



Los Angeles County Transit-Oriented District Design Guidelines

Overview Fact Sheet



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Project Description

Project Overview

In order to prepare for as many as five additional rail stations throughout unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (County) as well as additional stations in the future, the County is currently developing **Transit-Oriented District (TOD) Design Guidelines**. The TOD Design Guidelines will provide a framework for a consistent approach to public infrastructure and transportation-related improvements to support land-use decisions in areas located within a ½ mile radius of the stations. TODs are mixed-use communities within walking distance of a transit stop. The design, configuration and mix of public infrastructure and transportation-related improvements emphasize a pedestrian-oriented environment which encourages the use of public transportation. TODs were/are established to address access and connectivity, pedestrian improvements, and safety. Also, from our General Plan, the goals of a TOD are to, 1) increase walking, bicycling, and transit ridership and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMTs); 2) facilitate compact, mixed use development; 3) increase economic activity; 4) facilitate the public investment of infrastructure improvements.

TOD Design Guidelines help ensure that public infrastructure improvements support land use plans to facilitate both public and private investment in affordable housing and transit-friendly development. They will identify enhancements that the community needs and supports, and that market forces and potential funding mechanisms encourage.

Why TOD Guidelines Are Needed Now

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently evaluating locations for extensions on the Gold Line extending from East Los Angeles, and the Purple Line extending from the Koreatown neighborhood of Los Angeles. Metro is also evaluating new rail lines including the West Santa Ana Branch. Adding service to increase access and capacity would provide more convenient travel options and would improve connections to education, employment, entertainment and recreation sites for residents. (See side map).

How TOD Guidelines Benefit Communities

Community involvement is essential for inclusiveness and equity and will help ensure that the TOD Design Guidelines have broad support and contain strategies for public and private investments that will create a desirable environment. The Guidelines will help guide community growth and change around transportation infrastructure in order to better support community cohesion. Additionally, the Guidelines will include stakeholders' input about future TOD infrastructure that promotes access and mobility and improves public health and safety by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutants from emissions. In that pursuit, the Guidelines will provide direction by defining how public infrastructure and transportation-related improvements can encourage and effectively support the use of public transit.



TOD Guidelines Schedule

Community meetings will be held in late Fall 2019 and will focus on opportunities and challenges associated with current conditions near the transit station at Atlantic and Whittier. Preliminary draft Guidelines will also be discussed. Additional community meetings are scheduled for Spring 2020 to discuss the refined Guidelines.

Get Involved

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