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Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide

Land Use Advisory Committee



Introduction to TOD Guide

- Identify project goals
- Explain timeline
 - LUAC role for ongoing input and direction
- Report on progress
 - Input from scoping and needs analysis
 - Survey results
- Cover next steps

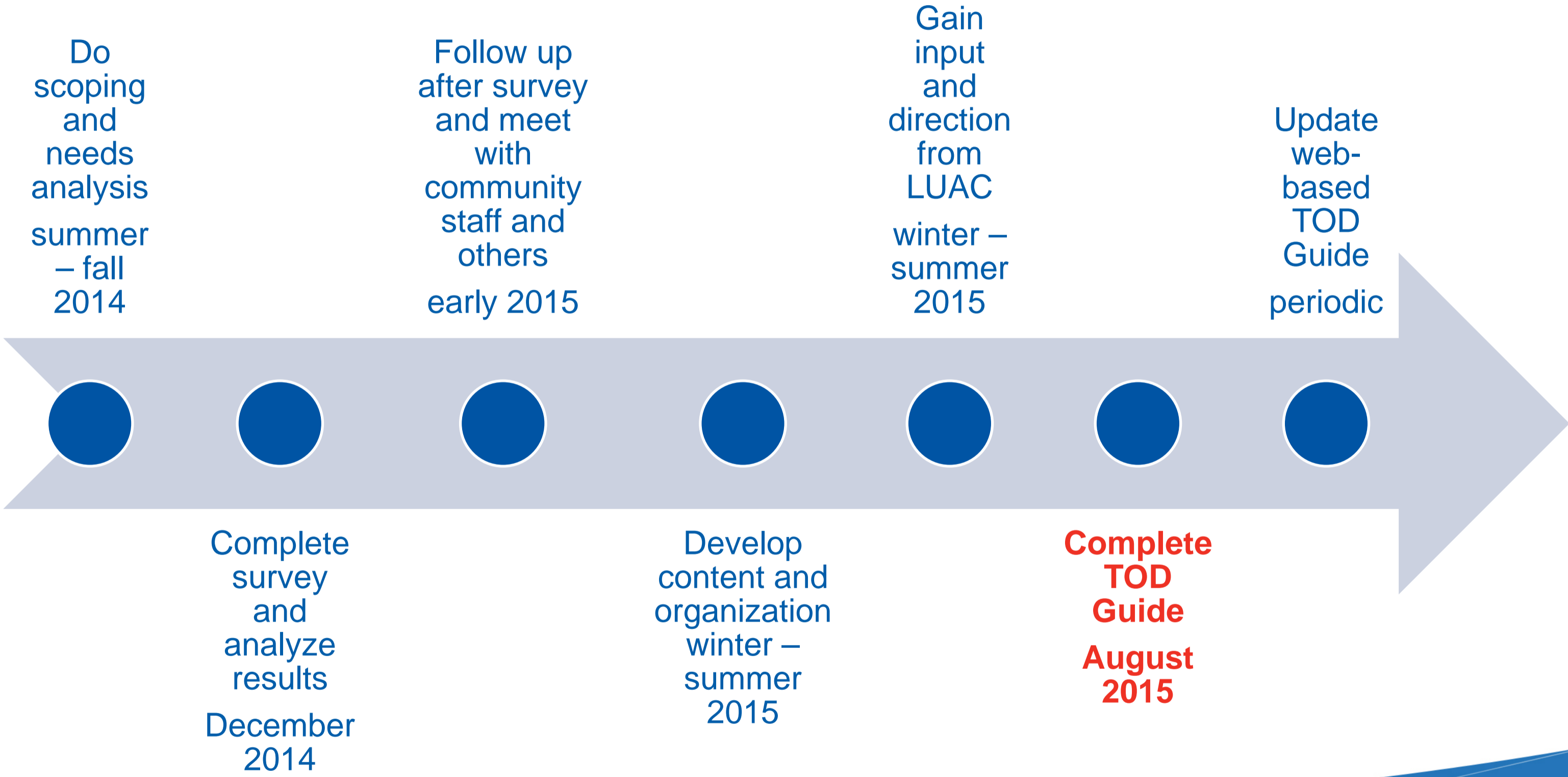
Overall goals of TOD Guide

- Produce go-to resource for TOD policy, planning, and implementation
- Deliver updated, web-based TOD Guide and print version
 - Reflect recent transitway development, TOD experience, and new policies
 - Structure web-based guide for ongoing updates
- Include information in Local Planning Handbook

More specific goals

- Help local governments integrate TOD into comprehensive plan updates
- Reflect local needs, challenges, and opportunities for TOD
- Synthesize policies and other information related to TOD
- Showcase local initiatives and best practices

Project timeline



Scoping and needs analysis

Met with
Council work
units

- Metro Transit Facilities Planning
- Livable Communities Program
- Internal TOD Working Group
- Metro Transit Route and System Planning
- Communications
- TOD Office
- Transit Systems Development and Southwest Project Office

Input from Council staff

- Don't neglect TOD fundamentals and transit planning, including operational needs
- Serve as key resource in comp planning
- Ensure content meets needs
- Address challenges of what to do when
- Show different examples of density by community designation and station type
- Address suburban challenges to TOD

Survey of local planning staff

- Designed survey to learn about local government needs
- Asked questions to identify:
 - Which communities need what
 - What kind of information is most valuable and in what format
 - Who might volunteer to help us further

Survey results

- Completed survey in December 2014
- Analyzed 112 responses

TOD Survey Participants



Included:

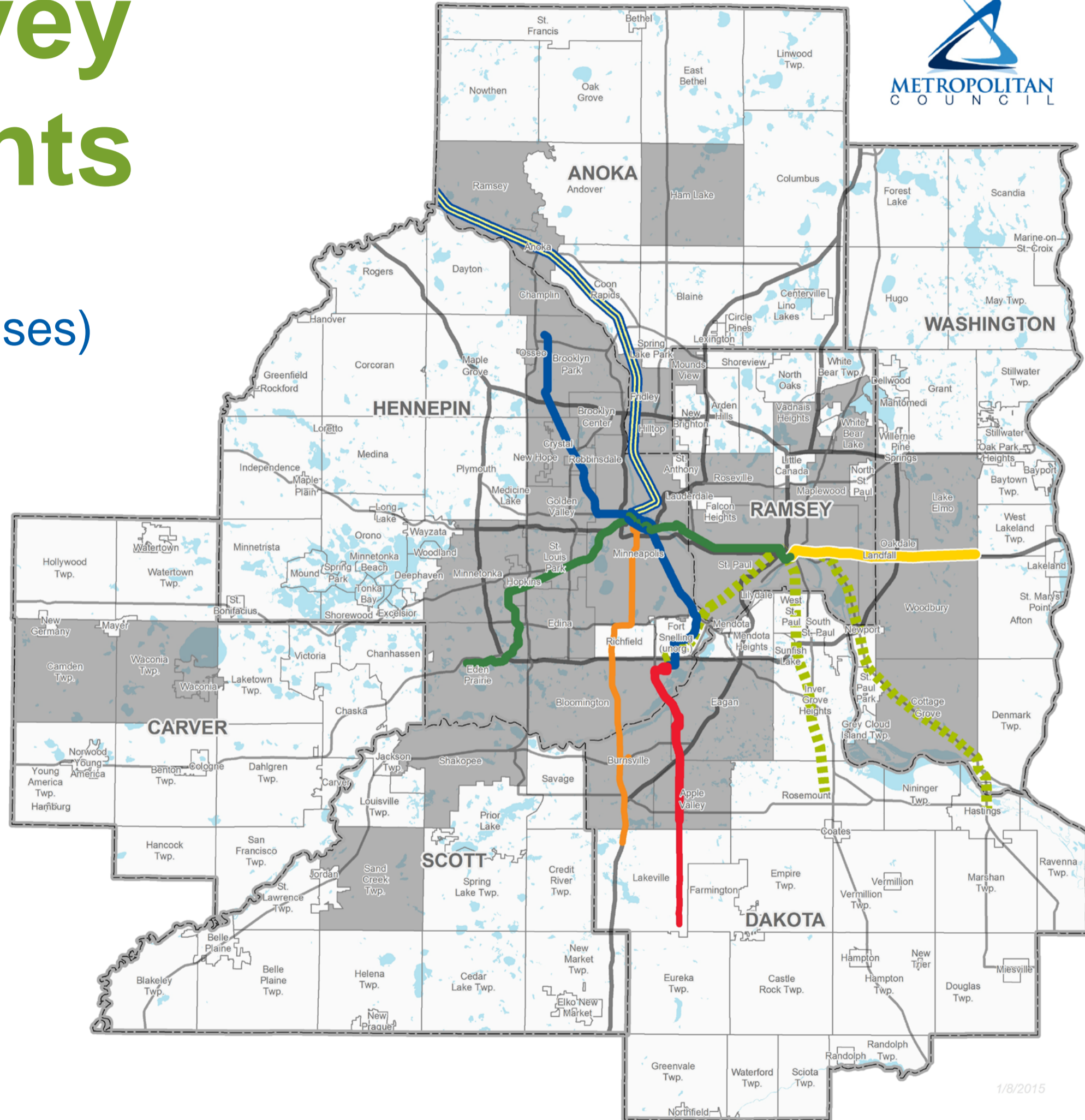
- 39 cities (71 responses)
- 3 metro counties
- 13 consultants

TOD Survey

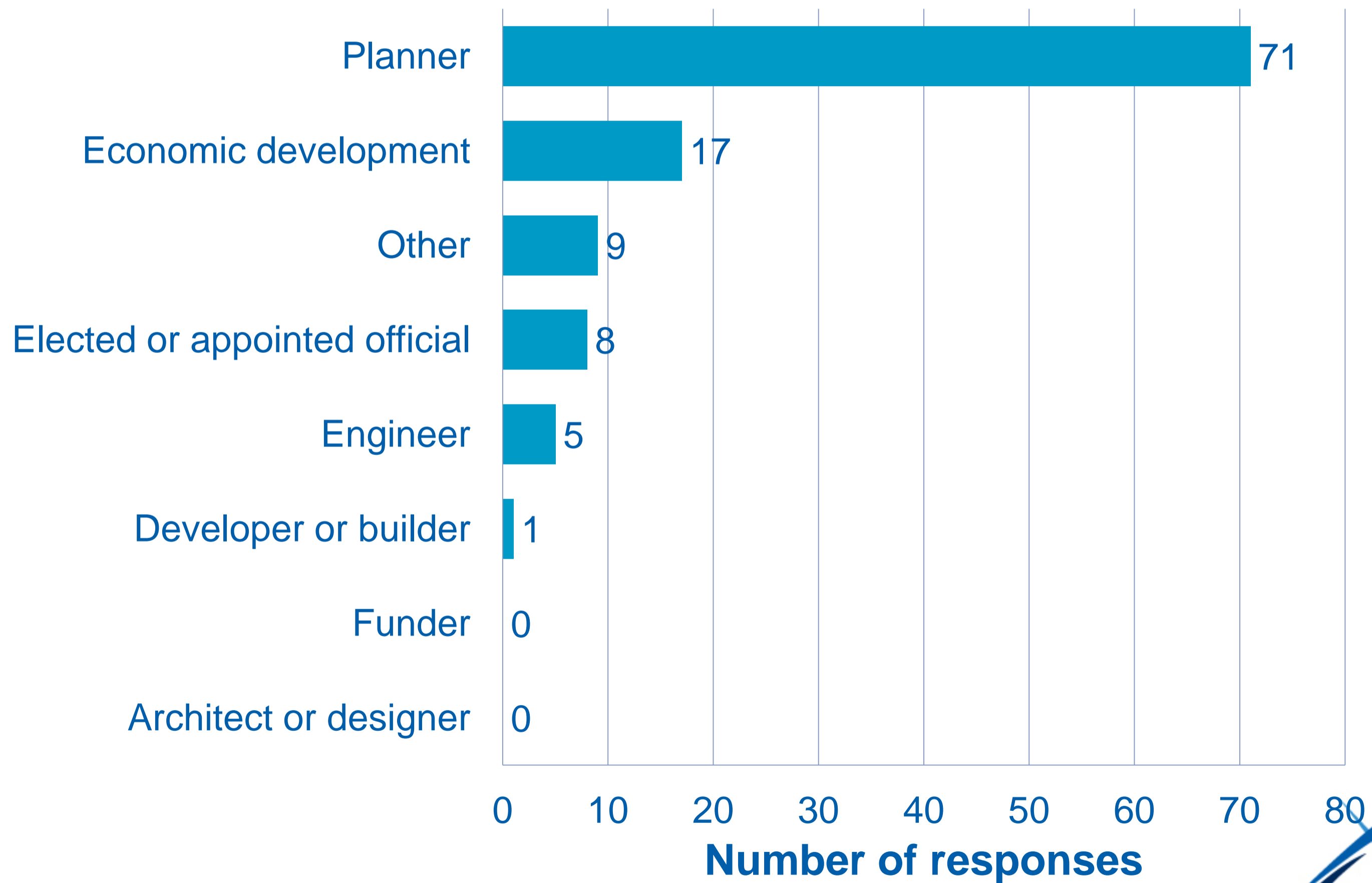
Represented Communities

Transitway Alignments

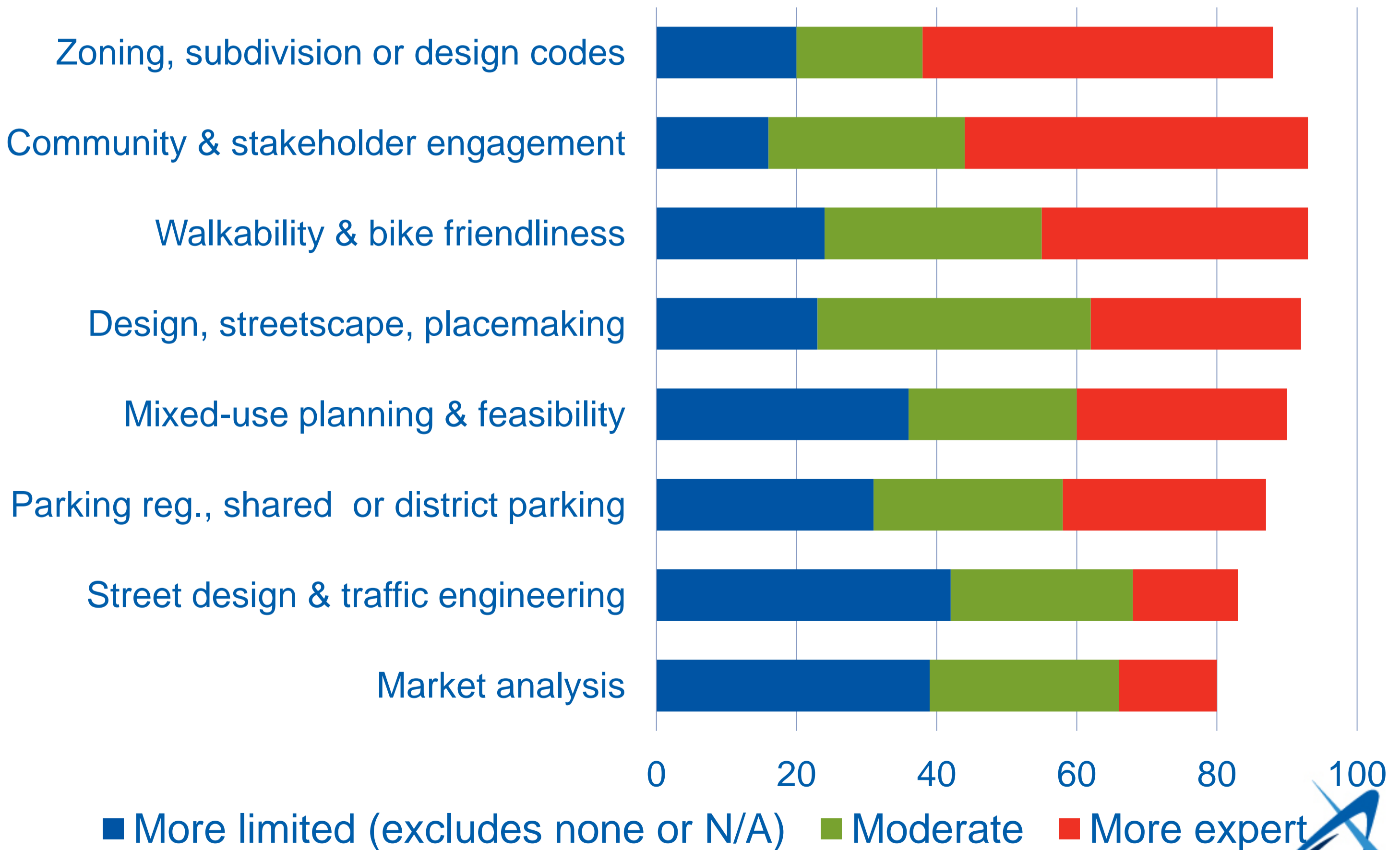
- Blue / Green Line
- Blue Line
- Green Line
- Northstar Line
- Red Line
- Gateway Alignment
- Transitway Under Study



Description of role in TOD



Experience related to TOD



Top TOD challenges

- Cost of implementation and competing priorities
- Complexity of coordination and implementation
- Challenges of existing urban form (e.g. walkability, parcel size, lack of amenities)

Top ways to present material

- Case studies organized by topic (e.g. zoning studies, parking reform, street design)
- Local case studies
- Photos and graphics, minimal text, and web links
- Project-based case studies
- One-page summaries of topics or issues

Next steps after survey

- Undertake extensive effort to follow up
 - Over 40 people are willing to meet with us to discuss the TOD Guide
- Continue engagement efforts
- Develop content and organization of material
 - Return to LUAC for more input and direction through July 2015
 - See ongoing role for LUAC when developing periodic updates of web-based TOD Guide

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