

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Working Group	Date	Tuesday – January 17th, 2017
Facilitator	NCTCOG	Time	9:00 am – 11:00 am
Location	NCTCOG – Regional Forum Room	Recorded by	Travis Liska
Attendees	Karla Weaver (NCTCOG); Travis Liska (NCTCOG); Trey Ingram (NCTCOG); Shawn Conrad (NCTCOG); Jing Xu (NCTCOG); Jack Wierzenski (DART); Kristina Brevard (DTCA); Curvie Hawkins (FWTA); Ann Foss (Arlington); Jeremy Williams (Fort Worth); Angela Self (Garland); Nathaniel Barnett (Garland); Richard Larkins (Grapevine); Doug Janeway (Irving); Tony Bowen (Irving); Peter Braster (Plano); Keith Krum (Richardson); Tony Felts (Rowlett)		

Meeting Purpose	TOD Working Group – Coordinate with Tier 1 and 2 cities, transit agencies, and interested parties on TOD planning and implementation. This meeting was focused on promoting TOD through joint development and coordination with transit agencies.
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Discussion Items
<p>Welcome and introductions by NCTCOG staff and all participants.</p> <p>1. TOD Data Collection Update NCTCOG staff provided an overview of the TOD Data Collection program and new data analysis products being released. A new version of the Rail Station Area Fact Sheets previously released in 2015 is being updated and scheduled for municipal review between February 10 and February 28. Additions and improvements to the 2017 fact sheets include two new DART Blue Line stations and six TEX Rail stations, as well as new demographic, employment, transit survey, land use, and bicycle route data. Target date for completion of these after municipal review is March 6.</p> <p>NCTCOG staff also discussed an infographic containing data from the 2014 Regional On-board Transit Survey. It was explained that the transit survey provided detailed data about transit users and this is the first analysis product to use it. The goal is to produce more brief graphical explanations of how transit is used in North Texas and how it benefits our region. The group discussed how future infographics might focus on rail specifically and focus on transit use beyond just work trips.</p> <p>Both of these items will be available online at nctcog.org/TOD</p> <p>2. FTA TOD Planning Pilot Grant NCTCOG staff introduced upcoming TOD planning work funded by a competitive grant awarded to NCTCOG for a study of 28 DART Red and Blue Line stations. NCTCOG is partnering with DART and the cities of Dallas, Garland, Plano, and Richardson to address detailed information needed to implement last-mile bicycle and pedestrian improvements, better understand how parking is used and managed at TODs, and survey residents and employees in the station areas. An important goal of this planning study is to develop policy recommendations for both the public and private sectors that will increase ridership and economic development around the rail stations. The work and data gathered here will provide a template for future TOD study and planning around the entire region. NCTCOG anticipates the planning work to start in the fall of 2017.</p>

3. Presentation: Kristina Brevard, Assistant Vice President of Planning, Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)

DCTA has realized the benefit of joint development and TOD at its five stations in Denton and Lewisville through a combination of different approaches and multi-party coordination. Downtown Denton station is the northern terminus of the DCTA A-Train and presents both great TOD opportunity and challenges. It was discussed how DCTA is working closely with numerous public and private entities to address growth pressures and technical challenges. Old Town Lewisville station is another TOD site where DCTA has been a key partner in the city's long-range planning and coordinated access to new development. DCTA discussed their use of DCTA property at Hebron Station to benefit both the developer and DCTA through joint development. In exchange for a small driveway across one corner, a small encroachment of parking lot, and temporary use of DCTA land as a construction staging area, the developer agreed to build a lighted bike and pedestrian trail from the development to the station.

4. Presentation: Curvie Hawkins, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Development, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA)

FWTA is expanding its rail transit system with the TEX Rail project and has used a various financial strategies involving coordination with its partner cities to bring the project to fruition. At the Texas & Pacific station in Fort Worth, FWTA is partnering with the city and Fort Worth Housing Services through a public facility corporation (PFC) to build a parking garage that would handle additional TEX Rail parking and serve new development on FWTA's land. In North Richland Hills (NRH), the financial partnership includes the city providing the land for the stations and a future pledge of funds starting in 2023. In a similar deal to NRH, FWTA has partnered with the City of Grapevine to fund the construction of an enhanced station. In both the NRH and Grapevine deals, only rail service will be provided. Support and partnership from Fort Worth, NRH, Grapevine, and DFW Airport has been critical to realizing the successful development of TEX Rail and advancing TOD for FWTA.

5. Presentation: Jack Wierzenski, Economic Development Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

DART's role in promoting TOD and joint development is guided by their TOD policy. DART has taken on many roles to encourage development around their stations while working around the limited tools a transit agency can employ to facilitate development. Planning, partnership and coordination have been important in DART's relationship with its member cities. At Buckner station, DART and the City of Dallas attempted to leverage a station plan to move forward a proposal for a mixed-use project that ultimately was unable to secure financing but provided critical lessons in the process. More recently, the City of Carrollton and DART have renewed a Memorandum of Understanding concerning development of over 27 acres of land at Trinity Mills Station with a Request for Qualifications on the site to be released. At the now rapidly growing South Side neighborhood by Cedars Station, DART's partnership with the City of Dallas and the developer was needed to leverage multiple funding sources.

Final remarks from NCTCOG staff to the group that all material and announcements of future meetings would be posted on nctcoq.org/TOD

Action Item(s)			
	Item	Responsibility	Target Completion Date
1	NCTCOG to post meeting materials on website	NCTCOG	January/February
2	NCTCOG to distribute meeting notes and other materials to Working Group participants	NCTCOG	January/February

Next Meeting

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