

# GETTING IT DONE:

## A Workshop Series on Transit-Oriented Districts and Walkable Communities



Minneapolis



Dallas, Texas



Rahway, New Jersey



Portland, Oregon

Achieving transit-oriented districts and walkable communities isn't easy. The challenges of regulatory requirements, community pressures over higher density development, multi-jurisdictional collaboration, and long term timelines are only a few of the obstacles to success.

# Join us to roll up your sleeves and find solutions!

- Share information on national models of success
- Hear from a panel of local responders to compare strategies between transit corridors
- Engage practitioners from a wide array of fields to solve technical problems, and to strengthen efforts to implement transit-oriented districts and walkable communities.

These events are free, but registration is **REQUIRED**, as space is limited. Please register by contacting Gretchen Nicholls, LISC, at [gnicholls@lisc.org](mailto:gnicholls@lisc.org) or by phone at 651-265-2280.

For more information, visit:  
[www.tclisc.org](http://www.tclisc.org)

## Who should attend?

Those working to support or implement TOD from the following fields:

Engineers • Planning+Design Professionals •  
Community Development • Parks and Watershed  
Districts • Developers • Policy Makers • Citizen and Advocacy  
Groups • Financial Institutions • Transportation Agencies • University  
and Higher Ed Representatives • State Officials/Governors  
Office • Metropolitan Council • County and City Representatives

**The workshops will provide a high-level technical discussion on implementation tools and policies to accomplish transit-oriented districts and walkable communities.**

## **Workshop I: Infrastructure and Public Realm**

Tuesday March 16, 2010

9 am – 12 pm

Dorsey & Whitney

50 South 6th Street, Minneapolis

### **Featuring Gary Toth, Project for Public Spaces**

Mr. Toth is Senior Director, Transportation Initiatives with the Project for Public Spaces. He has substantial expertise in transportation planning, particularly the integration of transportation with land use planning and Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS). During his thirty four years of project management experience within the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Gary became known for his collaboration and facilitation skills, and was one of the architects of the transformation of NJDOT to a stakeholder inclusive process. This led to his being a founding member of the NJDOT's CSS program, and has helped NJDOT become a national leader in CSS.

Local Panel:

- Bryan Dodds, MN DoT
- Joe Gladke, Hennepin County Public Works
- Dave Showalter, Aecom/EDAW
- Randy Newton, Eden Prairie Public Works

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 11th**

## **Workshop II: Connecting Land Use and Transportation – Overcoming Regulatory Obstacles**

Monday April 19, 2010

9 am – 12 pm

Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy, St. Paul

### **Featuring Joseph Schilling, Virginia Tech Metropolitan Center**

Joseph Schilling leads the Metropolitan Institute's Green Regions Initiative. He also provides communities with policy guidance in such areas as vacant property revitalization, brownfields redevelopment, smart growth, and zoning code reform. Previously, Schilling directed the community and economic development programs for the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) focusing on local governments and the intersection of land use laws and policies as they relate to smart growth and the community revitalization

Local Panel:

- Barb Sporlein, Minneapolis CPED Planning Director
- Janet Jeremiah, Eden Prairie Community Development
- Suzanne Rhees, Cuningham Group
- Norm Bjornnes, Oaks Properties LLC
- Guy Peterson, Met Council

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 14th**

## **Workshop III: Equitable Development and Community Benefits**

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

9 am – 12 pm

Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St. Paul

### **Featuring Leslie Moody, Partnership With Working Families**

Leslie Moody helped found PWF and has served as Executive Director since 2007. Previously, Leslie spent 15 years changing Colorado's organizing and political landscape, including a decade as the first woman president of the Denver Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. She co-founded the Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC), and co-chaired the successful community benefits campaign at the Cherokee-Gates brownfield redevelopment.

#### **Local Panel:**

- Russ Adams, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Gretchen Nicholls, LISC / Corridor Development Initiative
- Malik Holt-Shabazz, Harrison Neighborhood Association
- Isabel Chanslor, University Avenue Business Preparation Collaborative
- Jonathan Sage Martinson, Central Corridor Funders Collaborative
- Brian Miller, Seward Redesign

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 6th**

## **Workshop IV: Financing of Transit-Oriented Districts – Building Public/Private Partnerships**

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

9 am – 12 pm

Dorsey & Whitney, 50 S 6th Street, Minneapolis

### **Featuring Dena Belzer, Strategic Economics**

Ms. Belzer is the founder and principal of Strategic Economics, an urban economics and planning firm in Berkeley, CA . She has over 25 years of experience assisting local and regional governments, private for-profit and non-profit developers, transit agencies, foundations and federal entities with a wide variety of land use and transit planning, real estate development, and economic development issues. She is on the management team of the Center for Transit-Oriented Development.

#### **Local Panel:**

- Becky Rom, Twin Cities Community Land Bank
- Beth Reetz, Metropolitan Council
- Patricia Nauman, Metro Cities
- Alan Arthur, Aeon
- Senator D. Scott Dibble, DFL District 60
- Colleen Carey, The Cornerstone Group (developer)
- Patricia Fitzgerald, Hennepin County Community Works
- Dan Smith, Wells Fargo Community Lending Group
- Kayla Schuchman, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
- Richard Manson, National LISC

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10th**