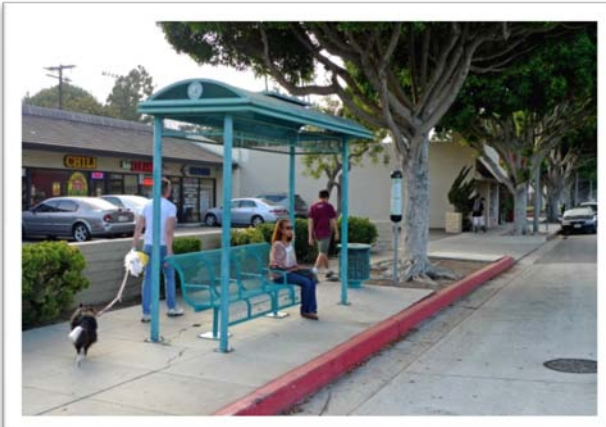


# OVERVIEW OF FTA TRANSIT AND LIVABILITY PERFORMANCE MEASURES



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# Roles in the Partnership

## Housing and Urban Development

- Community Development Block Grants
- Regional Planning
- Local Challenge
- Affordable Housing Programs



## Department of Transportation

- TIGER Grants
- FTA Programs
- FHWA Flex Funding
- United We Ride
- FHWA Livability Efforts
- State/Metro Planning
- Railroad Infrastructure



## Environmental Protection Agency

- Brownfields Restoration
- Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Water Infrastructure Funds



U.S.  
Department  
of  
Agriculture

- Rural Efforts



# Partnership for Sustainable Communities: FTA's Role

## Infrastructure Investment

- Urban/Rural Formula Programs
- Specialized Programs
  - JARC
  - New Freedom
  - 5310
- New Starts
- Discretionary Bus + Rail
- TIGGER

## Capacity Building

- Peer Exchanges
- Technical Assistance
- Demonstrations
- Case Studies and Pilots

## Policy / Guidance

- New Starts
- Joint Development
- Bike/Ped Access to Transit
- Flexible Funding for Transit
- Environmental Management

## Research

- Affordable Housing Near Transit
- Transit Oriented Development
- Climate Change Impacts
- Access to Transit
- Transit Livability Performance Measures





# Livability Performance Measures may help ...

- Highlight the linkages among transportation investments and other community objectives
- Establish baselines and track trends over time
- Provide a common language and publicly meaningful measures
- Inform policy decision-making
- Identify data requirements for nationally available data





# FTA Transit Livability Performance Measures Context

- Define national livability performance measures that would identify how well transit systems meet the needs of people in the communities they serve
- Develop the data resources to be able to calculate these measures on an annual basis so as to track trends and progress
- General enough to be applied nationally
- Do not require a large ongoing funding commitment for collecting data
- Explore a range of potential measures
- Not prescribe any one approach as the focus of this investigation





# Research Structure and Outcomes

- Three Cooperative Agreements
  - Urban, Rural, Data Needs
- Evaluate candidate measures across a geographic region
- Demonstrate applicability at the national level
- Incorporate a national perspective while being compatible with regional and local planning efforts



# FTA Livability Performance Measure Projects

- Urban livability metrics
- Rural livability metrics
  - Linda Cherrington & Suzie Edrington, Texas A&M
- Livability data collection
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# The Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Transportation Choices



Housing Choices

Economic Competitiveness



Support Existing Communities

Align Federal Policies



Value Communities







# Principles for Livable Communities

## *Provide more transportation choices*

To decrease household transportation costs, reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote public health

## *Promote equitable, affordable housing*

Location- and energy-efficient housing choices to increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation

## *Enhance economic competitiveness*

Through reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs

## *Support existing communities*

Target federal funding to increase community revitalization, improve the efficiency of public works investments, and safeguard rural landscapes

## *Coordinate policies and leverage investment*

To increase the effectiveness of all levels of government to plan for future growth, including making smart energy choices

## *Value communities and neighborhoods*

Invest in healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods rural, urban or suburban



# Partnership Funding Opportunities



## Housing and Urban Development

- Sustainable Communities Community Challenge Grants
  - \$28 million available
- Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants
  - \$70 million available



## Environmental Protection Agency

- None currently open; upcoming include
  - Smart Growth Technical Assistance
  - Brownfield Technical Assistance



## Department of Transportation

- TIGER Discretionary Grant Program (\$536 million)
- Recently closed:
  - FTA Bus Livability Program (\$150 million)
  - FTA Alternatives Analysis Program (\$25 million)