

# Transit-Oriented Development Planning and Implementation

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# Purpose

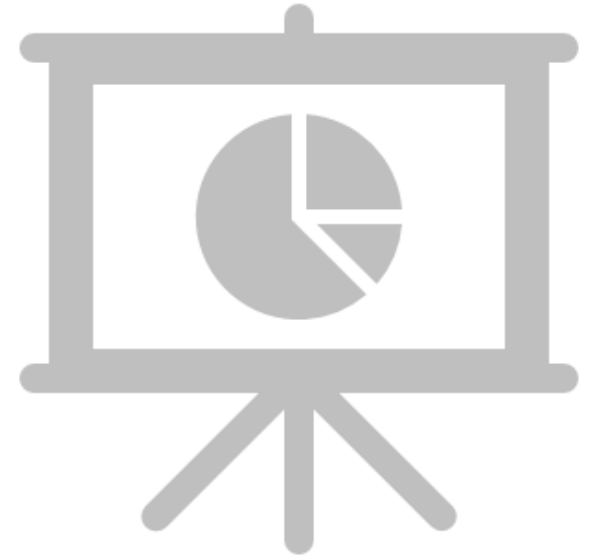
- Provide an overview of a proposed planning and implementation framework to proactively promote Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) in Dallas.
- What is TOD?
  - Compact, walkable, mixed use communities centered around high-quality transit systems.



*West Village, CityPlace/Uptown Station - Dallas  
Credit: Visit Dallas*

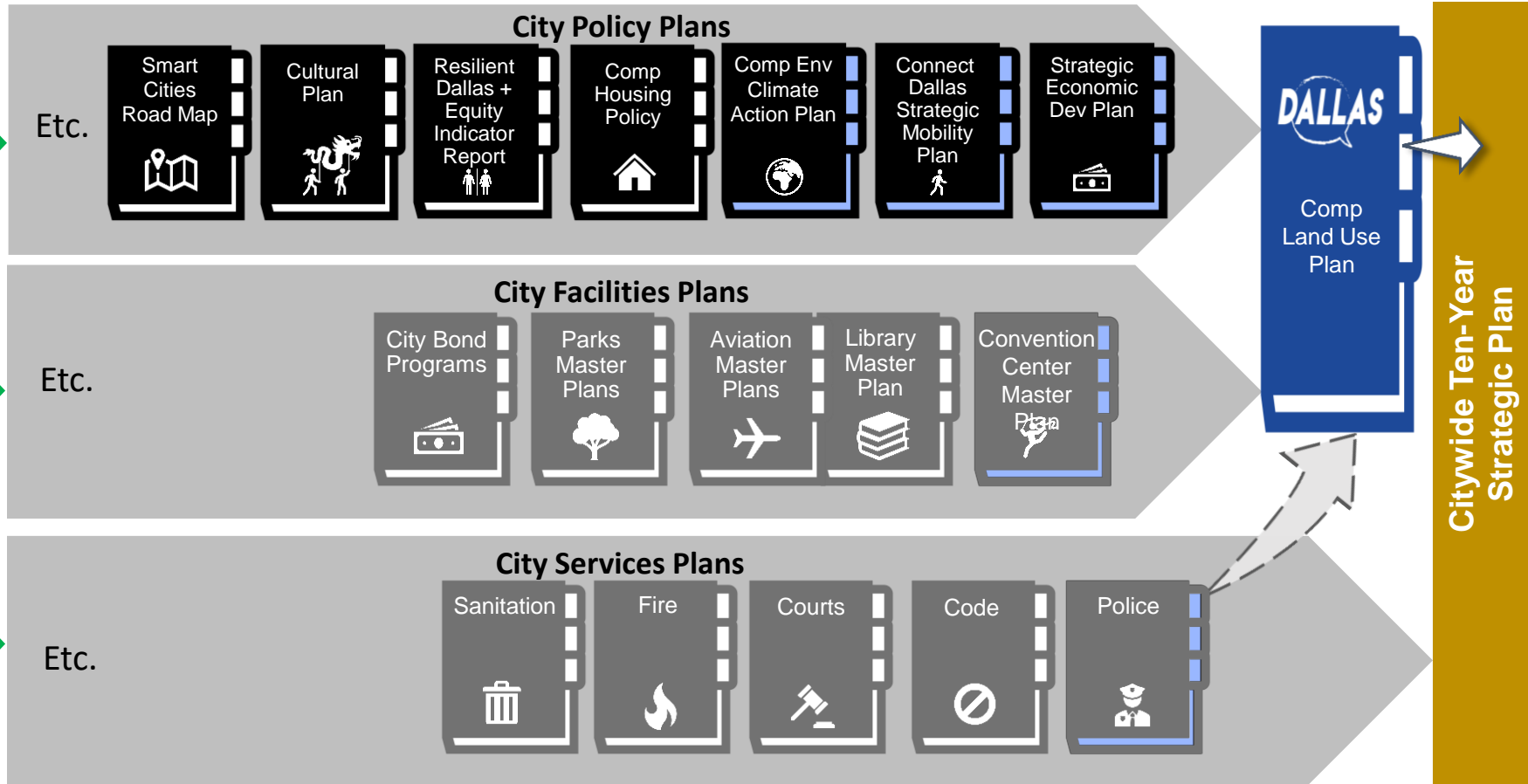
# Presentation Outline

1. Background
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3. TOD Area Typology
4. TOD Implementation Strategy
5. TOD Task Force
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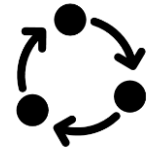
# Citywide Planning Framework

External Resource Partners

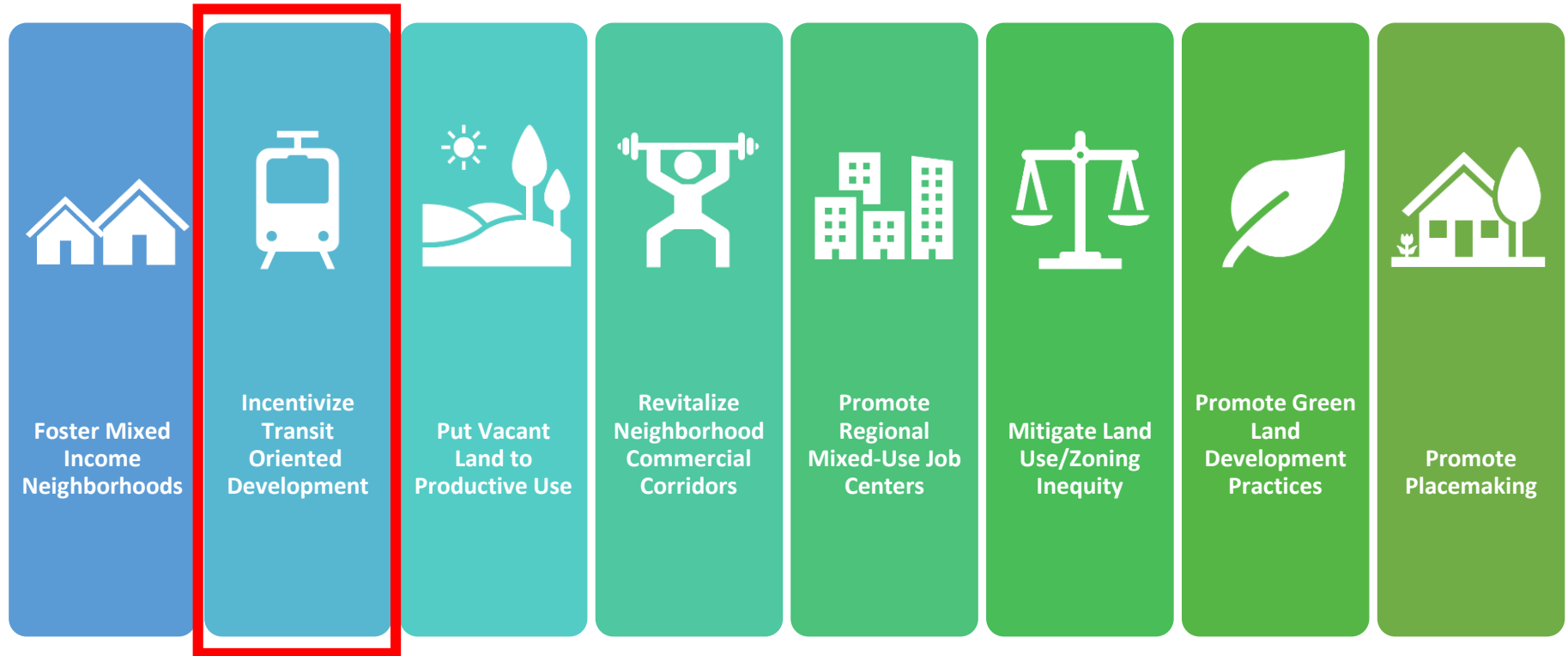


# Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

- Establish a future land use vision to guide City actions towards strategic objectives and foster continuity of purpose
- Integrate other citywide planning efforts that impact land use and development
- Protect and leverage valued community assets and investments while balancing competing land development objectives



# Preliminary Strategic Themes



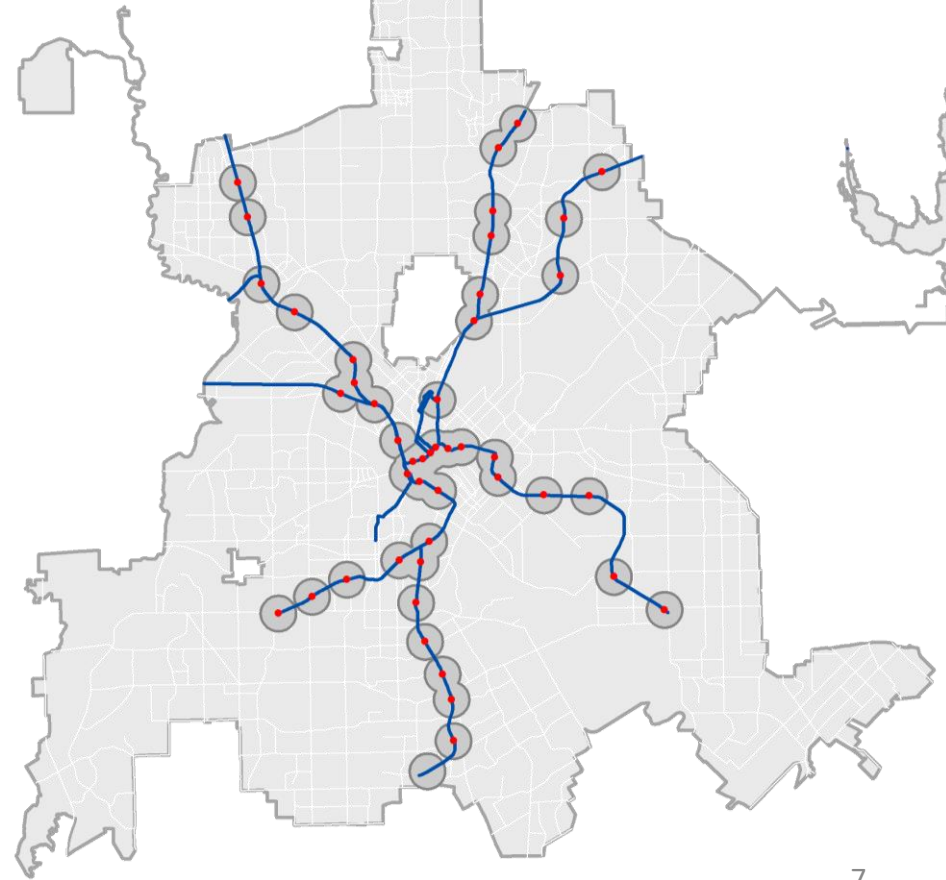
- Preliminary themes are based on existing planning initiatives. Additional themes will emerge through community engagement.



# Current Transit and Land Use

- 46 DART and TRE stations
- Proportion of city served by light rail (half-mile radius):
  - Land area: 9%
  - Population: 13%
  - Jobs: 39%
- 3.8% of Dallas residents commute via public transit
- 50,000 Dallas residents commute over an hour each way to/from work

\* Sources: Reference USA, City of Dallas, 2018 ACS

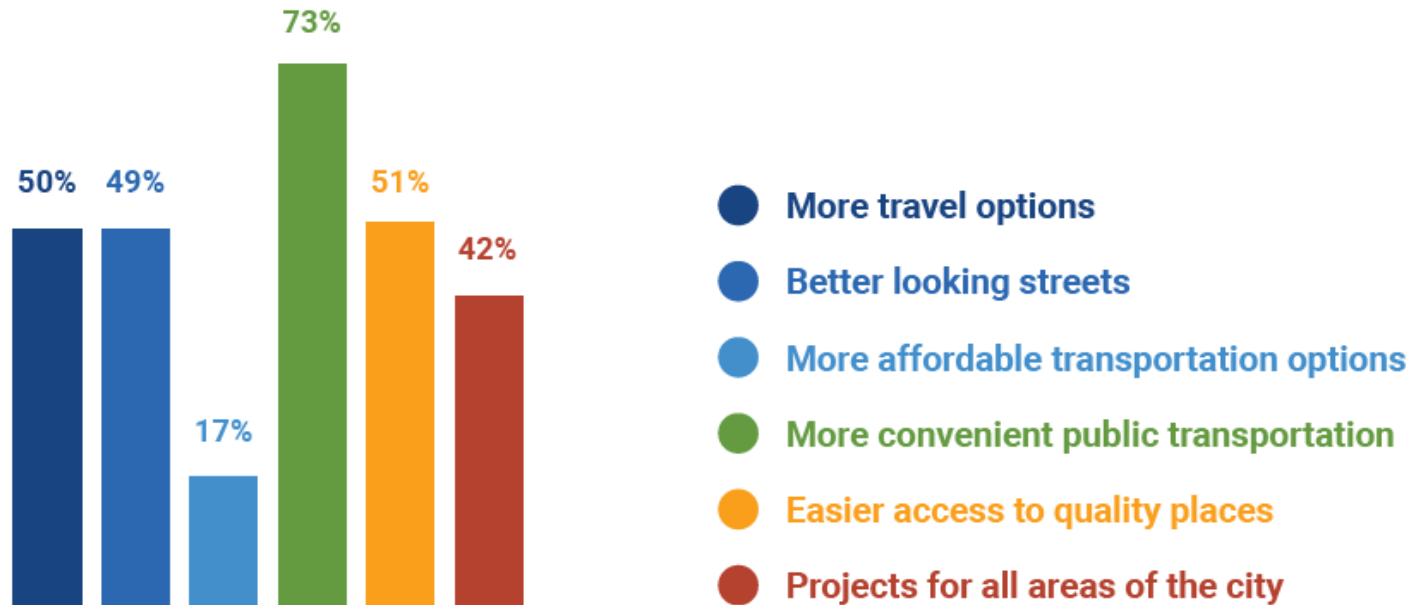


*Existing Rail Transit Lines and Station Areas*



# Public Attitudes Towards Transit

- What three changes would you like to see through the Connect Dallas process? \*

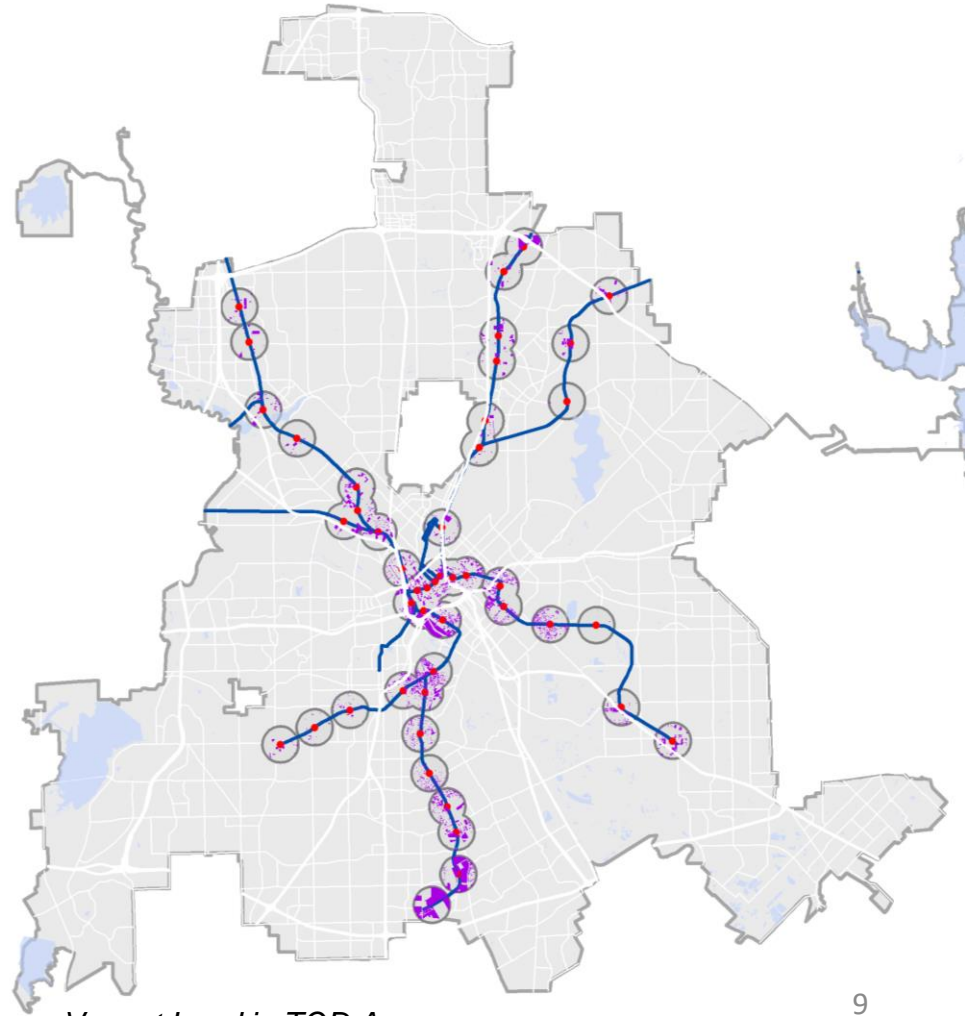


\* Source: Connect Dallas Public Opinion Survey



# TOD Potential

- Dallas is expected to add up to 400,000 residents by Year 2045
- TOD areas can sustainably accommodate significant growth
- 2,700 acres of vacant land near transit
  - 54,000 residential units are possible at an average density of 20 units per acre



*Vacant Land in TOD Areas*



# TOD Goals

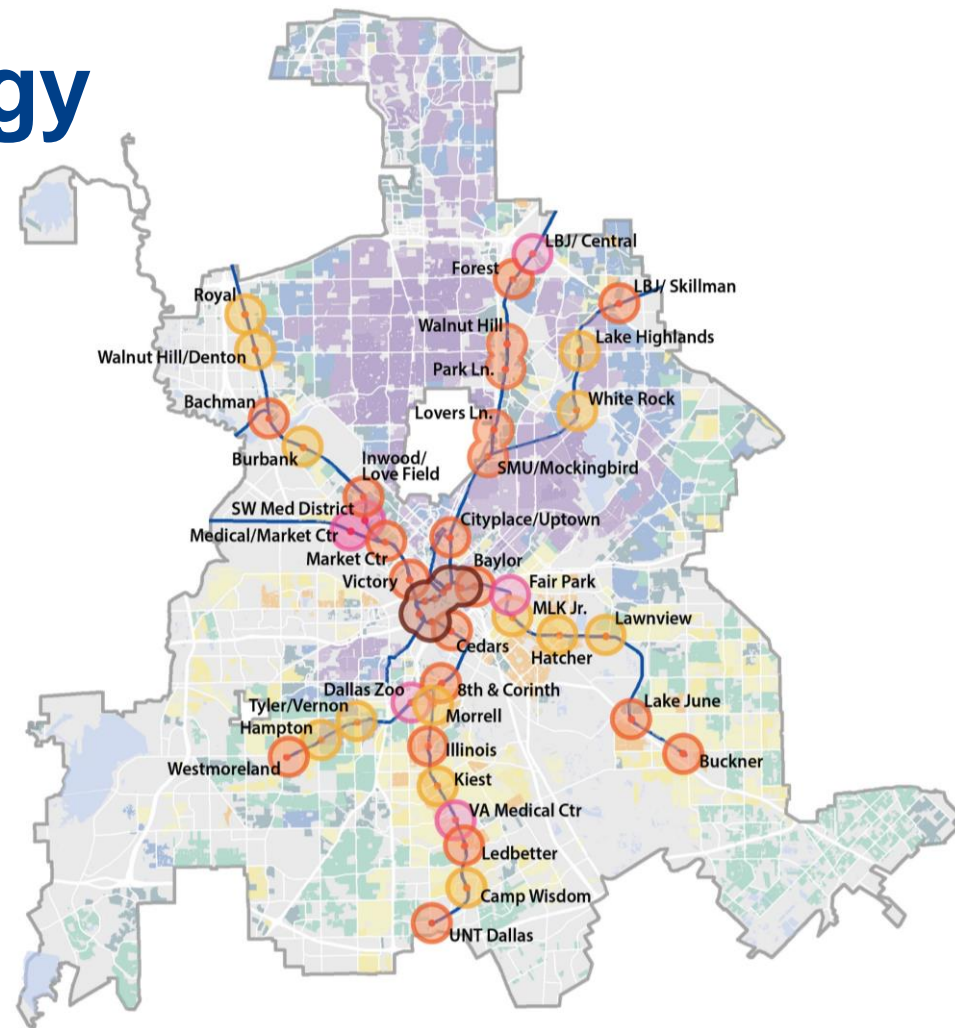
Successful TOD can achieve multiple citywide goals:

- Reduce automobile trips and congestion
- Reduce Green House Gas emissions
- Efficiently use existing infrastructure
- Increase mixed-income housing production
- Promote equitable jobs access
- Increase tax-base



# TOD Area Typology

- A systematic, data-driven planning framework to inform development visioning and implementation strategies for TOD areas citywide



MVA Cluster Legend:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  I



# TOD Area Typology For Dallas

## Downtown Core



### Characteristics:

- Transit connectivity hub
- Highest multimodal access
- Highest job-housing ratio
- Highest density and mix

## Special District



### Characteristics:

- Destination-oriented transit connectivity
- High multimodal access
- High/moderate job-housing ratio
- High/moderate density and mix

## Urban Center



### Characteristics:

- High transit connectivity
- Freeway/arterial adjacency and high multimodal access
- High/Moderate job-housing ratio
- High density and mix

## Neighborhood Center



### Characteristics:

- Moderate transit connectivity
- Arterial adjacency and moderate multimodal access
- Moderate/Low job-housing ratio
- Moderate density and mix
- Single-family adjacency



# TOD Metrics

## Transit Connectivity

Multiple high-frequency transit options provide better connectivity and access to jobs, goods, and services for residents and workers.

### Key Metrics:

- Number/Frequency of Transit Connections
- Transit Boardings/Alightings
- TransitScore

## Multimodal Accessibility

High-quality multimodal infrastructure like street grid, sidewalks, bike facilities, and arterial/freeway proximity enhances transit accessibility.

### Key Metrics:

- Freeway/Arterial Adjacency
- WalkScore
- BikeScore
- Street Intersection Density

## Land Development

Development patterns and adjacencies in terms of land use mix and density impacts access to jobs and services influences future development potential.

### Key Metrics:

- Land Use Mix
- Parking Usage
- Accessible open space
- Jobs to Household Ratio
- Jobs Per Acre
- Residents Per Acre
- Market Value Analysis
- Redevelopment Potential



# TOD Implementation Strategy

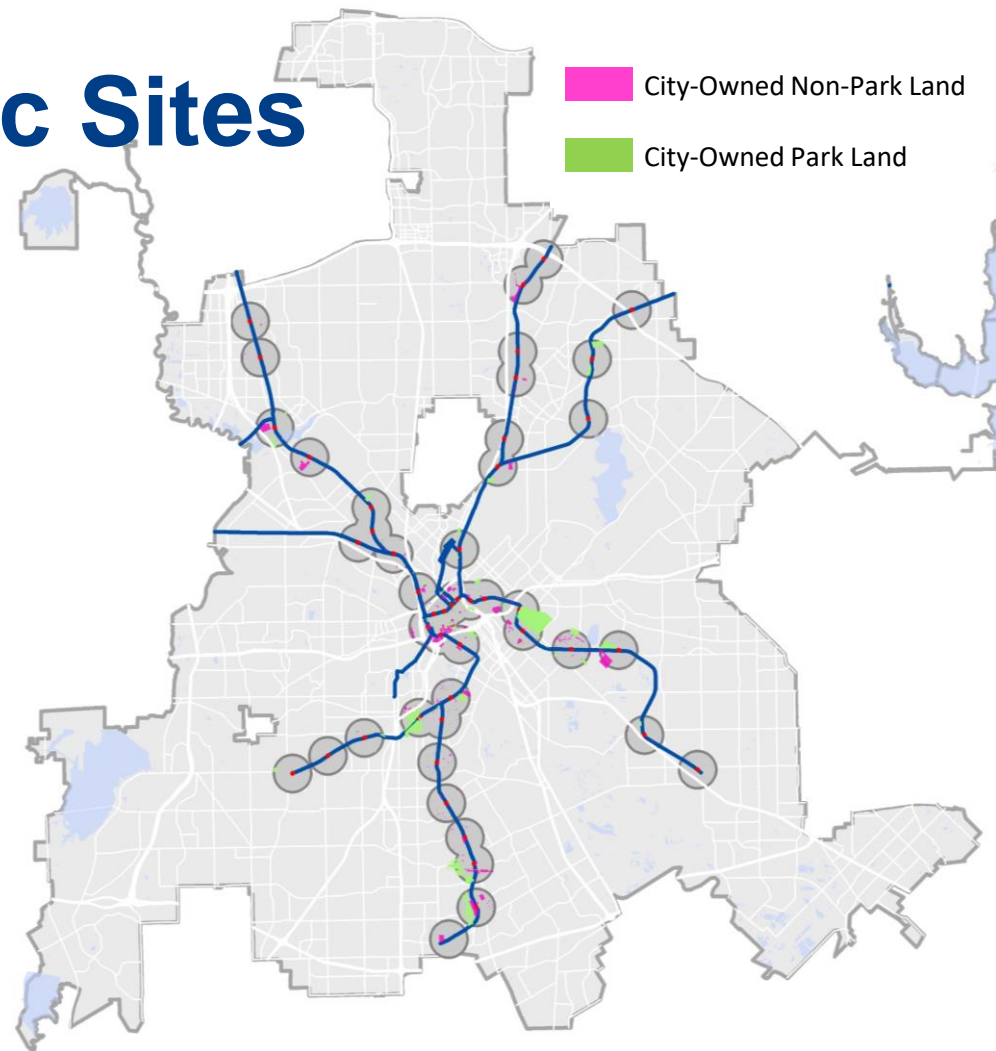
- Four-Pronged Approach:
  - Catalytic development on available City-owned/public property near transit
  - City-initiated visioning and rezoning for TOD areas
  - Targeted infrastructure investments around transit
  - Targeted TOD financial incentives





# Potential Catalytic Sites

- Identify opportunities for proactive transit-oriented development through public-private partnerships on available public property
- Public property near transit:
  - City of Dallas: 1,460 acres  
(50% park land)
  - DART: 293 acres
  - DHA: ? acres
  - Dallas County: ? acres
  - DCCCD: ? acres
  - ISD's: ? acres



*City-Owned Land in TOD Areas*

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# City-Initiated Visioning and Rezoning

- Community engagement on TOD through the citywide comprehensive land use plan update.
- City-initiated rezoning to address TOD, including parking regulations.
  - Apply existing Form-Based Zoning districts and/or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) overlays, where appropriate.
  - Code amendment to establish TOD overlay zoning for Downtown (CA) and other special districts.

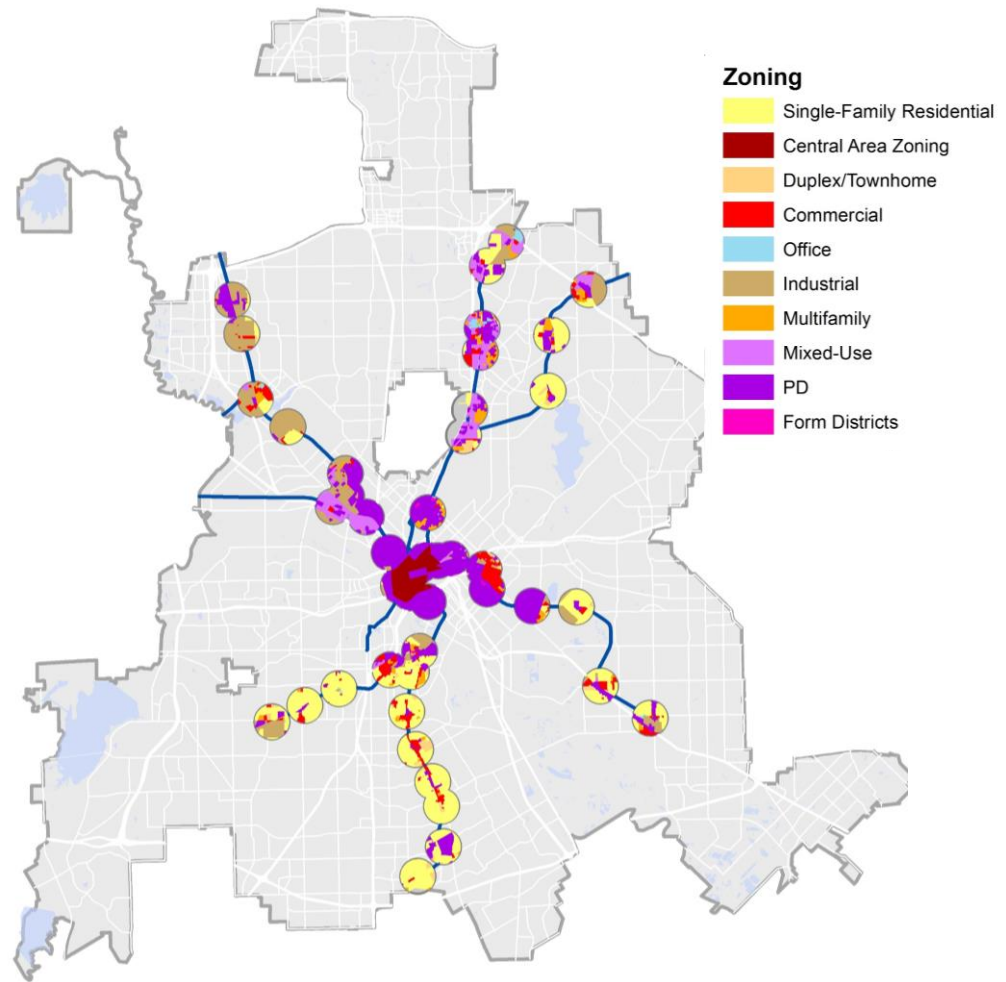


*TOD Area Planning: The 360 Plan (2017)*



# Existing Zoning

- Many TOD areas have significant concentrations of:
  - Central Area or PD zoning
  - Single-Family zoning
  - Industrial zoning



*Existing Zoning in TOD Areas*



# Targeted Infrastructure Investment

- Assess station area infrastructure conditions:
  - Sidewalks and streetscape
  - Bike facilities
  - Intersection safety
  - Transit connections
  - Water and sewer upgrades
- Identify project priorities for funding and implementation in partnership with NCTCOG and Dallas County.



# Targeted TOD Financial Incentives

- Propose and implement targeted incentives to attract appropriate mixed-income housing and jobs to TOD areas
- Propose and implement mitigation measures for involuntary displacement
- Propose targeted strategies and mechanisms to help fund infrastructure



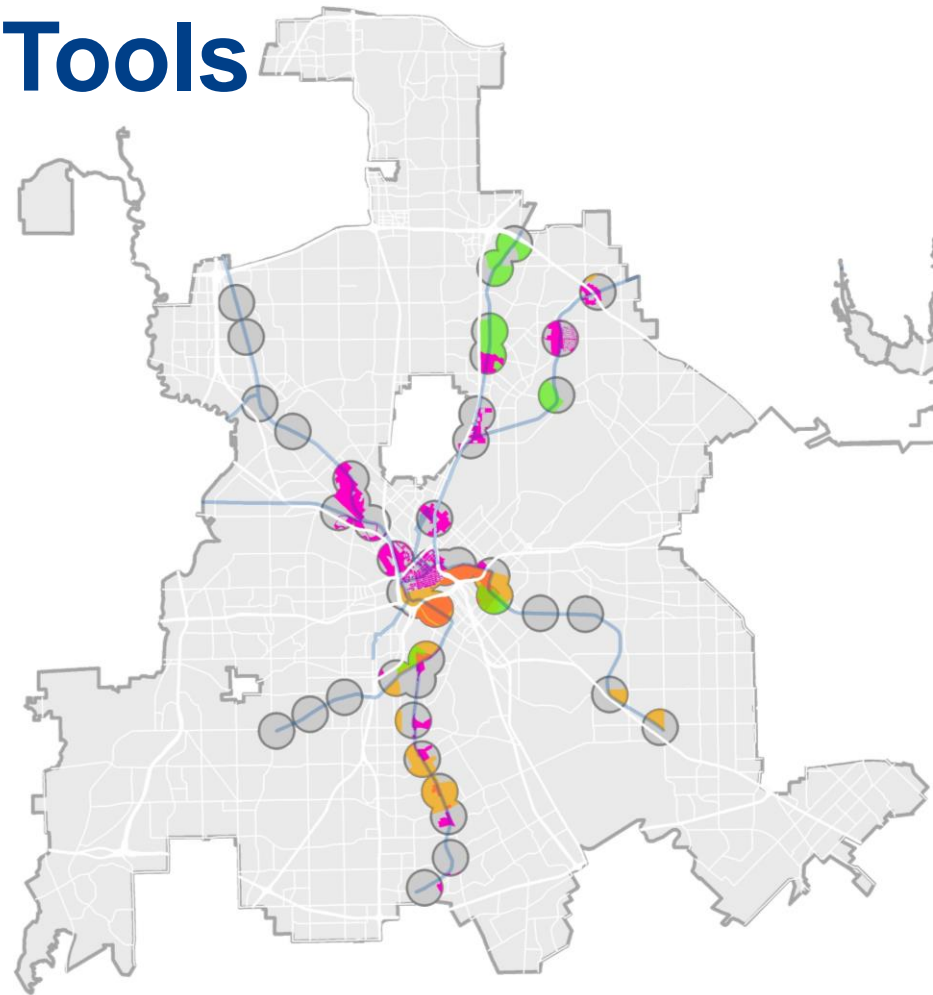
*TOD in Downtown Denver  
Credit: newhomesindenver.com*

# Existing Incentive Tools

- Many TOD areas currently fall within existing TIF districts and Opportunity Zones.
- Several TOD areas are fall within recently established Neighborhood Empowerment Zones.

## Legend

- Opportunity Zones
- Neighborhood Empowerment Zones
- TIFs



*Existing Incentive Tools in TOD Areas*

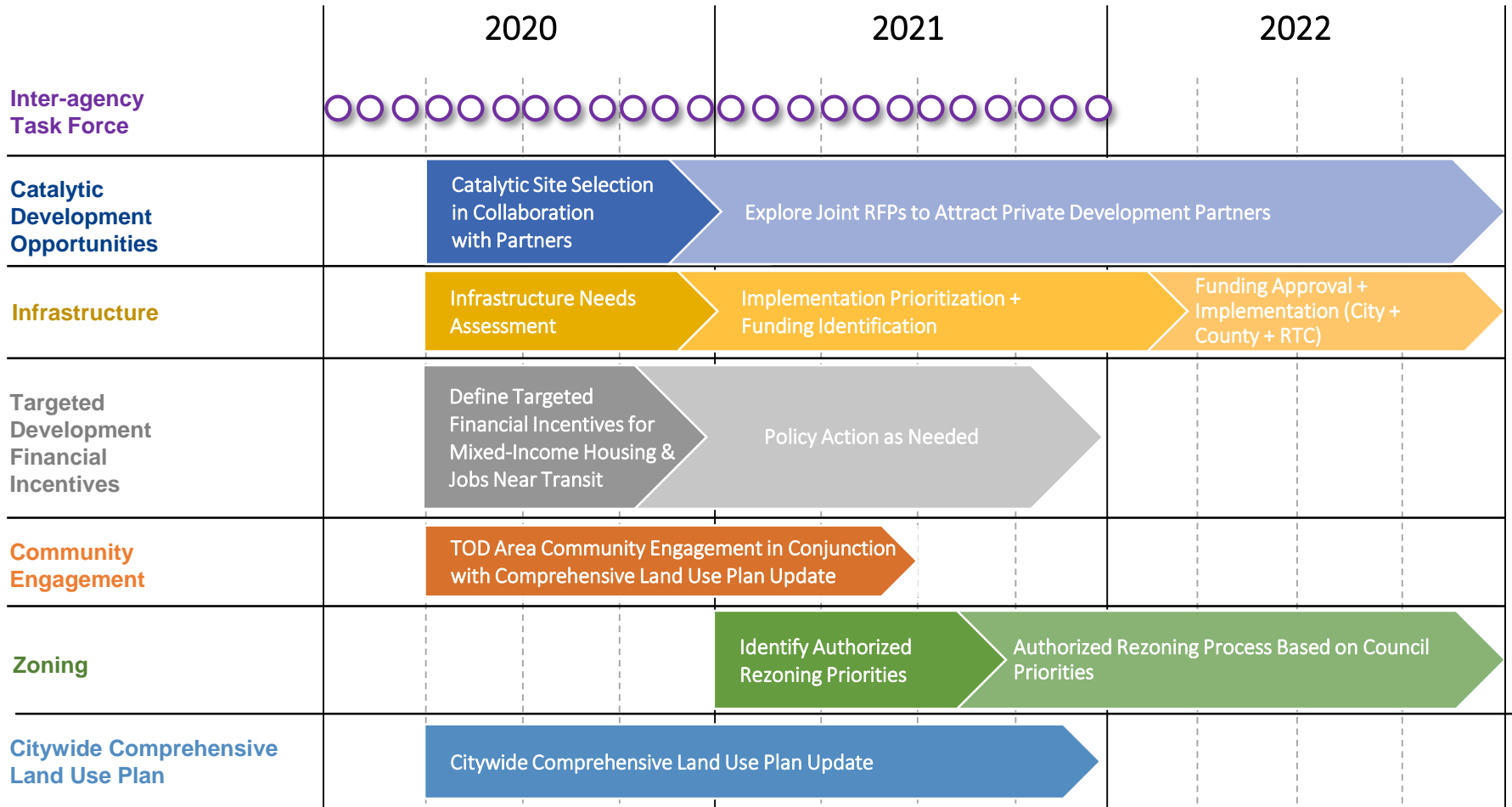


# TOD Interagency Task Force

- Internal departments:
  - Planning and Urban Design
  - Transportation Planning
  - Economic Development
  - Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization
  - Sustainable Development & Construction
  - Office of Environmental Quality
  - Parks & Recreation
- External public agencies (preliminary):
  - DART
  - NCTCOG
  - Dallas County
  - Dallas Housing Authority



# TOD Timeline





# Next Steps

- Receive City Council input
- Continue TOD Task Force meetings to facilitate coordination on planning and implementation:
  - Include additional internal departments as needed
  - Coordinate with ongoing DART studies to identify potential future rail or express bus corridors for TOD consideration
  - Coordinate with DART on potential FTA TOD planning grant focused on proposed D2 alignment
  - Coordinate with Dallas County and NCTCOG on future TOD infrastructure funding opportunities
  - Explore additional external partnership opportunities with DCCCD and ISDs



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# TOD Typologies



## Downtown Core

Highest Transit Connectivity

Highest Job-Housing Ratio

Highest Multimodal Accessibility

Highest Density and Mix



## Urban Centers

High Transit Connectivity

High Job-Housing Ratio

Arterial adjacency + high multimodal accessibility

High Density and Mix



## Neighborhood Centers

Moderate Transit Connectivity

Moderate Job-Housing Ratio

Moderate multimodal accessibility

Moderate Density and Mix and single-family or industrial adjacency

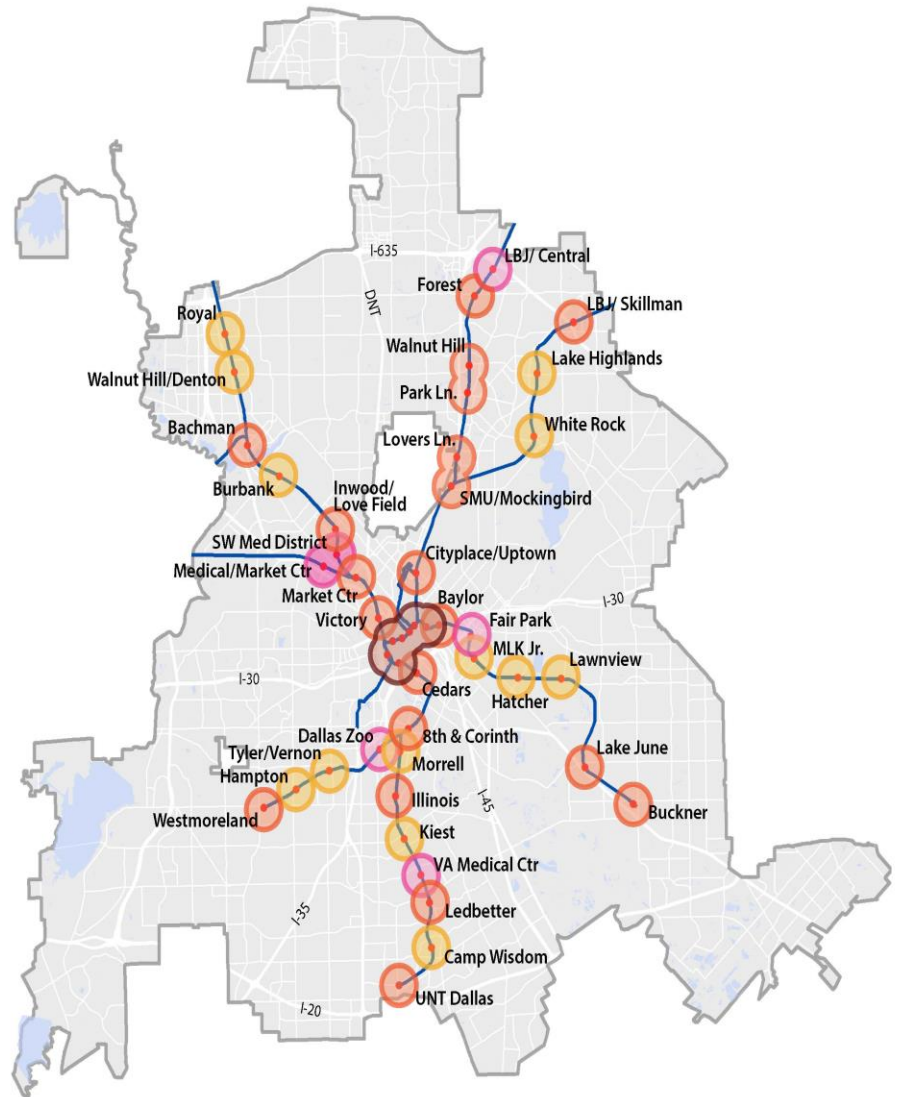


## Special District

Specialized destination or employment center varies

Transit connectivity and multimodal accessibility

Zoning/density varies



		LAND DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS															MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY			TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY			
		Single-Family Res	Multifamily Res	Commercial	Mixed-Use	Institution	Industrial/Warehouse	Utility/Transportation	Open Space	Vacant	Existing Residents (2018)	Residents per Acre	Existing Jobs (2018)	Jobs per Acre	Jobs/Population Ratio	DART Commuter Parking Usage	Estimated Peak Parking Usage in TOD Area	Freeway Adjacency	WalkScore	BikeScore	Transit Connectivity*	TransitScore	Weekly Station Boardings/ Alightings (2017)
Downtown Core	Akard	2%	4%	38%	0%	15%	1%	7%	10%	23%	7,991	12	72,179	111	9.03	n/a	Unknown	Yes	97	74	3	92	33,714
	Convention Ctr.	1%	<1%	22%	2%	14%	4%	15%	10%	31%	1,996	3	12,639	19	6.33	n/a	Unknown	Yes	66	66	3	87	4,487
	Pearl/ Arts District	6%	33%	35%	<1%	6%	1%	6%	1%	12%	12,124	18	66,979	102	5.52	n/a	Unknown	Yes	83	64	3	89	37,560
	St Paul	7%	5%	22%	4%	21%	1%	4%	5%	29%	7,172	11	72,495	116	10.10	n/a	Unknown	Yes	92	68	3	87	32,020
	Union Station	<1%	1%	7%	0%	6%	1%	70%	6%	9%	4,780	7	14,804	23	3.10	n/a	Unknown	Yes	81	90	4	76	19,089
	West End	1%	9%	31%	5%	14%	0%	13%	2%	26%	5,710	8	50,294	73	8.81	n/a	Unknown	Yes	93	77	4	93	73,632
Urban Center	Bachman	2%	14%	22%	0%	12%	5%	11%	25%	9%	5,926	5	4,211	3	0.71	27%	Unknown	Yes	53	54	3	59	12,849
	Baylor Med Center	<1%	2%	37%	0%	14%	11%	7%	3%	25%	4,227	7	22,361	35	5.29	n/a	Unknown	Yes	82	65	3	78	5,775
	Buckner	42%	3%	15%	0%	4%	14%	6%	1%	15%	5,554	5	2,667	2	0.48	33%	Unknown	Yes	28	36	3	55	8,758
	Cedars	3%	2%	9%	3%	13%	15%	12%	5%	39%	3,459	5	5,257	7	1.52	n/a	50%	Yes	78	51	3	70	4,887
	CityPlace/Uptown	14%	26%	28%	1%	8%	<1%	1%	11%	10%	13,552	21	12,341	19	0.91	n/a	60%	Yes	86	50	4	60	13,724
	Deep Ellum	11%	12%	44%	1%	2%	6%	8%	4%	13%	6,849	11	42,005	67	6.13	n/a	Unknown	Yes	85	62	1	85	2,706
	Forest Lane	32%	3%	18%	<1%	5%	20%	8%	8%	5%	4,092	5	3,499	4	0.85	35%	Unknown	Yes	58	61	3	60	11,125
	Illinois	61%	<1%	5%	0%	3%	<1%	10%	5%	15%	4,555	7	574	1	0.13	34%	Unknown	No	51	40	3	56	6,756
	Inwood/ Love Field	24%	16%	20%	0%	9%	14%	1%	5%	11%	9,201	11	3,990	5	0.43	29%	Unknown	No	75	62	3	64	9,133
	Lake June	52%	2%	7%	0%	6%	2%	10%	12%	10%	5,795	4	484	<1	0.08	23%	Unknown	Yes	32	41	3	52	5,377
	Ledbetter	30%	0%	4%	0%	4%	0%	7%	35%	21%	1,674	4	556	1	0.33	11%	Unknown	No	52	48	3	54	12,242
	LBJ/Skillman	7%	22%	22%	0%	<1%	29%	12%	0%	7%	15,145	14	8,780	8	0.58	15%	Unknown	Yes	64	45	3	50	7,054
	Lovers Lane	34%	15%	36%	2%	1%	<1%	6%	0%	6%	8,321	18	6,735	14	0.81	n/a	Unknown	Yes	76	74	3	62	7,904
	Market Center	15%	5%	32%	<1%	3%	8%	12%	4%	22%	3,527	4	9,581	12	2.72	57%	Unknown	Yes	73	57	3	64	3,596
	Park Lane	6%	19%	53%	0%	9%	<1%	7%	<1%	5%	8,656	11	12,817	17	1.48	43%	Unknown	Yes	85	50	3	58	14,351
	SMU/Mockingbird	7%	9%	28%	0%	26%	7%	12%	<1%	10%	4,204	9	6,920	15	1.65	72%	76%	Yes	85	68	3	68	19,612
Victory	1%	13%	45%	2%	5%	10%	6%	4%	13%	4,247	6	20,660	29	4.86	n/a	Unknown	Yes	74	73	4	77	18,020	
Walnut Hill	5%	11%	42%	3%	8%	0%	5%	8%	17%	6,602	7	22,920	25	3.47	n/a	63%	Yes	71	50	3	57	5,949	
Westmoreland	4%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	88%	<1%	1%	8,013	9	2,174	3	0.27	41%	Unknown	No	73	66	3	55	13,280	
8th/ Corinth	13%	3%	1%	0%	1%	7%	9%	46%	19%	2,720	4	703	1	0.26	60%	Unknown	No	29	44	3	55	9,705	
Neighborhood Center	Burbank	16%	<1%	13%	0%	<1%	15%	53%	<1%	2%	2,682	1	8,542	5	3.19	n/a	Unknown	No	46	43	3	57	3,497
	Camp Wisdom	13%	2%	<1%	0%	5%	0%	3%	21%	56%	2,207	3	214	<1	0.10	24%	Unknown	No	5	15	3	49	2,041
	Hatcher	29%	3%	9%	0%	3%	2%	12%	22%	19%	5,105	6	992	1	0.19	n/a	Unknown	No	59	48	3	58	4,041
	Kiest	65%	2%	10%	0%	6%	2%	2%	<1%	11%	5,125	8	1,039	2	0.20	5%	Unknown	No	71	47	3	55	6,371
	Lake Highlands	56%	10%	5%	0%	3%	2%	5%	12%	8%	9,064	11	1,153	1	0.13	n/a	Unknown	No	53	49	3	51	2,831
	Lawnview	27%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	67%	<1%	2,763	6	99	<1	0.04	31%	Unknown	No	16	31	3	51	5,853
	MLK Jr	25%	10%	10%	0%	14%	<1%	3%	10%	27%	2,126	3	2,114	3	0.99	18%	Unknown	No	70	57	3	67	6,989
	Royal Lane	4%	4%	38%	0%	1%	43%	3%	1%	7%	4,555	6	9,034	11	1.98	23%	Unknown	No	67	49	3	54	3,668
	Walnut Hill/Denton	7%	1%	36%	0%	<1%	39%	11%	%	5%	2,001	2	6,570	8	3.28	3%	Unknown	No	44	65	2	51	2,703
	Hampton	79%	<1%	6%	0%	5%	0%	6%	3%	2%	7,113	10	1,040	1	0.15	44%	Unknown	No	48	46	3	49	5,287
	Morrell	38%	9%	2%	0%	11%	0%	7%	3%	30%	3,748	7	5,343	9	1.43	n/a	Unknown	No	47	40	1	56	3,168
	Tyler/Vernon	84%	<1%	2%	0%	3%	<1%	3%	4%	4%	8,039	12	388	1	0.05	n/a	Unknown	No	45	35	3	51	1,696
	White Rock	36%	2%	5%	0%	4%	0%	4%	49%	<1%	2,922	4	741	1	0.25	57%	80%	No	17	44	2	48	3,658
Special District	Dallas Zoo	6%	1%	1%	<1%	7%	1%	79%	<1%	3%	5,476	8	6,735	10	1.23	n/a	Unknown	Yes	35	26	3	60	3,770
	Fair Park	4%	1%	10%	0%	4%	12%	10%	41%	19%	1,073	2	3,404	5	3.17	n/a	Unknown	Yes	68	62	3	74	8,684
	LBJ/Central	20%	22%	13%	0%	4%	13%	8%	<1%	20%	3,515	6	6,684	12	1.90	26%	70%	Yes	26	33	3	59	7,179
	Medical/Market Center	0%	0%	58%	0%	3%	18%	4%	8%	9%	1,156	1	43,941	51	38.01	n/a	Unknown	Yes	40	47	3	74	2,940
	SW Med Dis/ Parkland	84%	<1%	2%	0%	3%	<1%	3%	4%	4%	6,362	9	31,161	42	4.90	n/a	Unknown	No	59	52	3	74	15,226
	UNT Dallas	7%	0%	21%	0%	17%	2%	2%	11%	39%	216	<1	376	1	1.74	TBD	Unknown	No	2	29	3	46	3,514
VA Med Center	42%	1%	5%	0%	29%	0%	1%	1%	21%	3,567	6	1,625	3	0.46	n/a	40%	No	57	49	2	55	4,385	

## MULTIMODAL ACCESSIBILITY

Freeway Adjacency	WalkScore	BikeScore
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Yes	97	74
Yes	66	66
Yes	83	64
Yes	92	68
Yes	81	90
Yes	93	77

## TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY

Transit Connectivity*	TransitScore	Weekly Station Boardings/ Alightings (2017)
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3	92	33,714
3	87	4,487
3	89	37,560
3	87	32,020
4	76	19,089
4	93	73,632

Yes	53	54
Yes	82	65
Yes	28	36
Yes	78	51
Yes	86	50
Yes	85	62
Yes	58	61
No	51	40
No	75	62
Yes	32	41
No	52	48
Yes	64	45
Yes	76	74
Yes	73	57
Yes	85	50
Yes	85	68
Yes	74	73
Yes	71	50
No	73	66
No	29	44

3	59	12,849
3	78	5,775
3	55	8,758
3	70	4,887
4	60	13,724
1	85	2,706
3	60	11,125
3	56	6,756
3	64	9,133
3	52	5,377
3	54	12,242
3	50	7,054
3	62	7,904
3	64	3,596
3	58	14,351
3	68	19,612
4	77	18,020
3	57	5,949
3	55	13,280
3	55	9,705

No	46	43
No	5	15
No	59	48
No	71	47
No	53	49
No	16	31
No	70	57
No	67	49
No	44	65
No	48	46
No	47	40
No	45	35
No	17	44

3	57	3,497
3	49	2,041
3	58	4,041
3	55	6,371
3	51	2,831
3	51	5,853
3	67	6,989
3	54	3,668
2	51	2,703
3	49	5,287
1	56	3,168
3	51	1,696
2	48	3,658

No	46	43
No	5	15
No	59	48
No	71	47
No	53	49
No	16	31
No	70	57
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\* Transit Connections scored by the following: 1=single DART line, no bus 2=single DART line + bus 3= multiple DART lines + bus / DART line + multiple bus lines 4= multiple DART lines + TRE, streetcar, bus transfer center, high-speed rail