

Citizens' Academy 2008-01 Guiding Principles

SOCIAL

1) Transit oriented development that creates a sense of personal identity and value within the community including security, choice, social opportunities, practical resources, sense of pride and a state of well being. (18 votes)

2) Transit communities should engender a sense of community while maintaining a neighborhood's identity:

- Well designed open spaces that promote health and wellness
- Pedestrian friendly and safe walkways that deter additional vehicle traffic
- Small, locally owned businesses that provide products and services individualized to the needs of the community
- Public amenities that encourage social gathering artistic expression (11 votes)

3) Universally accessible and usable by everyone
Additional moderate exercise increases health benefits
Improves social interaction (less road rage) (1 vote)

ECONOMIC

1) A transit system that promotes economic opportunities by creating jobs; public/private partnerships that invest resources in communities; encourage developer commitment to diverse housing options and business types; and supports locally sustained economies. (23 votes)

2) Create great places to live, work and play, provide people choices for housing, shopping, community, and transportation, direct growth and development toward existing communities that already have infrastructure in place, level the playing field to allow people of all socio-economic groups to have access to housing, transportation, and small business entrepreneurial and employment opportunities. (3 votes)

3) Transit oriented developments provide inspired economies that force citizens from the status quo. They allow for a self-contained customer and tax base with unique local flavor. TODs encourage a sense of community and allow for broader social benefits. They also allow for economies of scale – reduced need for infrastructure investment, increase efficiencies with public services are sustainable with user fees. (3 votes)

ENVIRONMENTAL

1) Use regional transit investment to foster comfortable, dense, sustainable and vibrant community enhancement. (15 votes)

2) Integrate convenient access to multimodal transportation and an attractive destination within a sustainable environment. (9 votes)

3) A transit oriented development that supports its communities by sustaining and improving the public health and environment. (3 votes)