

## Why Should I Care About Transportation and Land Use?







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### <u>The Big Questions:</u> How Will We Settle the Next 10 (or 20) Million Floridians?



### ... And How Will They Move?







### Why Transit?

For Every \$1 Spent on Transit, There is an \$8 Return

(in increased productivity, reduction of fuel consumption, increased land values, and reduced road construction) SOURCE: Cambridge Systematics









## What is TOD ...

### Transit Oriented Development

- Walkable "villages" located at & around transit stations ~ half-mile radius
- Contains broad mix of uses (such as residential, office, retail, entertainment, civic/cultural)
- Tie-into local transit (bus, trolley, etc.)
- Densities appropriate to context
- More compact than surrounding areas
- Built around civic plazas & community spaces
- Appropriate treatment of parking (shared, reduced & structured)





Station Area: ½-mile (approximately 500 acres) around a transit station, composed of the "Transit Core" and "Transit Neighborhood"

**Transit Core:** first ¼-mile (approximately 125 acres) around a transit station

**Transit Neighborhood:** second ¼-mile or approximately 375 acres surrounding Transit Core

Transit Supportive Area: one mile around transit station

### TOD vs. TAD



- Transit <u>Oriented</u> Development vs.
- Transit <u>Adjacent</u> Development
  - Auto-oriented uses
  - Large surface parking lots
  - Suburban office campuses
  - Big-box format retail
  - Pedestrian unfriendly

### TOD "Typology"



City Center



Town Center





Employment Center Station





### Design Features Of Well-Planned TODs

### Demographic Suitability

Population, households & employment within
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-mile radius around station & in larger transit shed

### Streets and Blocks

- Primary focus on pedestrians; cars are secondary
- Streets narrow enough to cross easily on foot
- Continuous sidewalks
- Blocks of 400-600 LF
- ADA accessibility



### Design Features Of Well-Planned TODs

### Good Mixture of Buildings and Uses

- Mix of retail, office, restaurants, residential
- Mix of housing types & prices
- Creates 18 hours of daily activity
- "Eyes on the Street" provides natural surveillance



# Design Features Of Well-Planned TODsBuilding Design & Placement

- Properly located buildings create walkable streets
- Active uses along ground floors; residential & office above
- Continuous "pedestrian itinerary" without large tracts of vacant land or surface parking lots
- Building fronts face other fronts; transition at rear property lines; windows & doors at street edge



### Proper Parking Placement & Treatment

- Adequate parking, but not an oversupply
- Shared & structured parking (design & economics)
- Located to create pedestrian patrons for businesses

### Additional Considerations

- Tie-in with local transit (bus, trolley, other)
- Public open space
- Civic & cultural uses



















### West Palm Beach Transit Village

- Multi-Agency TOD Charrette (2005-06)
- City -- Updated Plans & Codes (2007-09)
- ➢ County RFP Issued for Phase 1 (2010)
- County Developer Selected (2012)
- Future Phases Anticipated (2013 & beyond)







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### South Florida East Coast Corridor Study

- Integrated Network
  - -Tri-Rail
  - -County Transit Service
  - -MetroRail / MetroMover
- Combination of local & express services
- 52 New Potential Station Locations on the FEC Corridor



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### **TOD - What To Expect in the Future?**

- More Transit Planning (state-wide)
- More Transit Project Funding & Construction
- More TOD Planning (state-wide)
- Transit Corridors = Rising Demand for Housing
- Increasing Public / Private Dialogue
- As Fuel Costs Rise => Transit Ridership Skyrockets



