

Transit Oriented Development: Maximizing Opportunities in Your Community

Friday, May 17, 2013 10 AM—4 PM UPMC McKeesport

Registration Fee: \$25, includes refreshments, lunch and handouts

A 50% scholarship is available for eligible communities through the Michael P. Lynch Scholarship Fund. This program has been approved for 5 CM credits through the American Planning Association.

Southwestern Pennsylvania municipalities can capitalize on the presence of transit in their communities. How does your community attract investment to help make viable and sustain transit investment? What are the factors that drive successful transit oriented developments? How can you best utilize your community's current assets to make TOD a reality? Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's Future Investments in TOD (FIT) tool is designed to help figure it out.

FIT is designed for local elected and appointed officials, community planners, transit agencies and developers to help objectively assess a community to determine if a site is suitable for TOD, by helping communities develop a framework for site planning. This program is a encore performance of an LGA "learning laboratory," featuring classroom instruction and a field case study. This program will provide participants with:

- Hands-on experience in using SPC's FIT tool, by evaluating a site during a walking tour of McKeesport
- An understanding of the community assets that drive transit-oriented development
- Insight as to the factors that the private sector looks for when investing in transit oriented developments and how TOD can attract employers and customers
- An overview of regional TOD initiatives, including those outlined in the recently developed "Transit-Oriented Development Typology Strategy for Allegheny County" report

In addition to learning how to use the FIT tool to objectively evaluate a the TOD potential of a particular site, a number of community development professionals will be on hand to discuss how development strategies - such as overlay districts, zoning and comprehensive planning – smarter transit policies, and intergovernmental cooperation can drive TOD.

Come learn how to apply the FIT tool to your own community. You will also leave with a better understanding of how communities can reap the benefits of transit oriented developments, which include stabilized and increasing real estate revenues, strong local business districts, lower transportation costs, reduced traffic congestion and more efficient use of tax dollars for local government services. Now is the time to consider TOD!

Instructors include: Cheryl Como, UPMC Gary Antonella, Delta Development Chris Sandvig, Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group Paula Maynes, Maynes Associates Architects

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