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# WHAT IS TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)?

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) has the potential to help transform regional land use and transportation landscape towards a more sustainable, multimodal, and low-carbon design. These transit-oriented planning policies are also climate action strategies that can assist local jurisdictions in achieving state and regional environmental and sustainability goals to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These planning strategies also generate a range of potential benefits to residents, visitors, and businesses alike. Some key benefits to transit-supportive planning include:

- More efficient use of land area and natural resources
- Improved air quality
- Reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

- Increased transit ridership
- Improved economic development
- Increased attraction of private development investment
- Safer streets
- Stronger sense of place
- Alternative travel modes (e.g., biking, walking)

Public transit offers a potential alternative to driving. Public transit improvements can also result in other benefits, including reduced traffic crashes, improved physical fitness and health, energy conservation, increased community livability, increased affordability, and economic development. Urban form, including the presence of compact development and access to public transit, tend to have a positive association with physical activity.

