TOD shapes vital communities and strong economies

Transit helps drive our economy by connecting people to jobs and opportunity, and promoting growth and development. When paired with intentional public and private investment, transit also helps create vibrant, walkable, and healthy communities where people of all backgrounds enjoy a high quality of life.

To maximize the benefits of transit, we support a range of housing, business, commercial, and infrastructure projects that create livable places and strong economies through the Transit Oriented Development program.
Transit Oriented Development Program (TOD)

To support development projects that create a mix of uses and amenities to encourage transit ridership, and enhance the walkability and vibrancy of communities

Community impact
To date, $39 million invested in 136 projects, has contributed to:

- More than $1 billion in public and private investment
- 10,000 new or retained housing units
- 2,500 jobs
- More than 2.1 million square feet of new or retained commercial, office, and industrial space

“The Hennepin County's TOD program is helping transform what once were primarily industrial transportation corridors into welcoming, vibrant places where people want to live, work, and play. Our two most recent projects were only made possible because we were able to use the TOD program to fill our financing gaps and bring the projects to reality. The TOD program is a necessary and efficient tool that will continue to allow us to provide safe, thoughtfully-designed housing options near transit.”

–Ryan Sailer, vice president of development, Timberland Partners

Who is eligible?
Businesses, developers, nonprofits, government entities or other development authorities

How does it work?
About $2.2 million awarded per year
Request for proposals is posted in January, applications are due in February, awards are made in May. Funds must be used within 18 months. Additional leveraged funds are not required but are considered during proposal evaluation.

What can be funded?

- Development oriented to transit stops or stations
- Public realm/infrastructure improvements that support walking, biking, and transit
- Property acquisition to preserve land for future TOD uses

All eligible projects must have a demonstrated financial gap.

Learn more and apply
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