

Meeting Minutes

Subject	Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force	Date	Thursday – October 5, 2017
Facilitator	NCTCOG	Time	9:00 – 11:00 am
Location	NCTCOG – Metroplex Room	Recorded by	Travis Liska
Attendees	Amy Albright (Dallas); Nathaniel Barnett (Garland); Chasidy Allen Benson (Duncanville); Tanya Brooks (Dallas); Shawn Conrad (NCTCOG); Bryant Haywood (Irving); Ayeh Khajanei (Fort Worth); Keith Krum (Richardson); Richard Larkins (Grapevine); Travis Liska (NCTCOG); Krystle Nelinson (Carrollton); Sandip Sen (FWTA); Chelsea St. Louis (Dallas); Ron Stombaugh (Grapevine); Luis Tamayo (Dallas); Jack Wierzenski (DART); Jing Xu (NCTCOG).		

Meeting Purpose	TOD Task Force – Coordinate with cities, transit agencies, and interested parties on TOD planning and implementation. This meeting was focused on sharing best practices and developing strategies for promoting TOD in North Texas.
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Discussion Items

Welcome and introductions by NCTCOG staff and all participants.

1. Mobility 2045 Update and Policy Bundle

NCTCOG staff introduced an update to the long-range transportation plan (Mobility 2040) for the North Central Texas region. Key points of the update included the schedule for public involvement and committee action on the plan as well as new rules and guidance from federal and state DOTs. Performance measures for the transportation system as required by federal rules will be added to the Mobility Plan through this update. The Sustainable Development team briefly overviewed the anticipated minor additions it will make to the Plan as they apply to TOD. The presentation concluded with a reminder about the Voluntary Mobility Plan Policy Bundle, which would open for agencies to submit policies in January of 2018. A workshop to cover the process of submitting applicable policies will be held in the fall of 2017.

2. Marketing and Communicating TOD – NCTCOG TOD Brochure

As part of the TOD program at NCTCOG, staff produce educational materials to help explain and promote the practice of TOD for non-technical professionals. The new brochure replaces an older version and enhances the focus to broadly discuss the benefit and need for TOD to improve commuting choices in North Texas. The interior side of the brochure highlights projects which included NCTCOG investment in station area infrastructure through past calls for projects. Projects were selected for inclusion in the brochure by NCTCOG staff to reflect areas with significant development after NCTCOG investment and those that were not highlighted in the previous brochure.

3. Advancing TOD in Carrollton

City of Carrollton staff presented a review of progress in transforming Downtown Carrollton into a transit-oriented destination through multiple strategies. Working with developers, they have started new phases of mixed-use development in the station area that will add over 500 residential units to their downtown over the next two years. Being a historic downtown, the City of Carrollton has capitalized on its historic structures to rehab buildings, creating space for restaurants, offices, and community events. Trinity Mills stations is the next big development in Carrollton as the City is working with DART to find a developer to build on their joint vision of a vibrant TOD. Key insights from

discussion after this presentation focused on the impact of zoning ordinance requirements vs. lender pressures for more parking. A potential solution might be city-enforced parking maximums on new TOD.

4. Pedestrian Safety and Connectivity around Grapevine Main Street Station

Building on Grapevine Main Street's success as a walkable destination, the City of Grapevine is preparing to make the surrounding area more pedestrian-friendly and connect new development to the station area. Efforts by the city to create a vibrant main street have encouraged new mixed-use development, including a new boutique hotel connected to the TEX Rail station. In the middle of all these projects, the city is improving a primary east-west street to create a more complete street with enhanced pedestrian safety, plus connection to the multi-use Cottonbelt Trail. Grapevine staff discussed the process of working with their city council and other stakeholders to advance the projects.

5. Future Training and TOD Topics

NCTCOG staff discussed plans to continue putting together informative trainings on issues relevant to TOD in our region, such as parking management. Discussion of potential topics include the following suggestions from the group:

- Low-impact development and best practices dealing with stormwater around TOD.
- Key factors for developer financing/funding TOD and making the numbers work.
- Affordable housing and TOD, examples from around the nation and DFW.
- Train connections to rail stations and best practices in safety and place-making.
- Dock-less bike share companies and coordination in station areas.

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

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

Next Meeting

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