PARTNERING FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
What Is a Sustainable Community?

The Partnership for Sustainable Communities is about achieving one goal: expanding opportunity for American families. HUD is proud to work with regions to cultivate and connect all the community assets needed to thrive, from jobs to transportation. Working with local leaders, I’m certain that the investments our agencies have made will enhance the health and wealth of communities for decades to come.

Secretary Julián Castro
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Partnership is helping us align our transportation investments with the goals of providing affordable housing and preserving the environment. Together with HUD and EPA, we are making fundamental changes in how we work together to benefit all Americans and provide new Ladders of Opportunity for many.

Secretary Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation

Communities know better than anyone else what they need. Through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, we at the federal level are organizing ourselves to give communities tools to address economic and environmental challenges in the way that works best for them.

Administrator Gina McCarthy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
HUD–DOT–EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Livability Principles

1. Provide more transportation choices.
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing.
3. Enhance economic competitiveness.
4. Support existing communities.
5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment.
Fair Housing and Equity Assessments

Required for HUD SCI Regional Grantees

- Transportation access
- Job Access
- Health hazard exposure
- Crime and safety
- School proficiency
- Poverty
- Labor market engagement

Legend
- Jurisdictional Boundaries
- Race/Ethnicity 2000
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  - BLACK_2000
  - HISP_2000
  - ASIAN_2000
Fair Housing and Equity Assessment Components

1. Disparities in housing need by protected class
2. Segregated areas, areas of increasing diversity and/or racial/ethnic integration
3. Racially/Ethnically concentrated areas of poverty
4. Access to existing areas of high opportunity
5. Major public investments
6. Fair Housing issues, services, and activities
HUD Healthy Communities Transformation Initiative

OBJECTIVES
To create a unified national effort that:

- Defines healthy community criteria
- Supports healthy communities research
- Showcases best and most promising practices for healthy communities

TOPIC AREAS

- Environmental Hazards
- Healthy Systems & Public Safety
- Neighborhood Characteristics
- Transportation
- Natural Areas
- Housing
- Employment Opportunities
- Educational Opportunities
- Social Cohesion
- Economic Health
HCTI Anticipated Products

1. Community Health Indicator System:
Indicators of social, environmental and economic conditions can be used to evaluate baseline conditions and monitor progress towards objectives in a neighborhood, planning area or city.

2. “Healthy Development” Checklist:
A downloadable checklist of development targets (associated with each indicator) to help jurisdictions assess whether plans and projects help achieve community health objectives.

3. Menu of Policies and Design Strategies:
A listing of potential actions that project sponsors or policymakers can take to achieve development targets in the checklist and advance community health objectives.
Location Affordability Portal

Why Combined Transportation and Housing Costs?

- Transportation is the second-biggest household budget item after mortgage payments or rent (and exceeds housing costs for many lower-income and rural families).
- Both housing and transportation costs are tied to location and demographic characteristics.
- Transportation costs can be a major burden on rural and lower-income households.
Baltimore
Block Group 245101308051

Moderate-Income Family

$54,893 annual income
3 people
1 commuter

Average costs as a percent of income in this location for Moderate-Income Family Households:
- Renter
- Owner
- Combined

Housing + Transportation = Location Affordability

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$21,408 + $8,783 = $30,191

On average, Moderate-Income Family Households in this location would:
- Own 1.5 vehicles
- Drive 15,307 miles annually
- Take 113 transit trips annually
Visit: www.locationaffordability.info

Enter a new home address...

Enter an address, intersection, city, county, state or zip code to add marker. Markers may be dragged to a new location.

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Locations

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+ Add a new home address
### Sustainable Communities Indicator Catalog

**Indicator Topic:**
- Housing
- Land Use
- Transportation

**Geographic Scale:**
- County
- Municipality
- Neighborhood/Corridor
- Project
- Region

**Level of Urbanization:**
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban

**Issue of Concern:**
- Access and equity
- Affordability
- Community and Sense of Place
- Economic competitiveness
- Environmental quality
- Public health

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Transportation and Health Tool

Goal:
- help transportation decision-makers understand many of the issues in play at the intersection with public health; inform health-supportive state and regional transportation policies and project decisions; and strengthen collaborations between transportation and public health sectors.

About:
- an easy-to-use online tool, pre-populated with region and state-specific data;
- an assessment of where your state or MPO is performing well, and where to incorporate health measures and decisions within the transportation decision- and policy-making process;
- recommendations for policy improvements;
- an evidence base for integrating health and transportation.
Connectivity and Accessibility

“Who is traveling, where, and how?”

- Communities are trying to measure connectivity
  - AMPO/NARC Survey
  - Examples from across country

- Congress / Administration focus on national performance measures

- USDOT is looking to provide help.
  - Unified Planning Work Programs
  - Building on Environmental Justice guidance
  - Investing in Research
  - Summit later this year
THANKS!

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