Transit Oriented Development Workshop – August Progress Report

- Cincinnati Streetcar
  - The Cincinnati Streetcar is a 3.6 mile loop located in Downtown Cincinnati and Over the Rhine. There are stops approximately every 2 blocks, offering lots of opportunity for new TOD development along the route.
  - The northern portion of the 3.6 loop has a lot of potential for new transit oriented development, while the southern portion through the central business district already has a density of businesses, housing and services that will benefit from the streetcar.

- Cincinnati Red Bike
  - Cincinnati Red Bike is a bike share program that will open in September with 260 bikes and 35 stops throughout Downtown and Uptown.

- Planning for Commuter Rail
    - The Oasis Line is part of the larger Eastern Corridor project that includes four core projects, three of which are roadway projects. The Oasis Line would be a commuter rail line that would transport people between Downtown Cincinnati and western Clermont County.
    - There are opportunities for new transit oriented development that would offer new opportunities for economic development for communities along the line.
    - The Eastern Corridor project is currently under scrutiny and just underwent a mediation process that concluded on July 30 to try to find a solution that appeases all impacted communities.

- HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant
  - In 2010, the City of Cincinnati Department of Planning and Buildings received a $2.4 million Community Challenge Planning Grant from the United States Office of Sustainable Communities (HUD/DOT/EPA).
  - This grant was awarded to Cincinnati to fund and develop a Land Development Code (LDC) and streamlined permitting process, including planning activities for three demonstration projects.
  - **The Cincinnati Land Development Code is being developed to streamline the processes related to creating and regulating development that moves the City towards implementing Plan Cincinnati’s ultimate vision of “Thriving Re-Urbanization.”**
  - The LDC will expand the development tool box by:
    - Consolidating existing zoning and subdivision regulations and building and environmental codes;
    - Streamlining processes and procedures for review and approval of development and improvement projects – without excluding the public review process;
• Creating new community oriented regulations that allow for development that promotes economic, equitable, and environmental benefits;

o New tools that will be created to implement Plan Cincinnati, our recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, and to develop or reinforce our walkable and accessible neighborhoods include:

  • Revised Development Regulations
  • Revised Zoning Code
  • Zoning Map update
  • Streamlined permitting process
  • Site development process
  • Updated Subdivision regulations
  • Form-Based Codes
  • Complete Streets
  • Transit-Oriented Development

o **Next Steps**

  ▪ The Department of Planning and Buildings is working with a group of consultants to finalize the draft of the LDC. Even though the goal was to finish the document in summer 2014, it is still being finalized. Educational meetings and trainings (internally and externally) will continue, as the process is constantly evolving. The current draft of the Cincinnati Land Development Code can be downloaded at [planbuildlivecincinnati.com](http://planbuildlivecincinnati.com).