# Tools for Performance-Based Transit-Oriented Development

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- 6-year old partnership dedicated to improving practice through technical assistance, research + policy reform
- Creating a national marketplace for TOD, working with cities, transit agencies, developers, investors + communities
- Developing new tools and collaborative and equitable planning models
- On-line Clearinghouse of TOD + Transit Best Practices

# **Some Tools**

- H+T<sup>©</sup> Affordability Index (CNT Lead)
  - Redefine affordability, but in the mean time find the monetary value of location efficiency
- TOD Database
  - Connect with tons of data for the area around transit stations (actual and planned)
- Developing Performance-Based Station Types
  - Performance bases categorization of transit stations and what intensity of use shows

# H+T<sup>©</sup> Affordability Index

#### 6 Neighborhood Variables

Residential Denisty
Gross Density
Average Block Size in Acres
Transit Connectivity Index
Job Density
Average Time Journey to Work

#### 3 Household Variables

Household Income Household Size Commuters per Household



Car Ownership
+
Car Usage
+
Public Transit Usage



TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS

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# **H+T Broadly Embraced**

METROPOLITAN POLICY PROGRAM

#### The Affordability Index: A New Tool for Measuring the True Affordability of a **Housing Choice**

By Center for Transit-Oriented Development and Center for Neighborhood Technology

This brief describes a new info quantify, for the first time, the ing choices. This brief explain The first section provides a pro-create the Affordability Index. index in a seven-county area in the usefulness of this tool at a n transportation and housing cho families in each of four differen with suggested policy recomm actors in the housing market, a tion and land use arenas at all

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Bringing Bay Area Affordability into **Sharper Focus** 

An H+T<sup>SM</sup> Analysis



Prepared for: Metropolitan Transportation Commission Submitted by: Center for Neighborhood Technology

The Combined Cost of

Housing and Transportation in the

Greater Washington, DC,

Metropolitan Area

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**Urban Land** 

The Combined Housing and Transportation

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### **Now Available for 337 Metros**

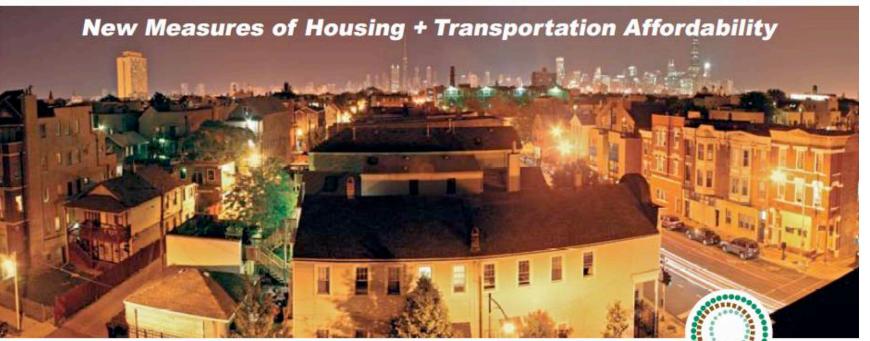


The Housing + Transportation Affordability Index is an innovative tool that measures the true affordability of housing based on its location.

Americans traditionally consider housing affordable if it costs 30 percent or less of their income. The Housing + Transportation Affordability Index, in contrast, offers the true cost of housing based on its location by measuring the transportation costs associated with place.



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# **Key H+T Findings**

H + T Index reveals hidden transportation costs, providing a true measure of affordability

Compact, mixed use neighborhoods close to jobs, stores, and transit have lower average household transportation costs

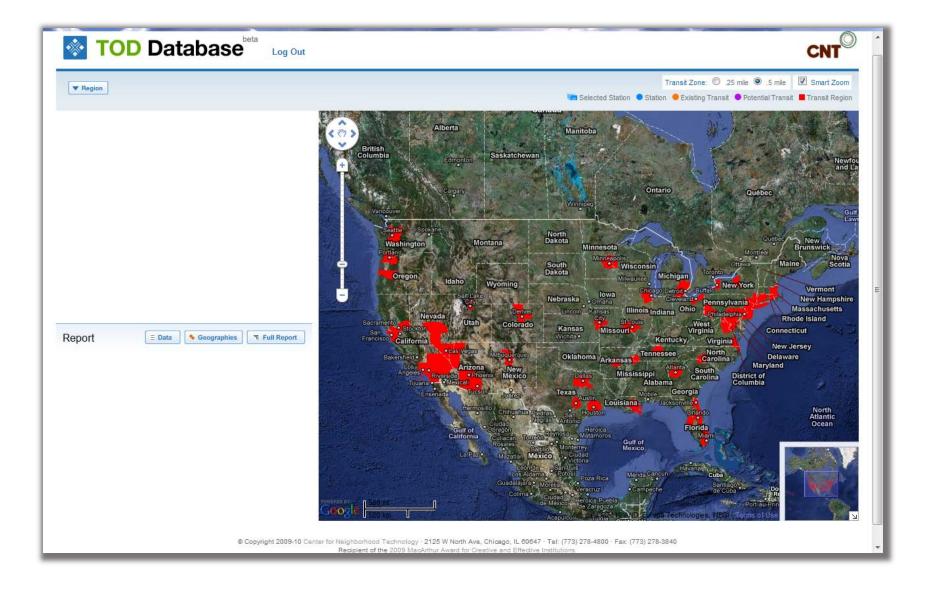
Cheaper housing in exurban areas, far from jobs and stores, have high transportation costs





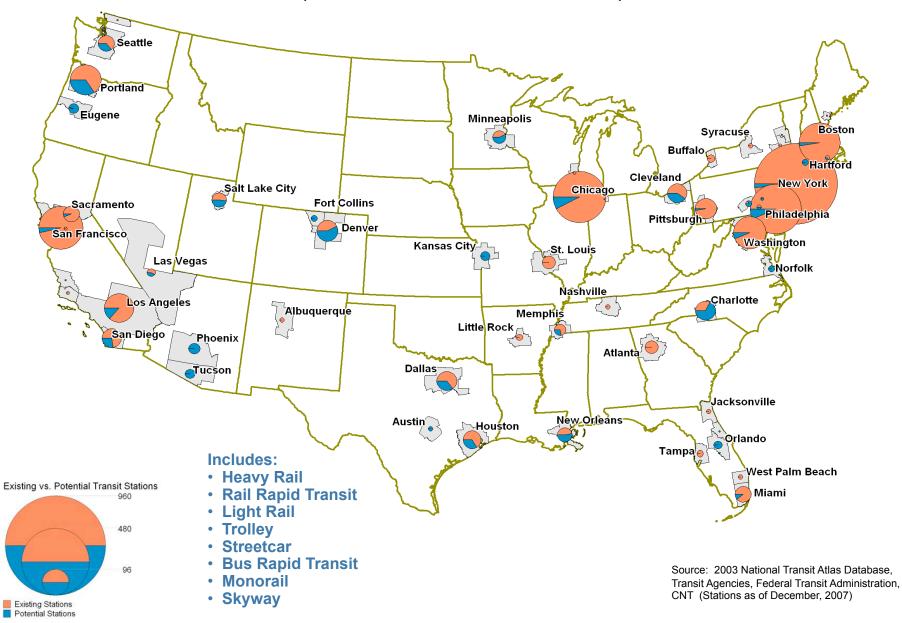
### **TOD Database**

#### Launched in 2010

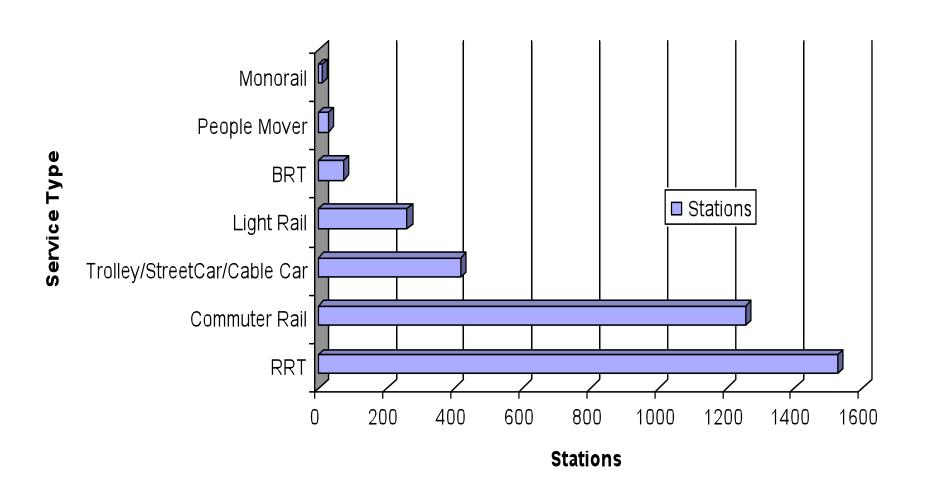


### **CTOD TOD Database**

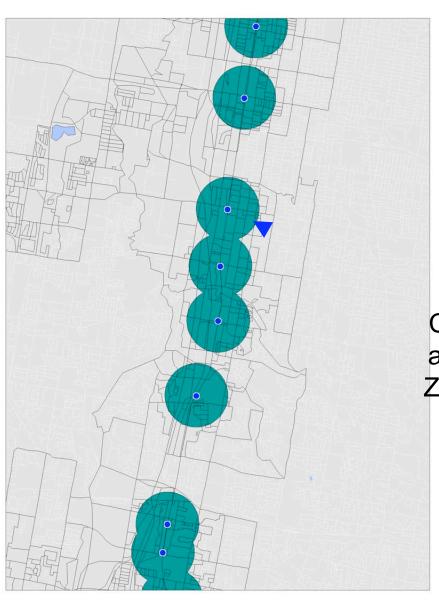
(Total = 4,610 Transit Stations)



#### **Existing Stations Service Type**



# Data at a Neighborhood Level



- GIS used to proportionally assign the data
- Drilling down to the neighborhood using census tracts, block groups and blocks

Census Boundaries don't align perfectly with Transit Zones, particularly Census

Tracts
Blocks allow us to drill down to
greater detail

# Putting the TOD Database to Work – 2009-10 Upgrades

- Held workshops and webinars for potential users – over 200 reviewers
- Developed hands-on users group
- Collected and incorporated reviewer feedback
- Drafted users guide
- Public Launch first 2 weeks over
   1,200 users, 15,000 reports generated



# **TOD Database Demo**

Home Page

http://Toddata.cnt.org



### **Uses for TOD Database**

- National research
  - Soon with demographic trend analysis
- Regional and Local decision-making
  - Regional analysis
  - Station-level analysis
- New data-driven tools



### Result

- Neighborhoods near transit today are more racially and economically diverse than the regional average.
- By 2030, estimated that over 14 million households will have a potential demand for living near transit.
- 40% of these households will make less than 50% of median income

#### HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Capturing The Demand For Housing Near Transit



Reconnecting America's Center For Transit-Oriented Development

September 2004

Realizing the Potential: Expanding Housing
Opportunities Near Transit
by Reconnecting America's Center for TransitOriented Development for FTA and HUD

# Using the TOD Database: Effect of Hiawatha Line on Employment

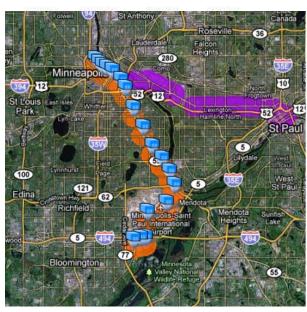
#### **TOD Report**

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Buffer \$	Agency \$	Line(s) <b>≑</b>	Station Name	•	2002 Total \$ Jobs (1)	2003 Total \$ Jobs (2)	2004 Total \$ Jobs (3)	2005 Total \$ Jobs (4)	2006 Total \$ Jobs (5)	2007 Total \$ Jobs (6)	2008 Tota Jobs
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Hiawatha .5 Mile Transit Shed	Metro Transit	Hiawatha	18 Stations		163,625	170,305	177,945	173,486	154,230	178,809	
Station .5 Mile Transit Zone	Metro Transit	Hiawatha	28th Avenue		13,983	14,301	12,690	11,326		Fowell 94	St Anti
Station .5 Mile	Metro	Hiawatha	38th Street		1,241	1,151	1,068	1,013	an //		L'a

# Employment (2002 - 2008) Standard Report

- Hiawatha Line opened in 2004
- More job growth in Transit Shed than Region
- Greater % of Region's jobs are located in the Transit Shed in 2008 than in 2002

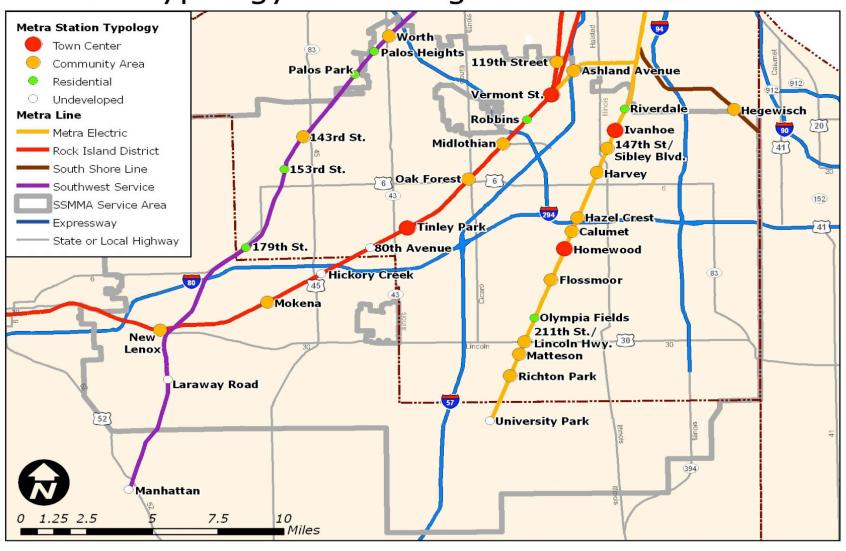


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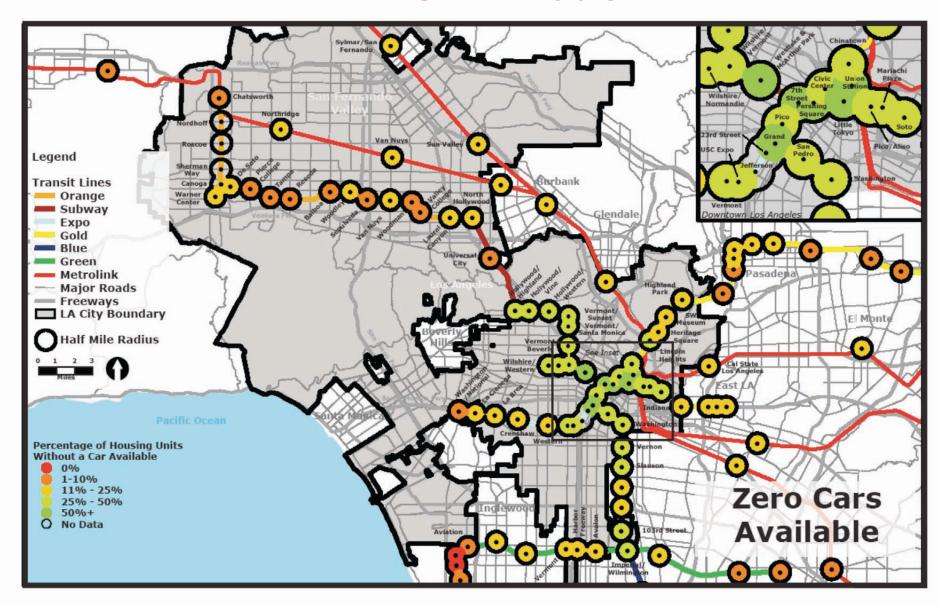
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# Developing Strategic TOD Plans for Deploying Underutilized Assets

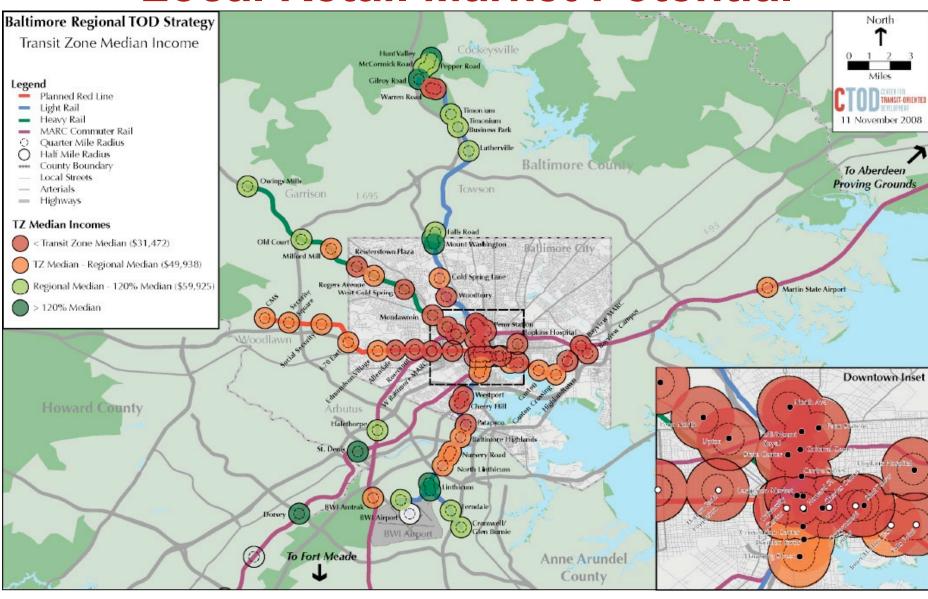
TOD Typology for Chicago's South Suburbs



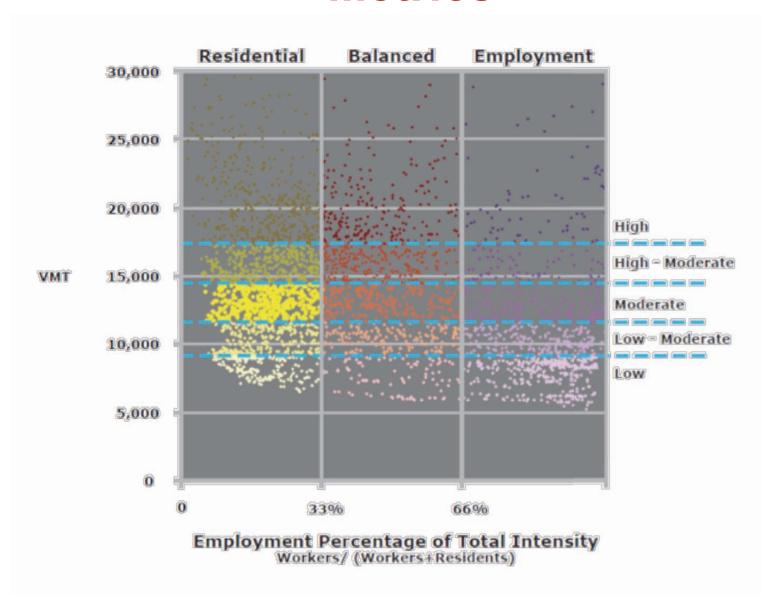
# Helping Justify Reduced Parking in TOD Areas



# Identifying Regional Disparities & Local Retail Market Potential

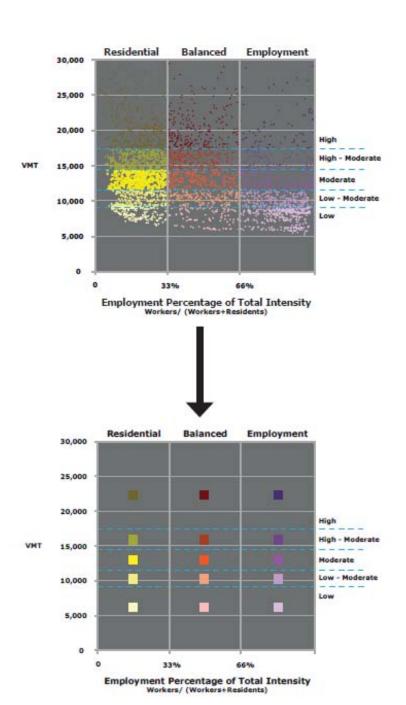


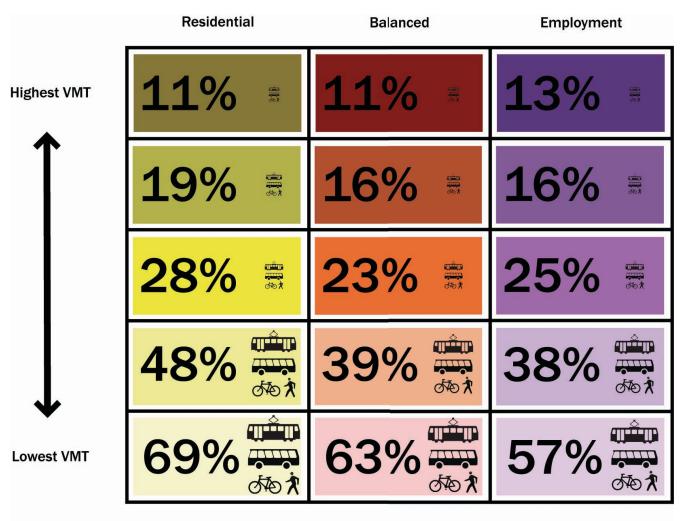
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### **Normative Metrics**

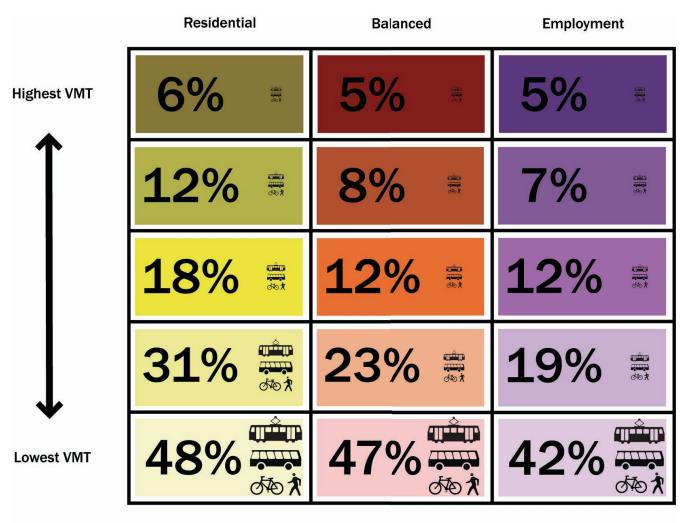
- Metrics Construction
  - The average of all stations in each place type
- Normative metric for each type
  - Travel characteristics
  - Transit access
  - Block size
  - Auto Ownership
  - Transportation Cost





National Average: 8.2% Pedestrian/Bike/Transit Commute Share (Residents Traveling to Their Jobs)





National Average: 8.2% Workplace Pedestrian/Bike/Transit Commute Share (Workers Traveling to Their Jobs)

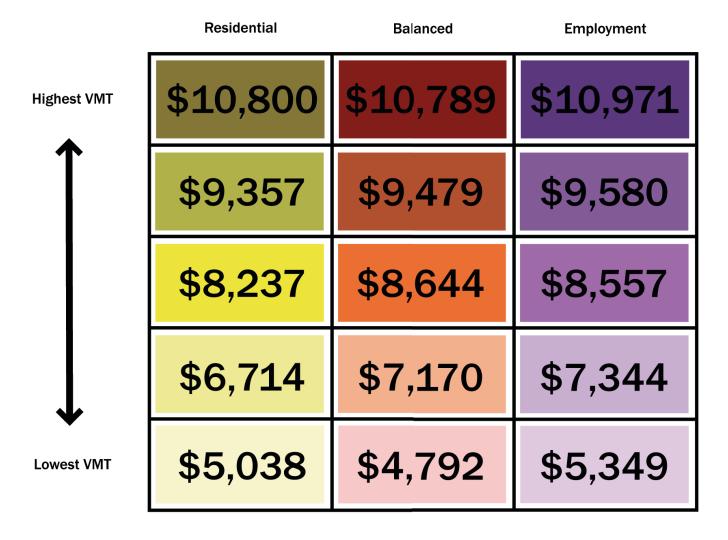




National Average: 1.9

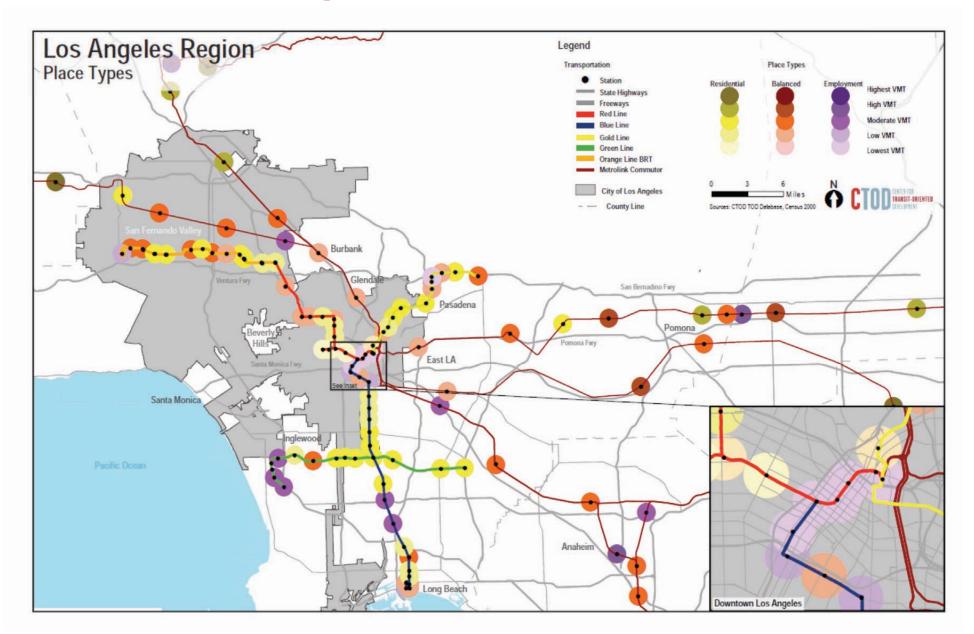
Household Automobile Ownership (By Residents)





Household Annual Transportation Costs (For Residents)

# **Evaluating Individual Locations**



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What factors can lo East Liberty?	Higher	→ Lower VMT		
Metric	East Liberty	Compared to Normative Metric		
Average Block Size	3.2 acres/block	•		
Residential Density	15.5 units/acre	•		
Employment Proximity*	64,760 jobs nearby	•		
Transit Access Index*	71 transit opportunities		•	
		Lower than norm	Higher than norm	