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**CENTER FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT RELEASES
TRANSIT CORRIDOR PLANNING GUIDE**

The Center for Transit-Oriented Development today released "TOD 203: Transit Corridors and TOD," the latest in CTOD's ongoing series of best practices guidebooks.

"This guidebook illustrates how planning at the corridor scale can help transit investments capture the benefits of TOD," said Sam Zimbabwe, director of the Center for Transit-Oriented Development. "Corridor planning can engage stakeholders, lead to more cost effective planning processes, and identify where along a new or existing transit line that the real estate market will be most active."

Filled with real-world transit-oriented development lessons, the guidebook explains how corridor planning can facilitate not only successful transportation outcomes but also successful transit-oriented development.

"Corridor planning is a critical step toward making wise investments in transit that will spur economic development, reduce congestion and help connect people with work, school, shopping, health care, and other vital services," said Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, the agency that funded the development of the guidebook. "Having a list of clear objectives and relevant examples at hand makes that critical planning step all the easier."

The guidebook defines three corridor types (destination connector, commuter, and district circulator) and identifies the different implications for TOD associated with each type of transit corridor.

Putting the theory to work, the guidebook identifies six objectives for transit and TOD at the corridor level from "Guide growth and development" to "Promote reinvestment and increase spending power" and pairs those with strategies to reach the objectives.

The guidebook contains numerous on-the-ground examples: Alignment considerations for the planned Southwest Corridor in the Twin Cities; engaging stakeholders along the Foothill Extension of the Gold Line; the shared planning process along Phoenix's Valley Metro Light Rail that led to TOD zoning and pedestrian development guidelines for the entire corridor; Charlotte's development experience since light rail arrived in 2007; and the exciting collaboration between the housing authorities, planners, and city leaders in Denver and Lakewood along the West Corridor; the high ridership experienced by Houston's Red Line due to the connections it provides between major destinations, not

to mention lessons from Seattle, Boston, Cleveland, St. Louis, Washington, DC, the San Francisco Bay Area, Baltimore and Portland.

Download TOD 203: Transit Corridors and TOD

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/public/download/tod203corridors>

Other guidebooks in the series include:

TOD 101: Why TOD And Why Now?

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/public/download/tod101full>

TOD 201: Mixed-Income Housing Near Transit: Increasing Affordability With Location Efficiency

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/public/download/091030ra201mixedhousefinal>

TOD 202: Station Area Planning: How To Make Great Transit-Oriented Places

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/public/download/tod202>

TOD 202: Transit & Employment: Increasing Transit's Share Of The Commute Trip

<http://reconnectingamerica.org/public/download/employment202>

and coming in 2011:

TOD 204: Planning for TOD at the Regional Scale

TOD 205: TOD and Climate Change

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About the Center For Transit-Oriented Development

The Center for Transit-Oriented Development (CTOD) is the only national nonprofit effort dedicated to providing best practices, research and tools to support equitable market-based transit-oriented development. CTOD partners with both the public and private market sectors to strategize about ways to encourage the development of high performing communities around transit stations and to build transit systems that maximize development potential. CTOD works to integrate local and regional planning, generate new tools for economic development, real estate and investment issues, improve affordability and livability for all members of the community, and respond to imperatives for climate change and sustainability. The Center for TOD is a partnership of Reconnecting America, the Center for Neighborhood Technology, and Strategic Economics. For more information go to CTOD's website at <http://www.ctod.org>.