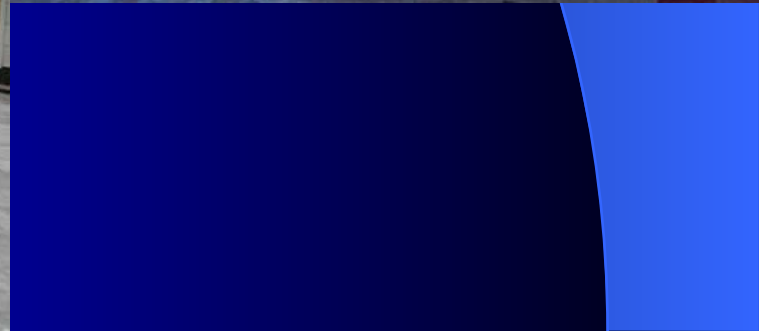


# Guess Where?



1. **Hong Kong**
2. **London**
3. **China**
4. **None of the Above**





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**Tehran, Iran!**

# Problem Statement:

- **US is Not “Progressive” - Transportation**
- **Vocal Neighbors Call the Shots and Generally Not Progressive and Anti-Development**
- **Too Much Politics**
- **Competition Among Cities and Lack of Cooperation**  **No Regional Plan for TOD**



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### FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

**Overview:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides leadership, technical assistance, and financial resources for safe, technologically advanced public transportation that enhances mobility and accessibility, reduces congestion, improves America's communities, preserves the natural environment, advances economic growth, and ensures that transit systems are prepared to function during and after criminal or terrorist attacks. Transit systems safely and efficiently move tens of millions of people every day connecting people to their jobs and communities. The FY 2009 budget request includes \$10.1 billion for Federal transit programs, which maintains the Federal commitment to transit, and when combined with State and local funding, will reduce congestion, improve mobility and accessibility, address critical safety and security requirements, and advance the President's Management Agenda.

**Federal Transit Administration Budget**  
(Dollars in Millions)

	2007 <u>Actual</u>	2008 <u>Enacted</u>	2009 <u>Request</u>
Formula and Bus Grants	8,240 <sup>1/</sup>	7,768 <sup>2/</sup>	8,361
Capital Investment Grants	1,566	1,569	1,621
Formula Grants	35 <sup>3/</sup>	0	0
Research & University Research Centers	61	65	60
Administrative Expenses	85	89	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,987</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>10,135</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes \$977 million in net flex funding transfers from FHWA.

<sup>2/</sup> The FY 2008 obligation limitation is \$7,768 million, accounting for the \$105 million rescission of contract authority from the \$7,873 million authorization level in SAFETEA-LU.

<sup>3/</sup> Includes U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Chapter 8 of Title IV - Additional Hurricane Disaster Relief and Recovery. Pub. L. 110-28.

**Summary of FTA FY 2009 Increases and Decreases**  
(Dollars in Millions)

	Formula and <u>Bus Grants</u>	Capital Investment <u>Grants</u>	Research & <u>URCs</u>	Admin. <u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>FY 2008 Base</b>	<b>7,768</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9,492</b>
Pay Inflation Adjustments	0	0	0	2	2
Non-Pay Inflation Adjustments	0	0	0	1	1
Annualization of FY 2008 Initiatives	0	0	0	0	0
Non-recurring Costs or Savings	0	0	0	0	0
Base Re-engineering, Reductions or Adjustments	593	52	-5	0	640

- \$10 Billion FTA Budget
- \$800 Billion - Bailout
- \$120 Billion / yr - War
- RTD's Budget Issues
- You do the math!

# My Solution

- **Prepare a White Paper – “Successful TOD / TAD Along FasTracks”**
- **Objective:**
  - **Outreach and educate communities, agencies and developers about how transit will shape our lives, how to develop a “Vision” and calibrate standards and designs to the “Vision”**
  - **Petition Elected Officials until they get it**

# Measure Success

- **Community / Stakeholder Consensus**
- **Change mindset from “Not in My Backyard” to a Socially, Fiscally and Environmentally responsible approach**
- **Revise at least one neighborhood plan – first year**
- **Initiate a Regional TOD Plan – need to find a champion**