



### **Retrofitting Suburbia:**

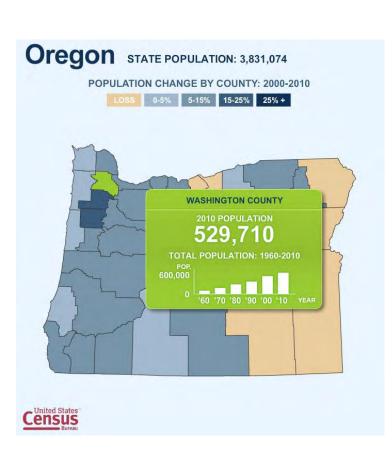
**Transforming Suburban Places into Urban Places** 



## Hillsboro - Regional Vicinity



## A Growing Population



	2010 Population	2000-2010 Percentage Growth
Multnomah	735,334	11.3%
Washington	529,710	18.9%
Clackamas	375,992	11.1%
Lane	351,715	8.9%
Marion	315,335	10.7%

	2010 Population	2000-2010 Percentage Growth
Portland	583,776	10.3%
Eugene	156,185	13.3%
Salem	154,637	12.9%
Gresham	105,594	17.1%
Hillsboro	91,611	30.5%

## A Changing Population

- Dual income households
- 1 & 2 person households
- Educated workforce
- Foreign-born population
- Young population
- Aging population
- Community involvement
- Affordability
- Urban lifestyle option

Census 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates					
Demographic	U.S.	Hillsboro	Beaverton	Portland	Gresham
Average Age	37	32	35	38	35
Under 18 Years of Age	25%	28%	24%	21%	28%
18 to 64 Years of Age	63%	65%	66%	68%	62%
65+ Years of Age	13%	7%	10%	10%	10%
White Alone	66%	66%	68%	74%	70%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	15%	22%	16%	9%	20%
Black or African American Alone	12%	1%	2%	6%	3%
Asian Alone	4%	8%	11%	7%	4%









## **Shifting Lifestyle Trends**

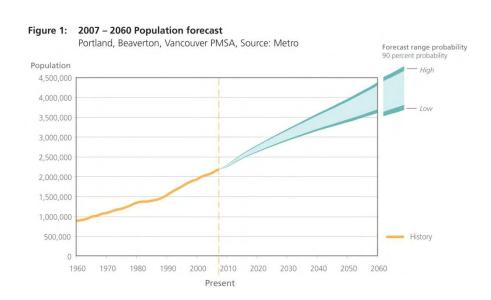
- Health lifestyles/active living
- Reduced reliance on auto trips
- Reduced energy consumption
- Local food production/markets
- Water conservation/quality
- Access to nature





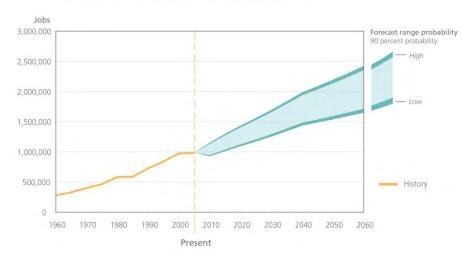
## **Projected Regional Growth**

#### **Population Forecast**



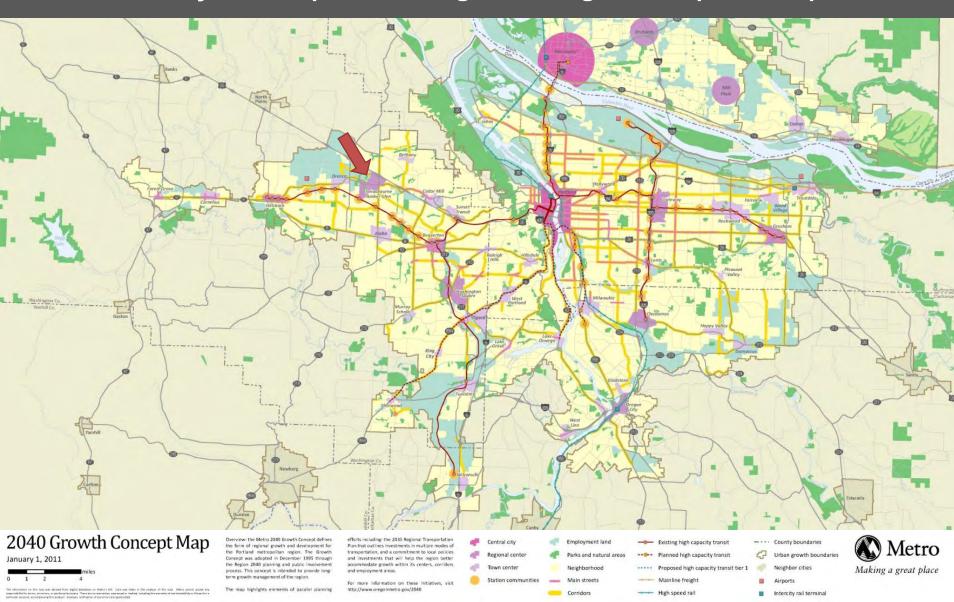
#### **Employment Forecast**

Figure 4: 2007 – 2060 Employment forecast (nonfarm)
Portland, Beaverton, Vancouver PMSA, Source: Metro



## Suburban Response?

...to demand for jobs and a proximate range of housing and transportation options



### **Orenco Station**

An award winning transit-oriented community





 Pedestrian friendly, high-density Town Center built in conjunction with the Westside Max







## Tanasbourne I AmberGlen



#### Tanasbourne | AmberGlen

A Vibrant, Transit-Supported, Regional-Scale Center

#### The Aspiration...

Approximately 30,000 people will live in this 687-acre urban district, and 23,000 people will work here.



FOCUS | An intense mix of housing, shopping, employment and transit

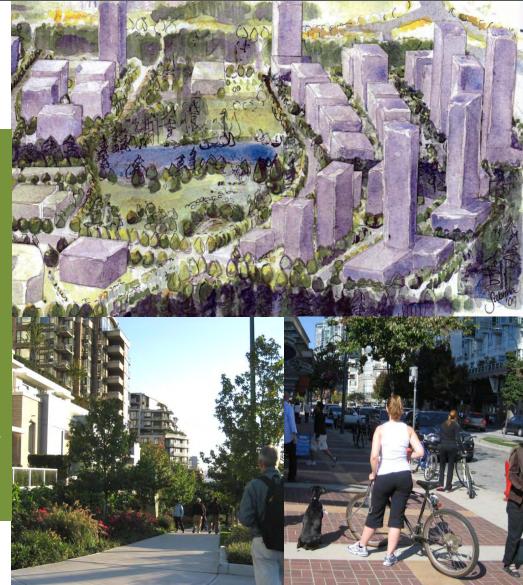
## Vision & Guiding Principles

Create a vibrant regional activity center enlivened with high-quality pedestrian and environmental amenities, taking advantage of the region's light rail system.



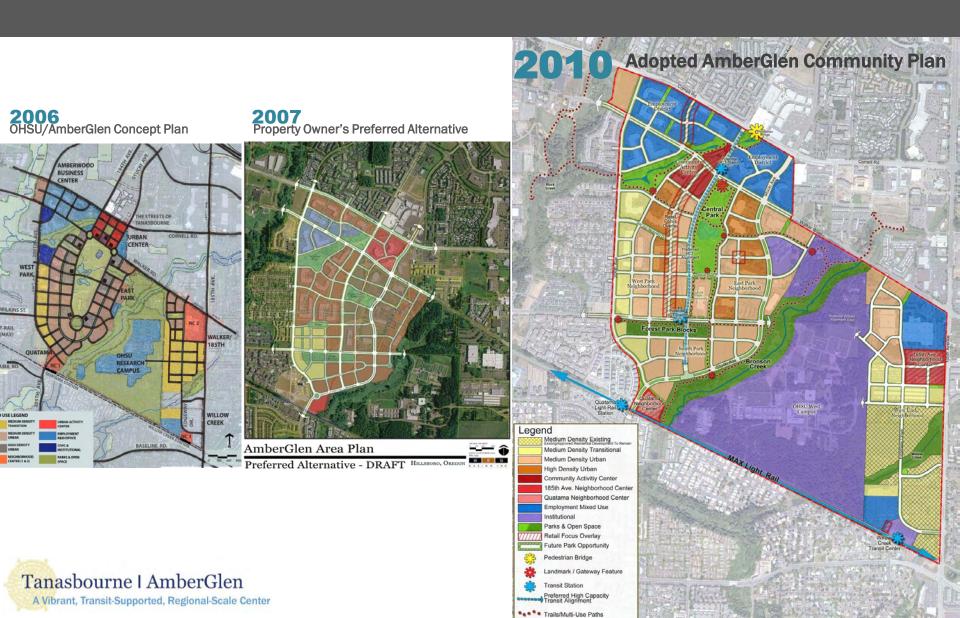
### **Guiding Principles**

- Urban/Green
- Connectivity
- Third Places
- Market Flexibility
- Model Development
- Economic Vitality
- Create Catalyst at Outset
- Regional Landmark



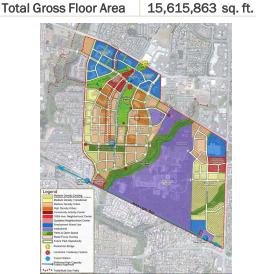
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## **AmberGlen Community Plan**



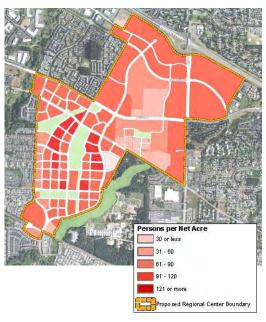
## **AmberGlen Community Plan**

#### **AmberGlen Community Plan Area: Total Development Summary Table Developed Land Area** 299 acres Parks, Open Space, Protected 174 acres 7,184 du's Residential Units **Net Residential Density** 24 du's/acre Land Uses by Floor Area: 7,902,400 sq. ft. Residential **Employment (Office)** 3,091,715 sq. ft. 551,284 sq. ft. Retail 1,375,189 sq. ft. Institutional 2,695,275 sq. ft. **Structured Parking**



#### AmberGlen/Tanasbourne Regional Center - Estimated Development Capacity Area Area People/ Dwelling Residents DU/ Jobs/ (net acres) People Units (DU) (2.25/DU)(acres) net acre net acre Jobs net acre 13,438 687 537 53,176 99 30.235 25 22.941





## Leverage Existing Jobs & Housing

#### **Major Companies in North Hillsboro Industrial Area:**











## **Local & Global Connections**

- Connected to regional transportation system
- Ability to connect globally





## Balanced, Multimodal System

Existing streets are incorporated into a grid to support walking, bicycling and transit use.





## Parks, Trails & Open Space

#### ACCESS TO NATURE

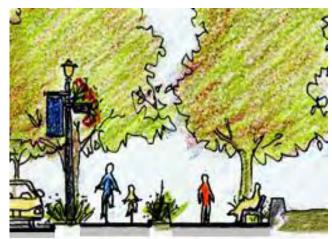
The Plan organizes development around a signature central park and connections to natural corridors, habitat areas and open space.



## **Community Character**

#### **COMMUNITY CHARACTER**

Development is coordinated with streetscape elements to create the character of the public realm.



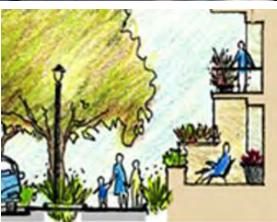
**Multi-use Path Loop around Central Park** 











**Residential Street** 

### **Sustainable Practices**

- Developing a sustainability strategy for AmberGlen
- Identifying opportunity sites economically viable for resource systems integration -ECO Districts



## **Sustainable Development**





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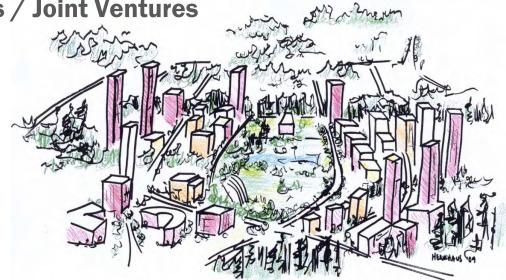




### **Tools & Lessons Learned**

- MOU's / Developer Agreements
- Concept Plan → Master Development Plan
- Financial Tools
- Regional Partnerships

Public & Private Partnerships / Joint Ventures





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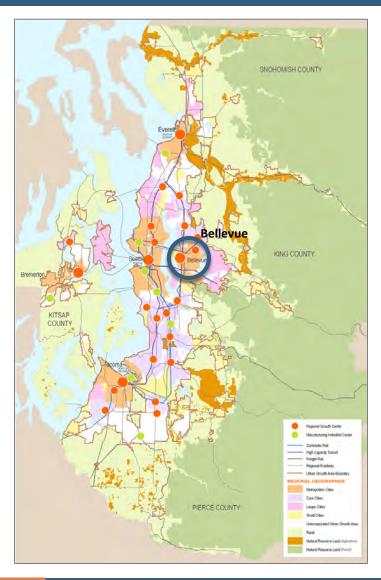
### **Evolution of Downtown Bellevue**

WA/OR Joint Conference October 20, 2011

Emil King, AICP Strategic Planning Manager



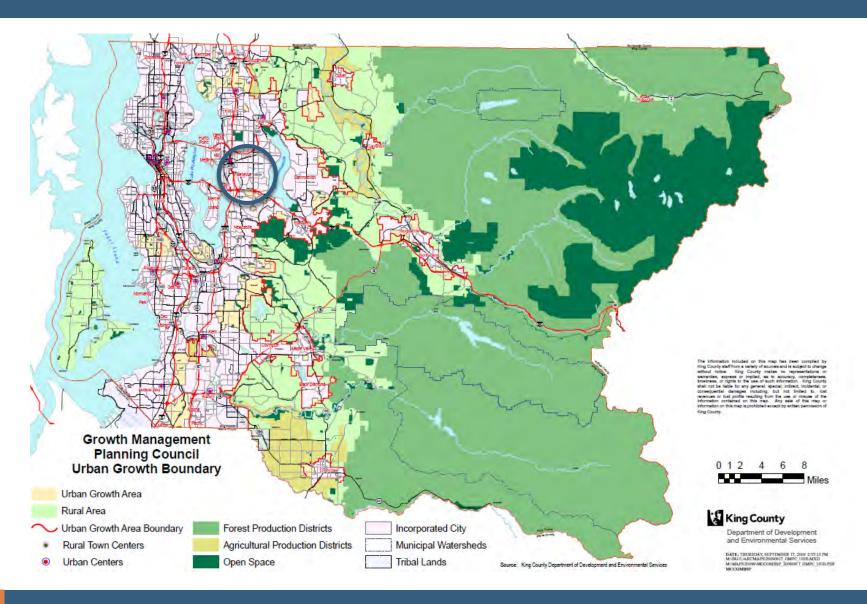
## Bellevue in the Region



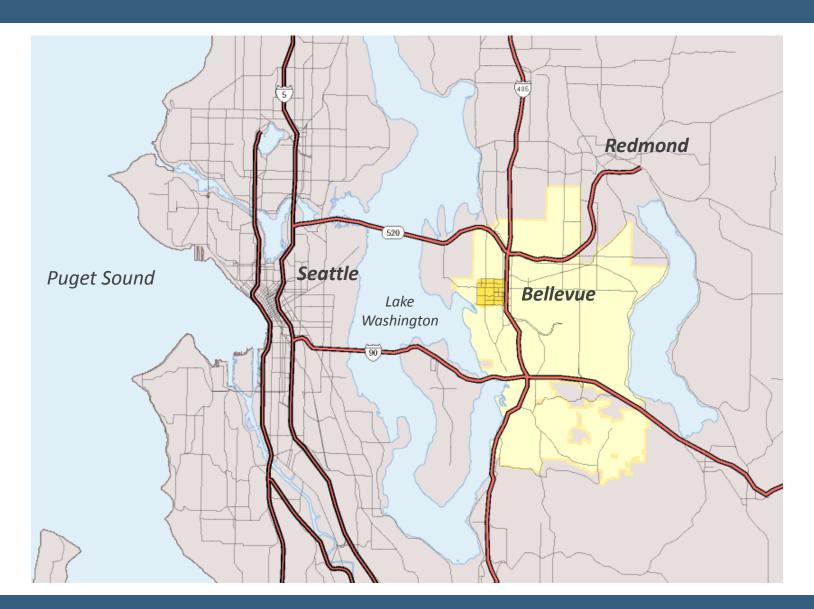


- Bellevue one of five "metropolitan cities"
- Regional planning goals to:
  - Use urban area efficiently & focus development
  - ➤ Build off regional transportation investments & integrate land use and transportation planning

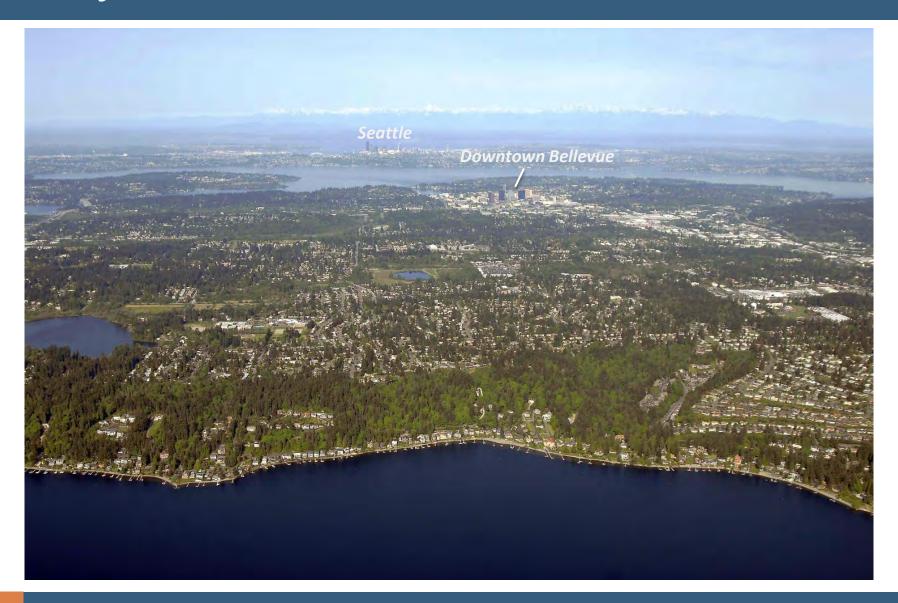
## County Urban Growth Boundary



## Bellevue's Central Location



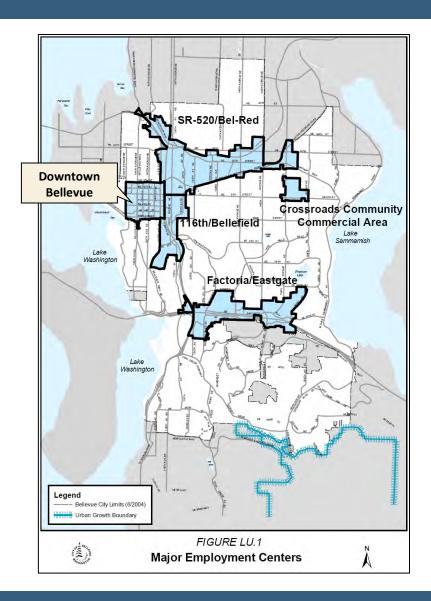
# City Context



## City Context

#### **Downtown Bellevue**

- Post-war commercial center
- At 410 acres, 2% of City's land area
- Approximately 70% of City's growth forecast



## Planning Legacy – 1950s Paradigm

"They laid out huge blocks; "superblocks" as they called them, along a grid of four and six lane streets."

"Bellevue would be neat, orderly, efficient, spacious, everything that older U.S. cities are not."

"Downtown would be built for automobiles, not the pedestrians and streetcars that shaped other cities."

"A new and different kind of city, Bellevue – built the way its people wanted it to be."



## Downtown Planning Milestones

<b>1920</b> s	Ferry landing with service to Seattle
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1940s 1st floating bridge across Lake Washington; Post-war growth

**1953** City incorporates

**1979** First Downtown Subarea Plan

1981 New Land Use Code with focus on

compact, mixed-use development

**1990** First Downtown Implementation Plan

**1991** Washington State Growth

Management Act

**1992** Downtown Bellevue recognized as

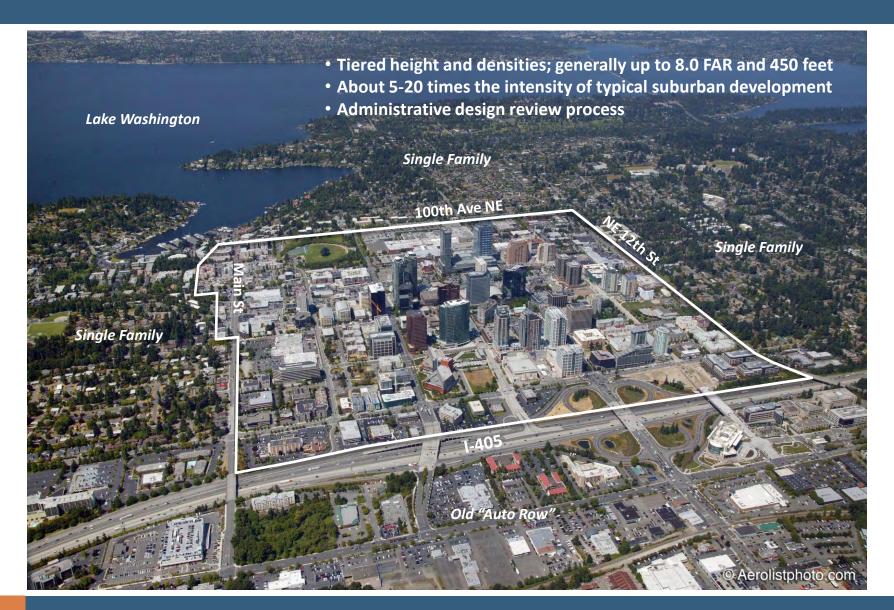
**Urban Center** 

2004 Updated Subarea Plan





### Downtown Framework



### Evolution from Suburban to Urban

#### **Four Indicators from Bellevue**

- **#1** Growth Ballooning Inwards
- **#2** Downtown Neighborhoods
- **#3** Capital Project Integrated Design
- **#4** Stages of Transit Integration

### Downtown Bellevue GREAT PLACE STRATEGY

- Need to simultaneously grow and change in each of these areas:
  - Viability
  - Livability
  - Accessibility
  - > Memorability

## #1 Growth Ballooning Inwards















### Downtown Growth

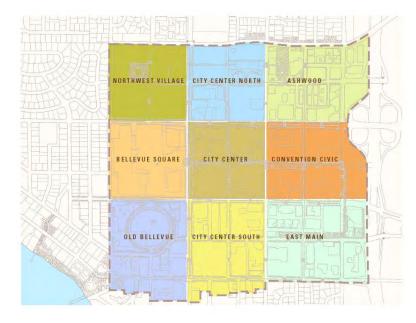
	Year 2000	Year 2010	Forecast 2030
Population	2,900	6,858	19,000
Population density, per gross acre	7.1	16.7	46.3
Residential densities, units per acre	80-236	80-264	Up to 300
Total employment	34,042	42,525	70,300
Employment density, per gross acre	83.0	103.7	171.5
Housing units	2,064	6,774	15,100
Employees per housing unit	16.5	6.3	4.7

# Demographic Shifts

	Downtown 2000	Current Downtown
Percent minority	20%	44% 🛧
Foreign born	25%	36% 🛧
Speak language other than English at home	23%	34% 🛧
Bachelor's degree or higher	45%	66% 🛧
Alternate travel mode to work	35%	41% 🛧
Median age	57.3	38.7 ₩

## #2 Downtown Neighborhoods

- Downtown evolving from homogenous center to series of unique districts
- Each based on 5-minute walk
- Residential has recently occurred throughout downtown
- Reinforces existing character with new elements helping to define emerging areas

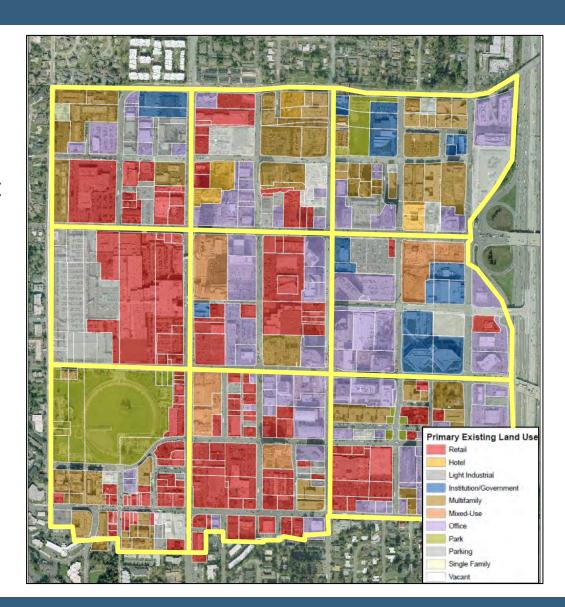




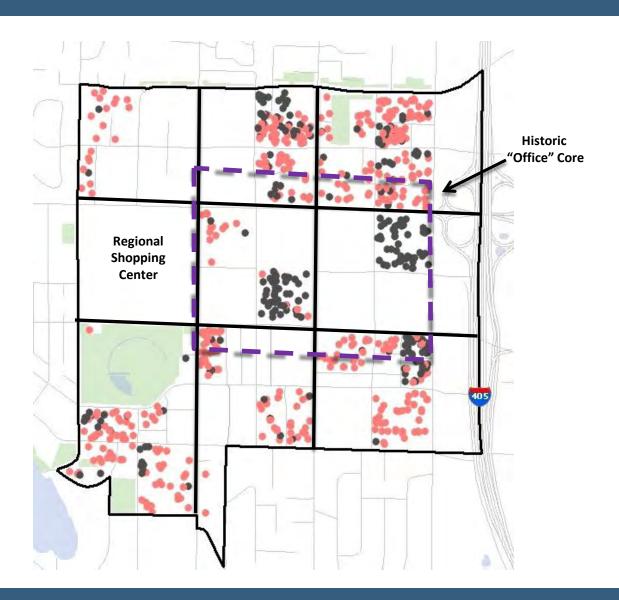


### Land Use Mix

- Diverse mix of office, retail, residential, hotel, cultural and institutional uses
- Very small number of vacant sites; mainly redevelopment
- Virtually all new parking supply is structured/ underground



# Where People Live



# Neighborhood Elements









# #3 Capital Projects – Integrated Design

#### **DEMANDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY**

#### Autos

- > Better use of underutilized streets
- Difficult to give up existing capacity

#### Pedestrians

New sidewalks/pedestrian facilities; appropriate # of curb-cuts

#### Transit

 Considers substantial increase transit service over next 20 years

#### Bicycles

New routes and connections

#### On-Street Parking

Little existing inventory; off-peak may work in some areas

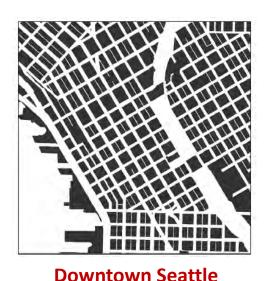
#### Medians & Landscaping



## Downtown Bellevue "Superblocks"



Downtown Bellevue
(21% used for right-of-way)
600-foot blocks



(38% used for right-of-way)
300-foot blocks



Downtown Portland
(42% used for right-of-way)
250-foot blocks

# Retrofit of Existing Street

- Pull together individual disciplines into single project team
- Respond to right-of-way and budget constraints
- Partner with adjacent development
- Better end-products



**Retrofit Concept** 



**Existing Condition** 

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### Waterfront Park Master Plan

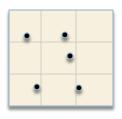


**Adopted Plan** 

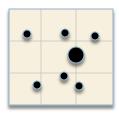


**Existing Condition** 

# #4 Stages of Transit Integration

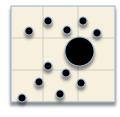


Distributed transit model, pre 1985



Original transit center, 1985





Expanded transit center, 2002

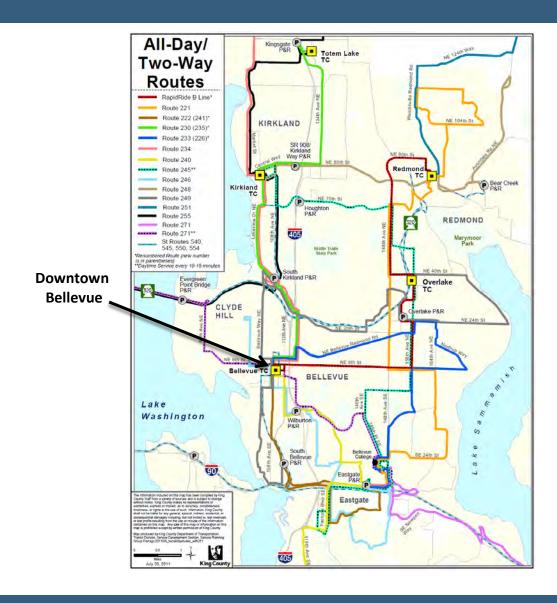




Planned light rail, 2023

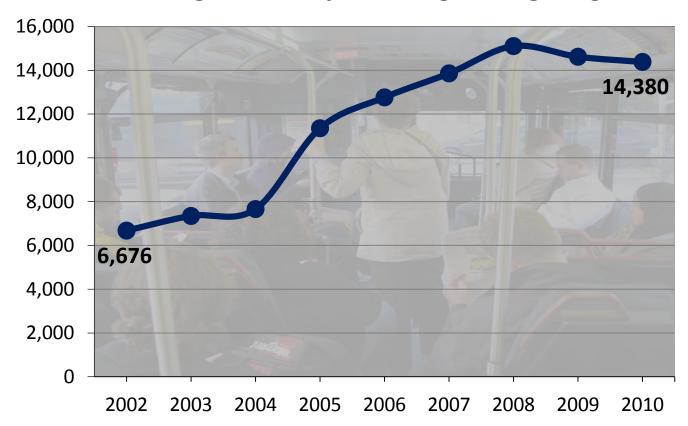


# Current Transit Network



# Downtown Transit Ridership

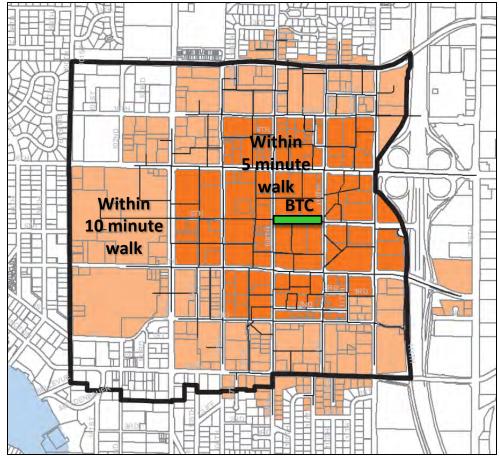
#### **Average Weekday Boardings & Alightings**



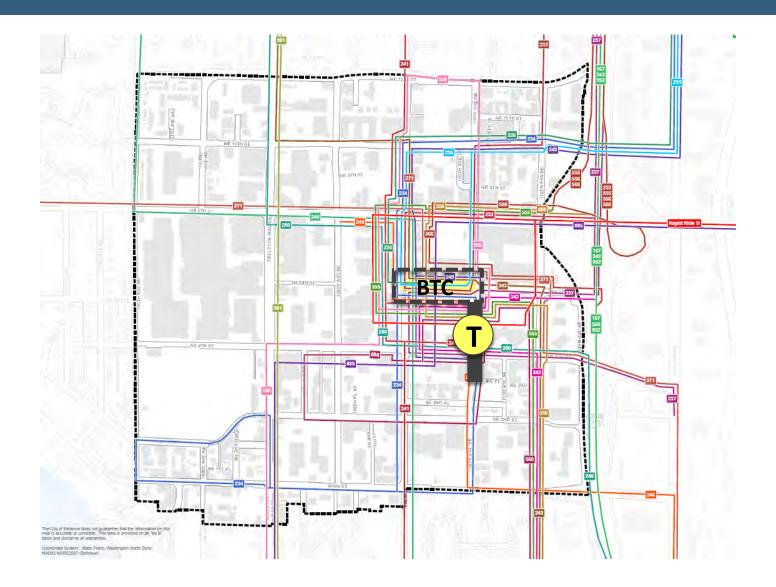
# Compact Form

- 3/4 of a mile square
- Most of downtown walkable from the Bellevue Transit Center (BTC) in 10 minutes or less





# Transit Service



# Multiple Elements

#### Robust transit service is essential part of downtown's continued evolution

- Work with transit providers on level of service & routing
- Identify underserved markets
- Transit center operations and capacity
- Speed and reliability improvements
- Passenger amenities
- Pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
- Timing of "Downtown Circulator"
- Role of private transit providers



### What's on the Horizon

- Update Downtown Transportation Plan
  - Extend planning to 2030
  - > Heightened focus on non-motorized elements
  - > Transit integration
  - Roadway operation and functionality
  - Parking
- Future work on urban form, design guidelines and amenities





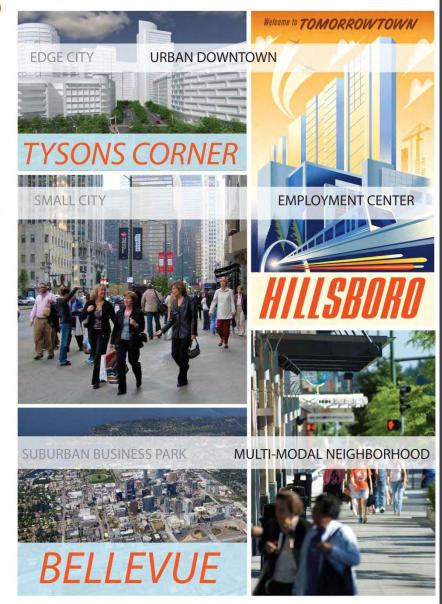
# Wrap-up



# RETROFIJURBIA:

TRANSFORMING SUBURBAN PLACES INTO URBAN PLACES

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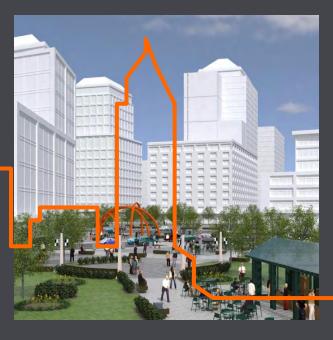


# **Tysons Corner**

The transformation of America's classic edge city



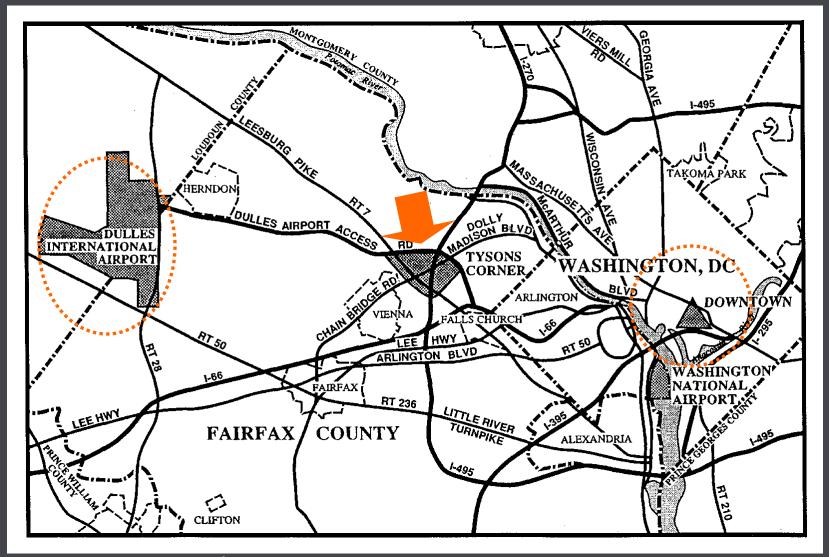




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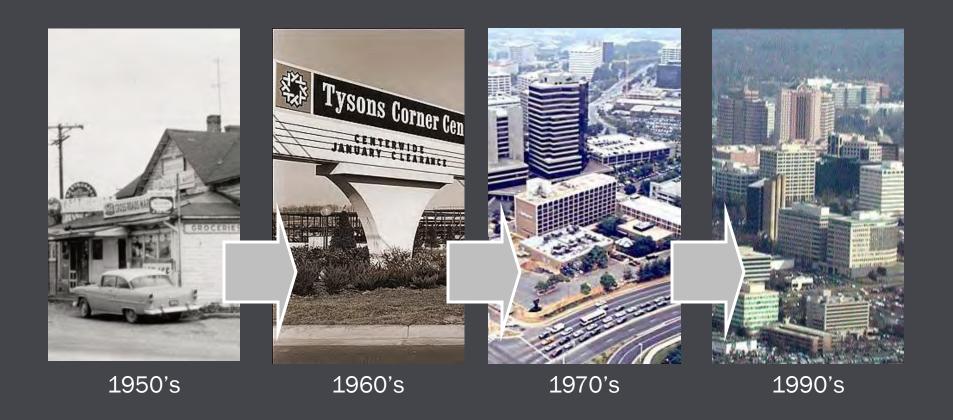


# Where is Tysons Corner?





# The Evolution of Tysons Corner





"A hodge-podge, placeless pattern of structures and parking... visually incoherent, inimical to pedestrians and horribly congested by traffic stuck on a woefully inadequate road network"



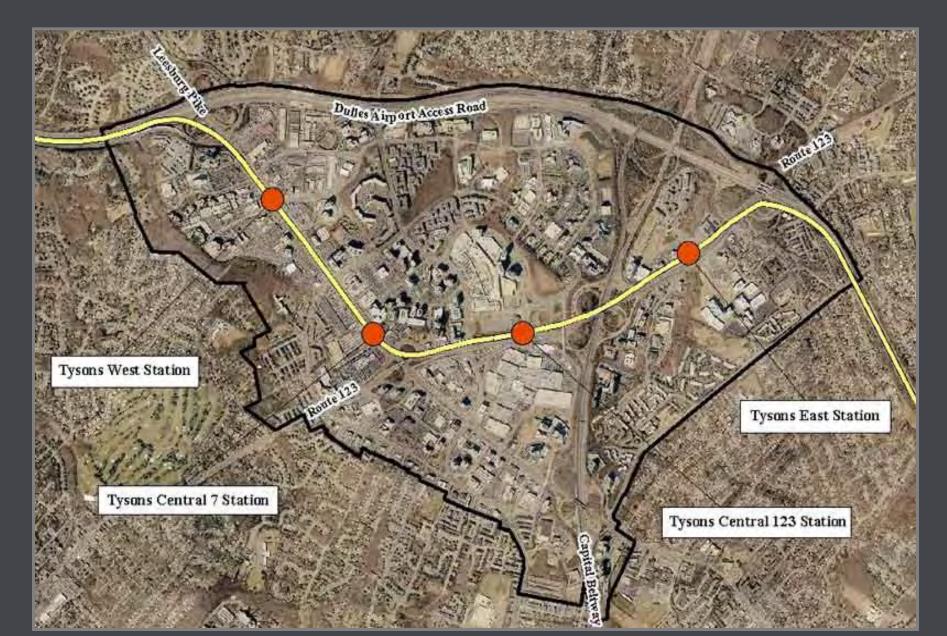
"A walk across Tysons is more dangerous than a walk from the Baghdad airport to the Green Zone"

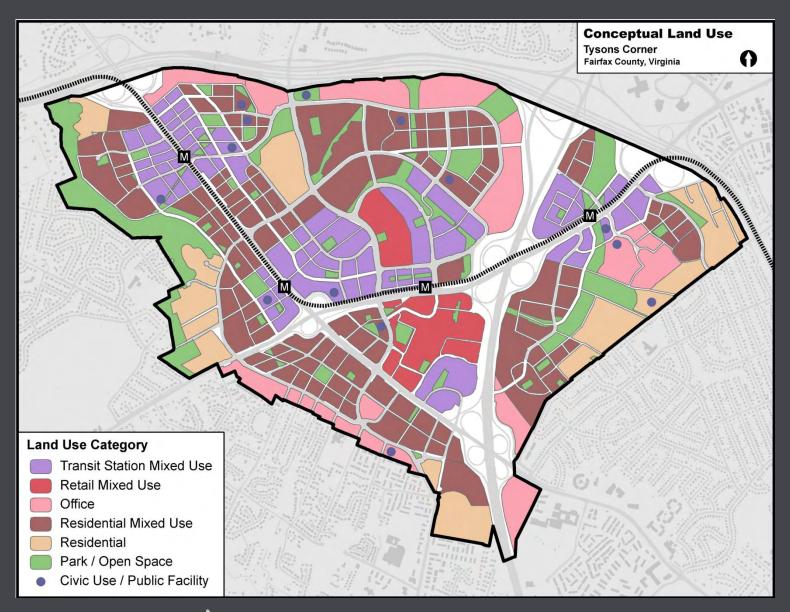


"The **blob** that ate Northern Virginia"



### **Opportunity for Change: MetroRail**





# **Key Principles**

- 1. Create an urban setting
- 2. Refocus the transportation network
- 3. Create a culture of environmental stewardship
- 4. Develop a vibrant civic infrastructure
- 5. Promote Tysons as the county's premier employment center
- 6. Transform the vision of Tysons into a reality that balances opportunity for development with need for infrastructure



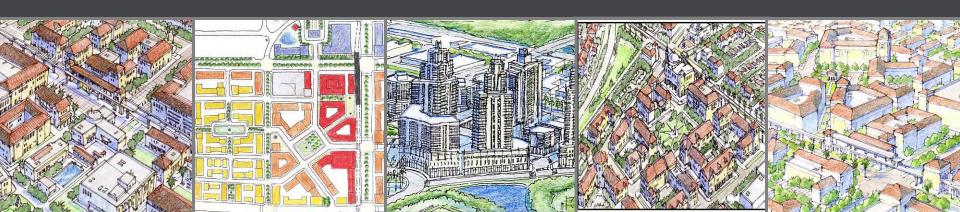


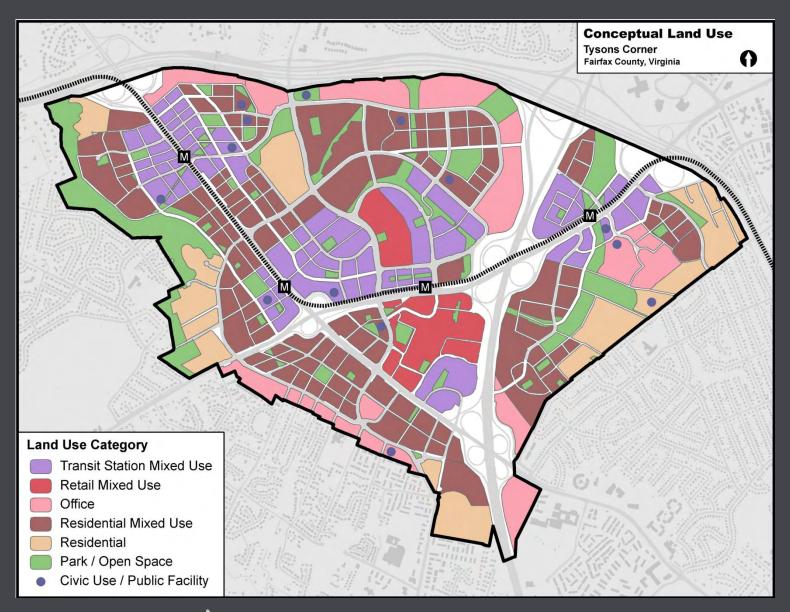




## **Building Blocks**

- 1. Adding housing and jobs
- 2. Focusing growth
- 3. Improved circulation system
- 4. Green stewardship
- 5. Implementation strategy



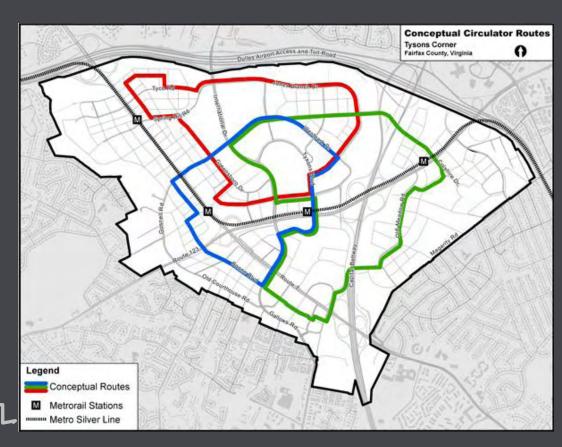


## **Districts: Focusing Growth**



### **Circulation Enhancements**

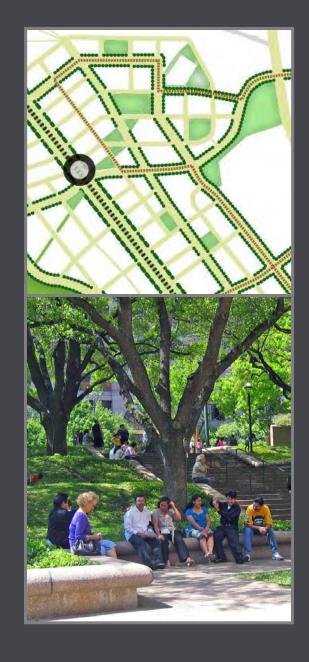
- Internal circulator
- New urban multi-modal street standards
- Walkable blocks
- Interconnected streets
- Pedestrian realm





# **Green Stewardship**

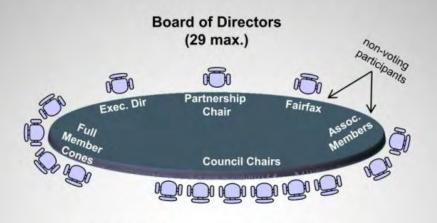
- Network of parks & open space
- Urban parks standards
- Stream restoration
- Green architecture
- Low impact development





### Implementation Strategy

#### **TYSONS PARTNERSHIP**



#### MEMBERSHIP CONES



### Daniel Burnham Award Winner

APA National Planning Excellence Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan 2011 Winner





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2011

Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan

Comprehensive Plan for Tysons Corner Fairfax County PB's PlaceMaking Group Fairfax, Virginia



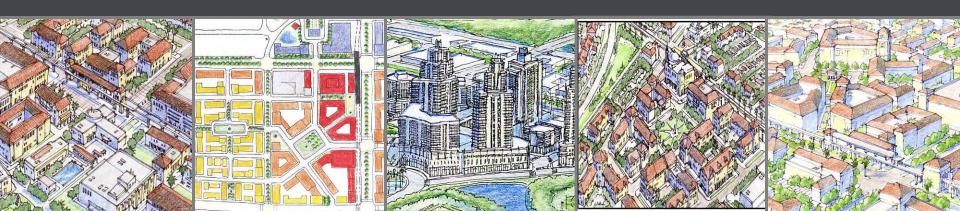






### Winning Characteristics

- 1. Built on broad level of consensus
- 2. District level planning
- 3. Implementation focus
- 4. Comprehensive strategy to create a place



#### 1. Built on Consensus

- Competing interests at the decision making table
- Strong public engagement and education component





# **Competing Interests**

#### **Environmental interests**

**Adjoining communities** 

State agencies

Financial interests

**MWAA** 

Construction requirements

**Employees** 

Freight carriers

**Emergency services** 

County agencies

Landowners

Transit operators

Large employers

Commuters to

**Utilities** 

Local businesses

Pedestrians & Bicyclists

Residents

Commuters through

**Developers** 



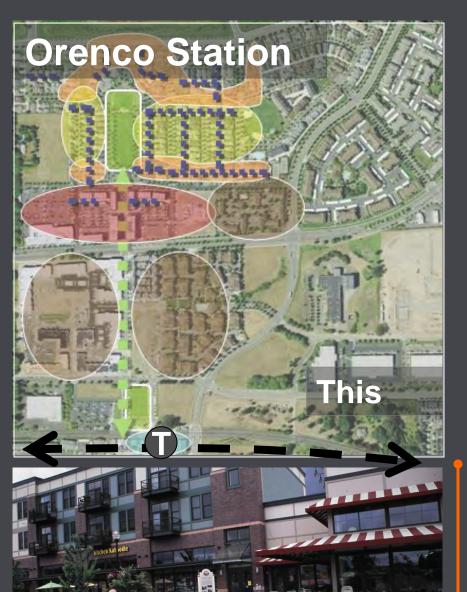
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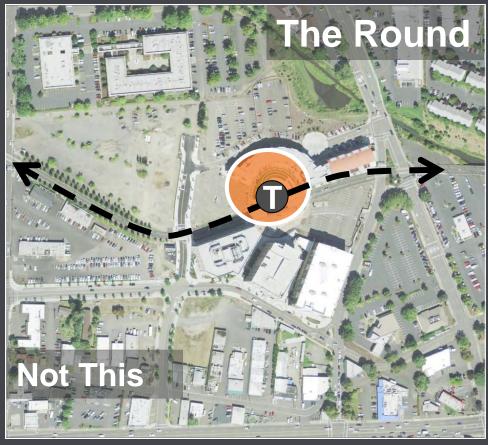
### Methods to Build Consensus

- 36 member task force
- 100 public meetings
- 45 workshops
- TOD Summit National experts giving TOD 101 presentations
- Going where the
   people are –
   neighboring
   communities & Lunch
   time business
   presentations
- Creating partnerships with interest groups



# 2. District Level Planning







### **District Types**

- Designed as rooms in a house each with a different function
- Two types of districts
  - TODs surrounding Metrorail stations
  - Transition between neighboring communities and TODs





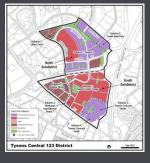














# 3. Implementation Focus

- Implementation subcommittee focused on next steps
- Implementation action plan included in recommendations



### Implementation Projects to Date

- Additional staff allocated
- Inter-departmental team established to review development proposals and policy issues
- Comprehensive Plan amendments adopted
- 12 submitted rezoning applications – over 32 M sq. ft. of development
- TOD demonstration projects underway

- Tysons Corner official mailing address
- Tysons Partnership incorporated as independent entity
- Workforce **Housing Summit**
- Tysons Circulator Study
- Interim parking agreement
- Development of public facilities plan
- Draft urban design guidelines
- Transportation infrastructure funding plan

...Plus 12 others since plan adoption in 2008



# 4. Comprehensive Strategy

- Addresses more than land use and transportation
- Something for every interest group











### Topics addressed by the Plan

focused on urban setting

economic development and jobs

transportation network



environment and restoration

civic infrastructure and education

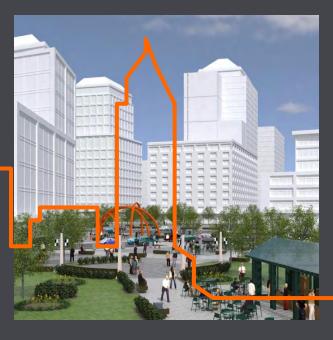
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