

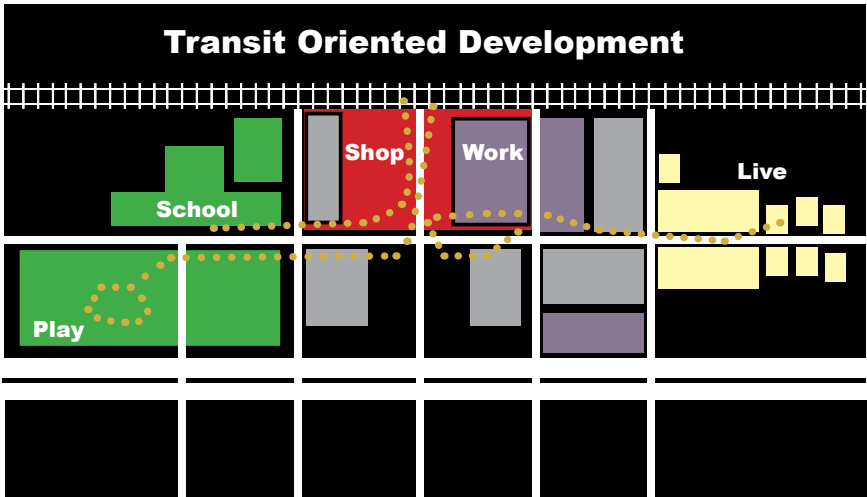
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Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines and Best Practices for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Transit-oriented development (TOD) does not usually occur on its own, but works best when implemented against the backdrop of clear policy goals adopted by the regional transit agency and governing bodies. To that end, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) hired Nelson\Nygaard in association with Transit Realty Advisors to review the nation’s best examples of TOD policies, as well as develop Cleveland-specific TOD guidelines to shape future development around the region’s transit stations. Nelson\Nygaard’s guidelines defined TOD in both qualitative and quantitative means, presenting descriptions of TOD in practice while also providing solid numbers against which an organization can benchmark itself; including recommended densities for different transit modes, critical pedestrian access facilities, and how a variety of land uses can generate different travel patterns. In this way, Nelson\Nygaard provided concrete ways

for GCRTA to assess the TOD-friendliness of existing development and goals for implementing effective new TOD projects. The guidelines also included five case studies of TOD projects from around the country, and described factors that contributed to various levels of success. Based on these case studies, Nelson\Nygaard formulated a “Lessons Learned” section outlining ways GCRTA could apply the successful policies while avoiding TOD pitfalls.

The project culminated in a workshop titled “Getting Transit-Oriented Development Right.” This was presented at the Levin College Forum at Cleveland State University to the region’s public officials, agency representatives, developers, and planners. The project team presented guidelines and best practices on TOD and smart growth, land use development, parking at train stations, and pedestrian and bicycle orientation. The workshop material can be found at http://urban.csuohio.edu/forum/events/O2_22_07_transit_oriented_development.shtml.



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