



Regional Opportunities and Challenges for Transit Oriented Development: The Case of Texas Triangle (#CM2-3)

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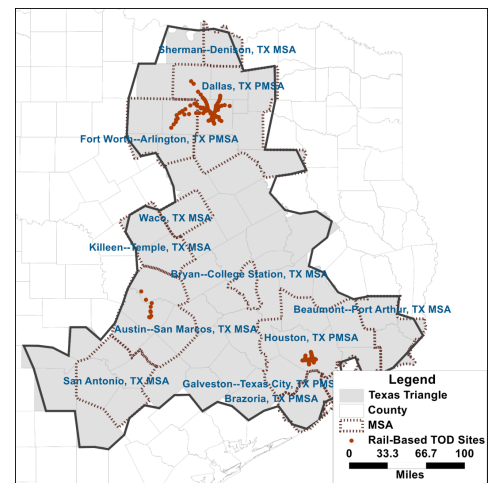
In the Texas Triangle, MPOs are actively exploring integrated transportation-land use strategies to tackle the problems associated with conventional car-oriented sprawl. Unfortunately, transit-oriented developments (TODs) have only been practiced locally by a limited number of communities and transit agencies, and where it is practiced there is often little development, regardless of TOD-friendly regulations. This study aims to take a regional approach to assess opportunities and challenges facing large and small communities in the Texas Triangle in developing TOD.

An integral component to understanding the state of TOD in the Texas Triangle was understanding the types of TOD being developed and planned. A survey was disseminated throughout the Texas Triangle in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. Following the surveys, interviews were conducted around the Austin metropolitan region to ground survey results and allow for an examination of Austin's TOD progress at a site-specific level.

Most Texas Triangle planning agencies agree that TOD would benefit their communities, but less than 1/4 report having even adopted a definition for TOD. As a result, most of the region's 181 TOD-ready sites remain underdeveloped. Most pressing, agencies need direction on new and useful Texas value capture mechanisms which could fund needed capital projects for station areas and for transit lines. Additionally, planning agencies need access to best practices for TOD-specific land development codes. With an increase in quality partnerships and improvements in demonstrated public investment and TOD-specific development codes, the case of TOD in the Texas Triangle is a case of tremendous yet-unrealized potential.

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TOD Sites in the Texas Triangle