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Reality Show: The Real Issues and Challenges of Transit Oriented Development

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What Is Transit Oriented Development?

Transit Oriented Development (TOD):

Compact, dense development built within walking distance of rapid transit stations and corridors that consists of housing, jobs, services, and amenities that are connected via a walkable public realm.

Equitable Transit Communities:

“Equitable transit communities are mixed-use, transit-served neighborhoods that provide housing and transportation choices, and greater social and economic opportunity for current and future residents.”

-Growing Transit Communities Strategy (PSRC 2013)
What are the Benefits of TOD?

• Boosts transit ridership
• Increases mobility and lowers transportation costs
• Connects people to places of employment, education, etc.
• Reduces public infrastructure costs
• Reduces sprawl and preserves open space
• Meets growing demand for walkable urban living
• Creates a focal point for investment in communities
• Promotes health through physical activity
• Conserves energy and reduces impacts on global climate
• And many others!
Central Puget Sound Region

Rapid Transit Corridors

- Light Rail
- Streetcar
- Commuter Rail
- Bus Rapid Transit

$15+ billion investment

74 existing, planned, and potential station areas in long-range light rail corridors