TOD, Corridor Revitalization, and Air Pollution: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You (and Others)

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Why This Session

- An Emerging Issue for New Partners
- A Threat to Health, and to Smart Growth
- A Technical Challenge
- An Environmental Justice Challenge
- A Leadership Opportunity
- A Need for Collaboration and Different Perspectives



Session Outcomes

- Information and awareness
- Range of possible solutions
- Resources
- Actions to take





2005 - Lake Arrowhead Meeting: Healthy Regions, Healthy People

- Air quality measurements needed at the micro-level
- Fine Particulates (PM 2.5) a major health risk
- Need to question assumptions about walkable community design
- Highlighting EJ issues, w/focus on ports of LA and Long Beach



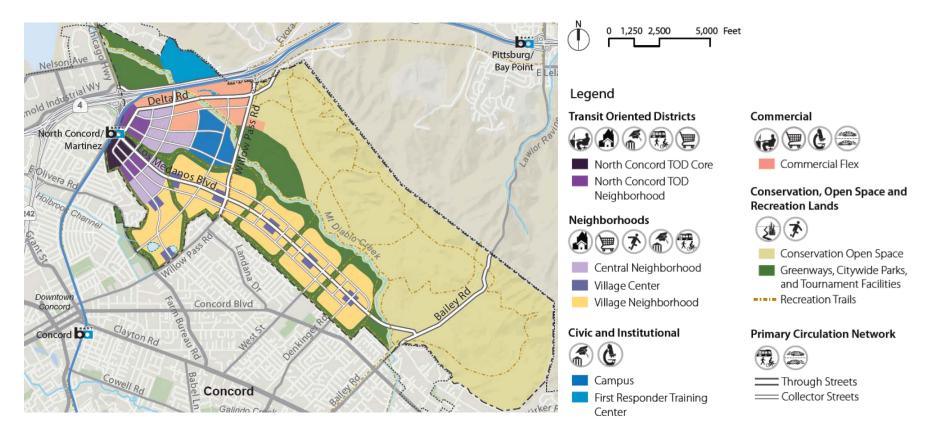
2010 – Regional Air Quality EIR Guidelines

Screening for Fine Particulate Levels

- 500-ft planning overlay zone around major roadways (20,000 + adt)
- 1000-ft Zone of Influence for projects that bring new emissions sources or new "receptors" (i.e., people).

Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse Planning

Planning for centered, compact residential areas





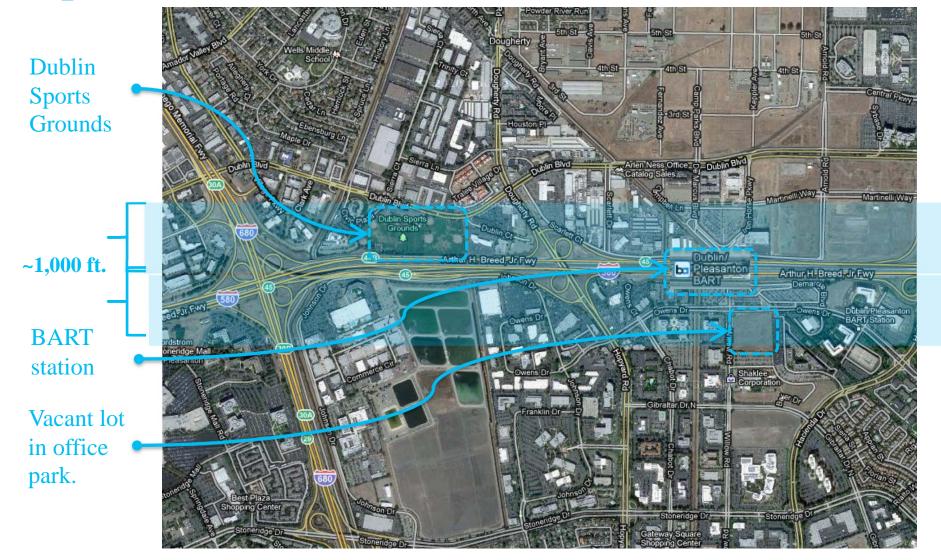
500' Special Overlay Zone



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Hacienda Business Park Transit-Oriented Specific Plan





Walkable Boulevard? Or Cancer Risk?



Image by Freedman, Tung, and Sasaki



Examining the issues

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