



Partnership for Sustainable Communities -- The DOT/FTA Perspective and Region VI Examples

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Livability means “being able to take your kids to school, go to work, see a doctor, drop by the grocery or post office, go out to dinner and a movie, and play with your kids at the park, all without having to get into your car.”

Secretary Ray LaHood, U.S. Department of Transportation





The Partnership's Guiding Livability Principles

- Provide more transportation choices.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
 - Increase economic competitiveness.
 - Support existing communities.
 - Leverage federal investment.
 - Value communities and neighborhoods.





Livability at FTA

**FTA believes we have always been “all about
livability”**

- All segments of the population deserve safe access to transportation services for work, housing, medical services, schools, shopping and other essential activities
- Transit provides the critical ‘lifeline’ connecting people to these services
- Transit needs to be as convenient and affordable as possible, particularly for persons with mobility limitations due to age, disability, or economic situation

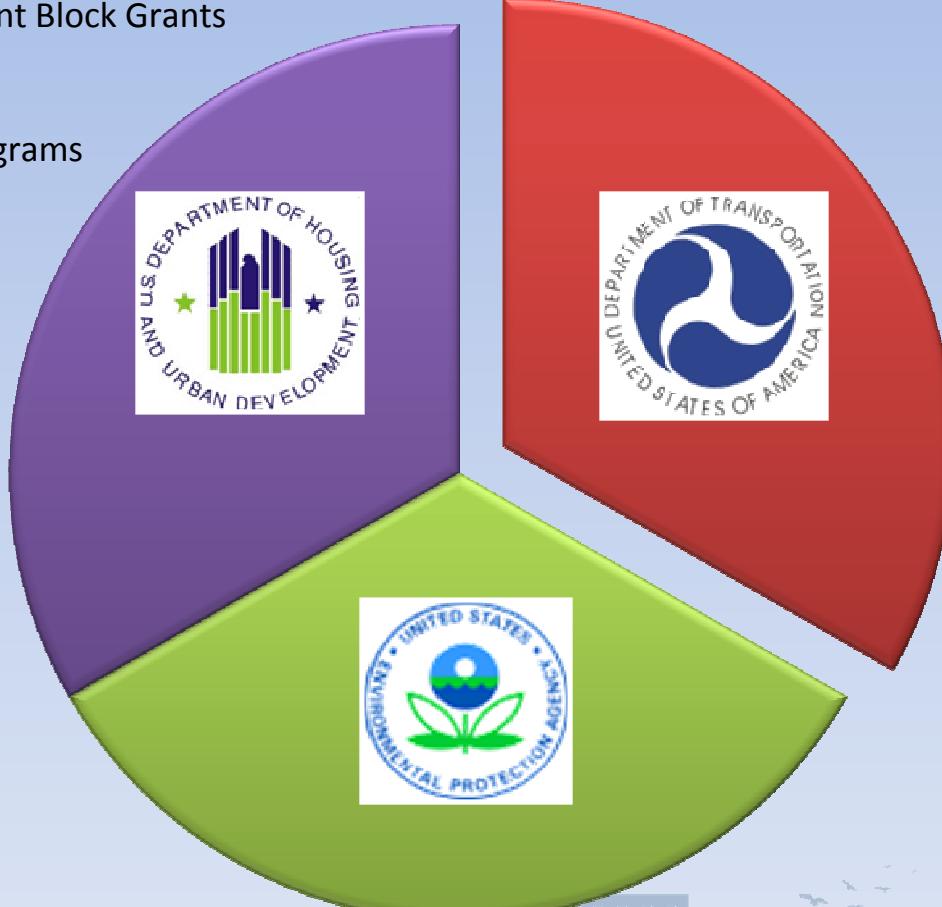


Roles in the Partnership



Housing and Urban Development

- Community Development Block Grants
- Regional Planning
- Local Challenge
- Affordable Housing Programs



Department of Transportation

- TIGER Grants
- FTA Programs
- FHWA Flex Funding
- United We Ride
- FHWA Livability Efforts
- State/Metro Planning
- Railroad Infrastructure



Environmental Protection Agency

- Brownfields Restoration
- Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Water Infrastructure Funds



- Rural Efforts



FTA - Federal Role Is Primarily Funding

- FTA is part of the US DOT with a mission to support public transit through grant programs and policies.

- FTA ~ \$10 Billion per year
(FHWA ~ \$41 Billion per year)

- Programs are federally assisted – locally administered.



Partnership for Sustainable Communities: FTA's Role



Infrastructure Investment

- Urban/Rural Formula Programs
- Specialized Programs
 - JARC
 - New Freedom 5310
- New Starts
- Discretionary Bus + Rail
- TIGGER

Capacity Building

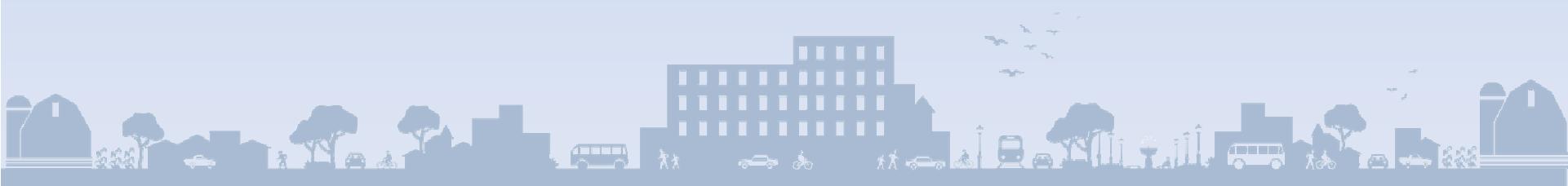
- Peer Exchanges
- Technical Assistance
- Demonstrations
- Case Studies and Pilots

Policy / Guidance

- New Starts
- Joint Development
- Bike/Ped Access to Transit
- Flexible Funding for Transit
- Environmental Management

Research

- Affordable Housing Near Transit
- Transit Oriented Development
- Climate Change Impacts
- Access to Transit





REGION 6 SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES UNDER PSC

Port Arthur, TX

Austin, TX

Little Rock, AR



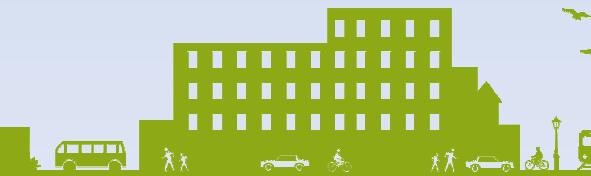


PORT ARTHUR SHOWCASE COMMUNITY:

Improve economic, social and quality of life of Westside residents

PSC ACTIONS NEEDED:

- Relocation of Carver Terrace Public Housing residents
- Expansion of bus service to future Westside health clinic
- Infrastructure improvements for economic development – future convenience store



AUSTIN SHOWCASE COMMUNITY:

Saltillo Plaza-Transit Oriented Development Connecting East Austin Latino Community to Downtown

PSC ACTIONS NEEDED:

- Affordable Housing Dev. Partners
- Additional Env. Assess. & Cleanup
- Railroad Tracks Relocation
- Transit User Access

Improvements





LITTLE ROCK SHOWCASE COMMUNITY:

Sunset Terrace Community Development - Housing Quality, Choice, & Architectural Character; Education/Academic Achievement Access; Financial Opportunities; and Conditions Improvement of Health Services Access

PSC ACTIONS NEEDED:

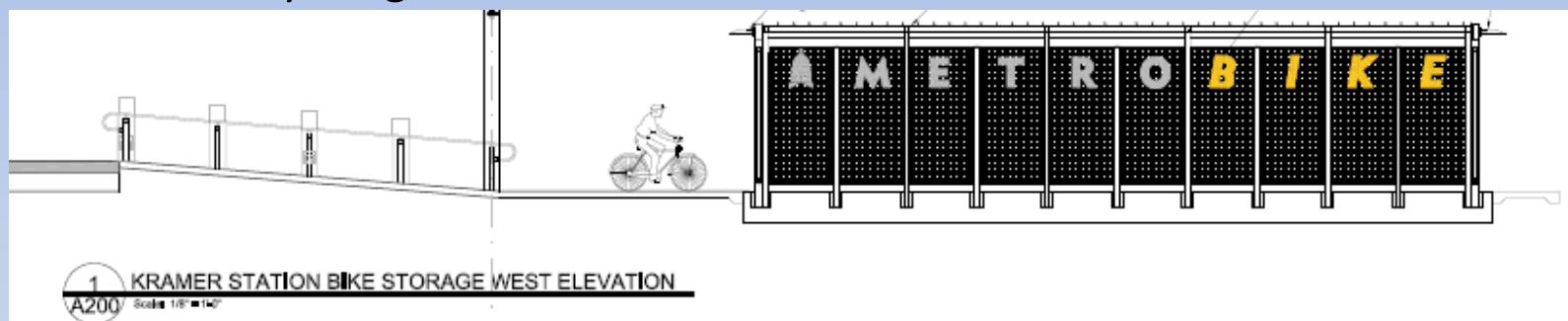
- New/quality affordable homes
- Home improvements
- Sustainable Reuse/Use Fairgrounds
- Env. Site Assess. & Cleanup
- Congestion Mitigation



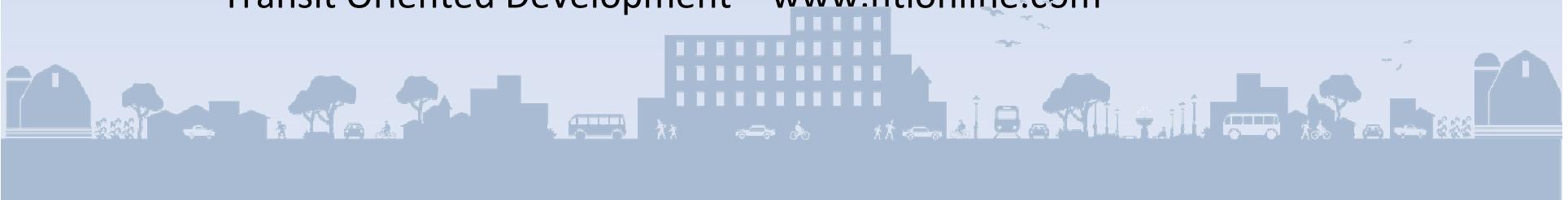
FTA Livability Resource Examples



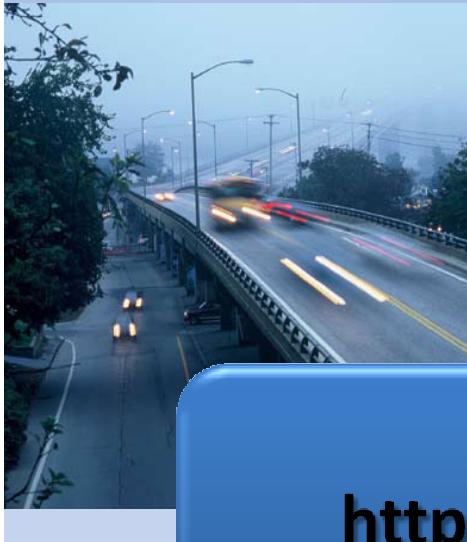
- Funding
 - Bus Livability Program



- Technical Assistance
 - National Transit Oriented Development Database
 - <http://toddata.cnt.org/>
 - Center for Transit Oriented Development – Reconnecting America
 - <http://www.ctod.org/portal/>
 - National Transit Institute – Courses on Land Use/Transportation and Transit Oriented Development – www.notionline.com



Additional Resources



<http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov>

