-602-1327; and Michael Larson, 651-602-1407, Local Planning Assistance

**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

Information item only.

### Background

Deb Detrick and Michael Larson will present an overview of the new online [Transit Oriented Development \(TOD\) Guide](#), developed with the input of local planners and staff throughout the Metropolitan Council and Metro Transit, including the TOD Office. Staff last presented to the CDC about the project in April 2015.

The primary audience for this resource are local planners and others who are involved in local planning. The TOD Guide is similar in design to the online Local Planning Handbook. While the Local Planning Handbook focuses on comprehensive plan updates, the new online TOD Guide supports TOD planning and implementation. The TOD Guide and the Local Planning Handbook cross reference information and resources because there are comprehensive planning requirements that relate to transit and development near transit.

#### *Integration, Collaboration, and Accountability*

The TOD Guide site reflects *Thrive MSP 2040* and its policy and system plans. The TOD Guide has three main sections. The first section on *TOD Roles and Support* emphasizes integration, collaboration, and accountability. It describes the roles, responsibilities, and resources of the Metropolitan Council, the counties, and the cities. The TOD Guide covers who does what, how we work together, and who to contact on the different aspects of transit and TOD planning.

#### *Markets, Equity, and Implementation*

The second main section of the TOD Guide emphasizes key policy and program considerations for TOD. These include the real estate market for TOD, equity issues related to TOD, and opportunities and challenges related to implementation.

#### *Planning Fundamentals*

The third main section of the TOD Guide is *Planning Fundamentals*, which emphasizes fundamentals for creating places that support walking, bicycling, and transit use. These include density, land-use diversity, design, connectivity, and placemaking.

#### *Feedback and Updates*

The new online TOD Guide will be an evolving resource that we will update in response to feedback and suggestions. Local Planning Assistance will schedule periodic reviews of content, and solicit ongoing feedback about the site's

usefulness and suggestions for improvement. The TOD Guide will include a growing and changing library of case studies on TOD Guide topics.