FAMILIES AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Creating Complete Communities For All

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SEVEN STEPS
Aligning High-Quality Education with Innovations in City and Regional Planning and Development

1. Know Your Educational Landscape
2. Engage School Leaders, Families, & Young People
3. Establish a Shared Vision and Metrics
4. Support the Whole Life of Learners
5. Align Bricks-and-Mortar Investments
6. Maximize Access to Opportunity through Transportation
7. Institutionalize What Works
YOU WANT A LARGE APARTMENT... IN TOWN... AFFORDABLE... BUT NOT A SUBURBAN HOUSE ??? SAY... JUST WHAT KIND OF FAMILY ARE YOU ???
#1: School quality plays a major role in families’ housing choices
Schools important to 3 out of 5 market segments
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#2: A wide housing unit mix is needed to attract families

#3: Housing unit mix, enrollment, and school funding are related
#4: Children often use transit to get to/from school and afterschool activities

#5: Multi-modes support access to school options
#6: Mixed-income TOD can provide educational **workforce** housing

#7: TOD design principles support childrens’ **walkability** and safety
#8: TOD brings *amenities and services* to *attract* families

#9: Opportunities for *shared use* of public space

#10: Opportunities for renovating or building new *schools*
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