

# Next stop: thriving communities.

## TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES

### Fact Sheet



**Metro**



## Metro is transforming LA.

Metro moves almost 1.3 million people a day across LA County. Thanks to Measure M, Metro is undertaking one of the largest transportation infrastructure programs in US history and will double the size of the rail network in the next 40 years. Metro is also re-imagining its bus service for a growing region and expanding rail network, and to complement an evolving set of mobility options like bike share, rideshare and electric scooters.

**Metro's unprecedented transportation investment presents a unique opportunity to reshape how people move and experience life in LA County and sow the seeds for a more equitable, sustainable region.**

Metro is redefining the role of the transit agency, looking beyond the footprint of Metro stations and bus stops to think more holistically about the design and function of neighborhoods to realize transit-oriented communities.

## What are transit-oriented communities?

Transit-oriented communities (TOCs) are places that, by their design, make it more convenient to take transit, walk, bike or roll than to drive.

- > **Where Metro leads:** Metro is responsible for planning, designing, building and operating transit service in LA County. Metro seeks to leverage infrastructure investments and assets for community development and transformation.
- > **Where Metro partners:** Metro partners with local jurisdictions, community groups, faith and labor organizations, and the private sector to encourage and incentivize policies that improve the quality of life.

## Metro's Transit Oriented Communities Policy

In June 2018, the Metro Board of Directors adopted the TOC Policy, an ambitious effort that formalizes Metro's commitment to partner with the 88 cities and unincorporated areas in LA County to support "TOC activities." The policy links local projects to Metro's regional transit investments to achieve five key goals:

- > **Increase transit ridership and choice**
- > **Stabilize and strengthen communities around transit**
- > **Engage communities in visioning**
- > **Distribute transit benefits to all**
- > **Capture value created by transit**

As Metro embarks on this journey, it is important to note that there are multiple strategies for implementing TOCs. Metro will adapt its approach over time in collaboration with each community to respond to the continuously evolving landscape.



Partnerships with cities help create vibrant, walkable places.



TOCs support many ways of traveling without a car.

## How is Metro approaching transit-oriented communities?

Metro's Transit Oriented Communities program focuses on finding and strengthening synergies between transit and the surrounding streets, public spaces and developments to support an expanding transit network.

### First/Last Mile

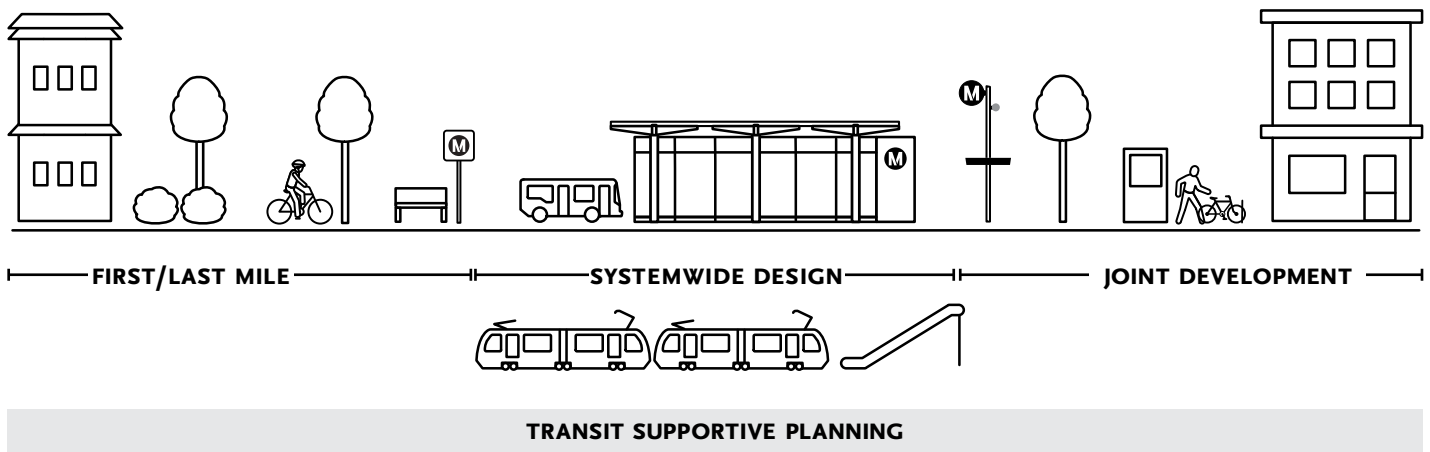
Metro works with local communities and stakeholders to develop a set of community-supported **improvements along key pathways** to Metro stations and bus stops. As part of the planning for all new transit lines, Metro wants to create good connections for all ages and abilities to safely walk, bike or roll to transit.

### Systemwide Design

Metro is implementing new Systemwide Station Design Standards to **improve the customer experience** and ensure new stations have consistent state-of-the-art architecture that is safe, smart, clean and green. Our new station designs integrate unique public art and sustainable landscaping to tie each station to its surrounding community.

### Joint Development

Metro partners with developers, stakeholders and local jurisdictions to envision, design and build development projects on Metro-owned properties. Joint development projects are vetted through a competitive bid or Unsolicited Proposals process with extensive community input. The program also seeks to build **community benefits** like **affordable housing** that can otherwise be difficult to deliver.



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### Transit Supportive Planning

Metro supports local jurisdictions in developing and adopting transit-supportive policies and programs to leverage the value of transit investments and increase ridership.

This work includes:

- > Developing best practice guides and resources, such as the **Transit Supportive Toolkit** and **Metro Transfers Design Guide**.
- > Providing **grant funding** and grant writing assistance for community development and land use planning.
- > Coordinating with adjacent property owners and developers through the **Development Review Team** to ensure safe construction and strengthen connections to transit.
- > Leading extensive redevelopment activities in and around **Los Angeles Union Station**.




For more information about Transit Oriented Communities,  
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