Balancing Parking at TODs

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Are TODs Over-parked?

- The dominant land use surrounding suburban rail stations is parking (Cervero, 2009)
- Minimum parking requirements
  - Political motivations
  - ITE parking generation rates
  - One-size fits all
Effects of Excessive Parking

- Imposes heavy costs upon developers that are then passed on to consumers/renters
- Consumes valuable land near transit
- Degrades urban design
- Distorts transportation choices
- Degrades air quality
- Increases impervious surface area

Choose Your Own Adventure

Sea of Parking

Shops, Public Space, Housing

Be Balanced: Policy Ideas

- Parking caps
- Provide infrastructure that complement a variety of modes, not just cars
- Place parking away from platforms

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