

TOD 101

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Instructions for Exercise 2: What Do You Like/What Don't You Like?

Objective:

- To encourage critical thinking about the visions that planners might present in local neighborhoods
- To get the class to think about the individual components that go into making a place more livable

Materials List:

- Handouts of the “what do you like/what don't you like” slide
- Pens

Instructions:

Following the presentation of the “before” and “after” pictures of the street, hand out copies of the picture.

Tell the group, “we are going to take a few minutes to look more closely at this set of pictures. Circle and write down the things you really like about what’s changed from the before picture, to the after picture? Would you like to see those changes on any streets in your neighborhood? Circle and write down the things you don’t like. Are there businesses you’d like to see stay put or come in aside from those on this picture? Would you feel comfortable in this neighborhood? Do you feel good about the changes to the street?”

Give the group 5 minutes to sit and write down, then encourage them to share their ideas with the larger group.

Some helpful prompts for conversation, if needed:

- What about that check cashing place that disappears in the bottom scene? What would be a better alternative?
- Does that café seem like the kind of place you’d like to see?
- Who would you like to see live in that new building on the far corner?
- Do you feel like this neighborhood could be your neighborhood?