

Transit Oriented Development Guide

LUAC Input on Technical Assistance Needs

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MARKETS-EQUITY-IMPLEMENTATION

Markets

Equity

Implementation

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Investing in transit and supporting transit oriented development (TOD) are priorities for the region. These efforts support the five outcomes of Thrive MSP 2040: Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability, and Sustainability.

The Metropolitan Council's **TOD Policy** states that the Metropolitan Council will play a leadership role in planning and implementing TOD. We will continue to support local communities to ensure that growth supports a reliable and cost-effective transit system, help cities leverage private investment, and advance regional equity.

Purpose of TOD Guide

For local planners, elected officials, planning commissioners, and others interested in planning, this TOD Guide is intended to:

- Explain the **roles and responsibilities** of each level of government in planning and implementing TOD.
- Address the **importance of market demand** and the **needs of people** most dependent on transit.
- Emphasize **implementation**.
- Share **case studies and best practices** that demonstrate how cities overcame challenges and achieved successful outcomes.
- Help local planners **build and share knowledge** of TOD planning and implementation.
- Reflect **topics of interest to local planners** working on TOD planning and implementation.

Suggestions on Resources

We want this resource to be current and constantly improving. Can you suggest resources that you think would help others? Do you have ideas about how this guide could be more helpful? Contact us at TODGuide@metc.state.mn.us

Sign up for email updates when new information and resources become available in the TOD Guide.



Minneapolis, University of Minnesota, East Bank. The METRO Green Line spurred and supported investment along University Avenue and at the University of Minnesota.



St. Paul, Snelling Avenue. A new station for the A Line Rapid Bus resulted from coordination between the City of St. Paul, Metro Transit, and the developer of the Vintage on Selby, the Excelsior Group.

Example Case Studies

- Regulation

- Eden Prairie TOD Zoning
- St. Paul Central Corridor Zoning
- Minneapolis Parking Regulations

- Partnerships

- Hopkins / Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

- Suburban Placemaking

- Burnsville Heart of the City / METRO Orange Line



Question for LUAC

- Who in your community depends on transit, or whose quality of life or economic opportunity might be enhanced by transit or walkability?

Question for LUAC

- For communities with limited transit, do the principles of TOD apply to your community in any way?
- For communities with no regular transit, does your community see the value of transit and TOD for the region?

Question for LUAC

- For communities with more significant levels of transit investment (existing or planned), what is needed or missing from planning or the implementation of plans?

Questions for LUAC

- What experience does your community have that might warrant a case study or other type of information sharing?

Next steps

- 2022 Work Planning
- Policy Considerations
 - Regional Development Guide
 - Transportation Policy Plan
- Local Planning Handbook

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