# TOGETHER NORTH JERSEY INSTITUTE: TRANSIT HUBS WORKSHOP #1

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### WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE TODAY?

Identify, understand and learn how to implement good Community Development, using all aspects of mobility infrastructure – whatever it is - to support shared community goals for economic stability, access to opportunity, public and private investment and the betterment of the entire community. One way to try and do this is to focus development around transit.

Successful "Transit Supportive Development" or "Transit Oriented Development" by its very nature requires active collaboration among elected officials, transit planners, housing department professionals, private developers, philanthropic leaders, community development financial institutions, community advocates, the public at large, etc.

TOD/TSD has to be operationalized at all levels, including through federal and state policy, through regional guidance and incentives, through local station-area planning and project delivery and, perhaps most importantly, local citizen buy-in and support.

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Community development professionals can reach better outcomes when they understand the role of each stakeholder and their varying emphasis on policy and investments at these different scales.

The game only changes when we align and coordinate processes that operate on different timelines and scales, such as transportation planning (long-term and regional scale) and housing development (short-term and project scale).

SOURCE: What Works For America -- http://www.whatworksforamerica.org/ideas/transit-oriented-development-is-good-community-development/

### SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE GO THROUGH THE WORKSHOP:

- We are not a clean slate most of the NJTPA/TNJ region is built up already, so we can't start all over
- Transit stations, terminals, clustered corridors serving multiple modes and routes, as well as transfers between same, can provide great opportunities for host communities to take advantage of the mobility asset(s) by focusing vision and action.
- Keep in mind...it takes more than placing a building by a transit station to create a strong community or a viable "transit hub!" It takes creating great connections between the "transit hub" and the surrounding neighborhoods
- It also takes a planning process that is driven by all members of the community to create a community vision for the present and the future that they FULLY support and will push to achieve!

## **LET'S GET STARTED!**

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