Station Area Planning in Chicago: Building on Sound Principles
Overview of the RTA

RTA
Planning, Oversight and Funding

CTA
Chicago and near suburbs

Metra
Commuter Rail

Pace
Suburban Bus
ADA Paratransit
Moving Beyond Congestion Strategic Plan

$10 Billion Need: The Transit Case for Illinois

To learn more and join the effort to save mass transit, visit www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org
RTA Funding Programs

- 4 planning, operating, and capital programs
- Structured, transparent annual process
- Community Planning Program
- Funded 50 Station Area Plans
- www.rtachicago.com/programs
Station Area Planning – Key Principles

1) Awareness of TOD Benefits
2) Plan w/Transit Operators
3) Develop a “Flexible” Vision
4) Foster Relationships
5) Eye towards Implementation
RTA Station Area Planning Process

- Existing Conditions
- Assess Market
- Concept Plan
- Reality Check
- Implementation Strategies

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
City of Evanston – The Plan

- Plan completed in 1999
- CTA, Pace and Metra all serve Davis St. Station
- Pedestrian/Vehicular Circulation
- Parking
- Wayfinding
- Consensus on Recommendations

RTA Funded Study (1999)
City of Evanston – Implementation

Actual (2009)
Village of Orland Park – The Plan

• Plan completed in 2001
• Historic District and Retail Uses
• Create a mixed-use TOD around a relocated station
• Challenge of Land Assembly
• Public Involvement
• Village Leadership
Village of Orland Park – Implementation

Orland Park 143rd Street
Metra Station (2009)
Village of La Grange – The Plan

• Plan completed in 2005
• TOD Corridor Plan around 2 Stations
• Adopted as part of Comprehensive Plan

• Key Goals:
  ✓ Transit-Supportive Redevelopment
  ✓ Urban Design Improvements
  ✓ Foster Diverse, Compatible Housing
Village of La Grange – Implementation
Thank You!

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