Building Partnerships Between Communities and Local Governments: I-710 Corridor Project

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Goods Movement in Southern California

- Los Angeles/Long Beach: Largest port complex in the U.S. and among 10 largest in the world
- Ports handle 40–45% of the nation's containerized imports
- Cargo destination is approximately 40-50% local and 60-50% national
- Container volumes may grow in coming decades
- Locally supports 1.3 million jobs and nationally supports 4 million jobs
 - Generates \$32 billion in state and local taxes/year

Project Overview



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Key I-710 Community Concerns

- Adverse air quality (especially related to diesel emissions)
- Increased vulnerability to respiratory illness
 - Congestion, mobility and safety issues
 - Truck-related accident rate
 - Community separation
 - Noise, blight, land use

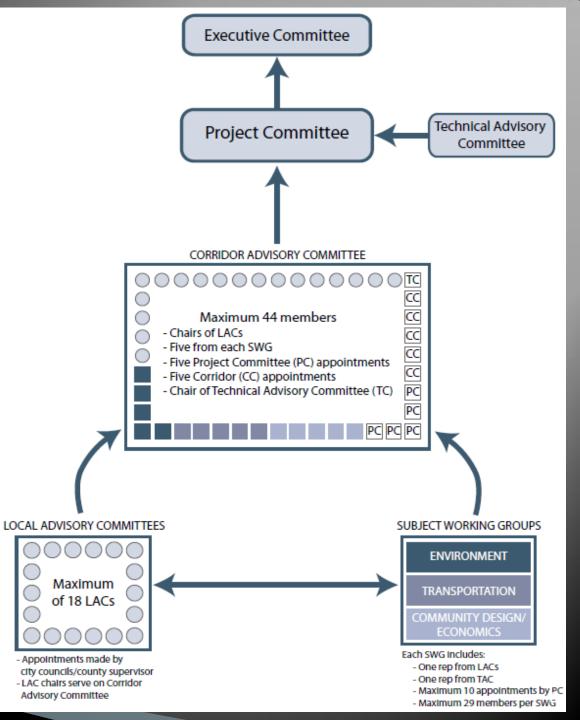
Project History

- Early 2000's: "Traditional" major corridor study (MCS) developed expansion alternatives
- Mid-2000's: New community-based process
 - Tier 1 Community Advisory Committees
 - Formed in cities directly impacted by the project
 - Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee
 - Chairs of the Tier 1 Committees
 - Additional city representatives appointed by Councils
 - Additional members: academic, environmental, business, community and environmental justice
 - Professional facilitation

Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee Report – August 2004

- The following guiding principles define the priorities of the Tier 2 Committee and reflect the consensus that emerged during this process:
 - 1. This is a corridor considerations go beyond the freeway and infrastructure.
 - 2. Health is the overriding consideration.
 - 3. Every action should be viewed as an opportunity for repair and improvement of the current situation."

I-710 Community Participation Framework



Gateway Cities Efforts to Address Community Concerns

- Technology and Alternative Fuels
 - Truck Replacement Program
 - Collaboration on zero-emissions vehicle development
 - Technology Plan for Goods Movement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategy and Implementation
 - Dedicated freight corridor alternative?

Gateway Cities Efforts to Address Community Concerns

- Health and Air Quality
 - Health Risk Assessment
 - Gateway Cities Air Quality Action Plan
 - Early Action Projects
 - Health Impact Assessment
- Consideration of "Community Alternative 7"...

CARGO-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (COD)

Presentation to the Bay Area Goods Movement Collaborative Roundtable

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ABOUT CNT

- CNT is a national hub for research, strategies, and solutions to help cities use resources more efficiently and equitably.
- We believe solving problems like poverty, climate change and urban sprawl starts with making neighborhoods, cities and regions work better.



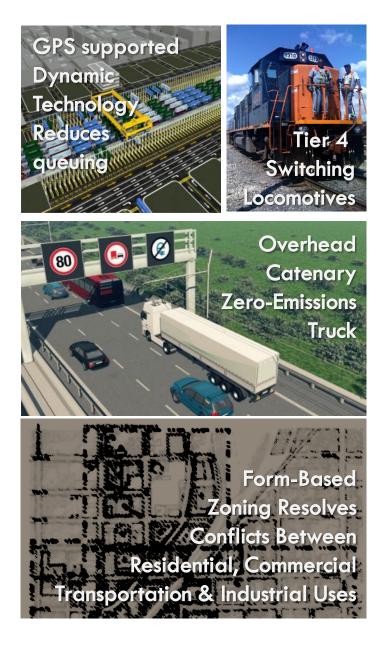
COD: DEFINED

The development of places that are both **multi-modal nodes** of freight transportation and **centers of employment** in logistics and manufacturing businesses



WHAT IS COD?

- Intensifying use of land adjacent to major transportation terminals (rail yards, seaports, inland ports, airports)
- Increasing the efficiency of firstand last-mile cargo connections, resulting in improved economic and environmental outcomes
- Creating and capturing improved economic value locally





REVITALIZING LEGACY FREIGHT RAIL ASSETS IN URBAN COMMUNITIES CAN DRIVE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COD PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

Measures the Good + Bad

- Fuel + Energy Use
 - Truck VMT
 - Train locomotion
 - Yard equipment
 - Jobs to housing access
- Local Economic Development
 - Good jobs
 - Tax base/land value
 - Shipper costs
- Environmental Impact
 - Air emissions
 - Water quality
 - Noise level
 - Space efficiency
 - Light intrusion

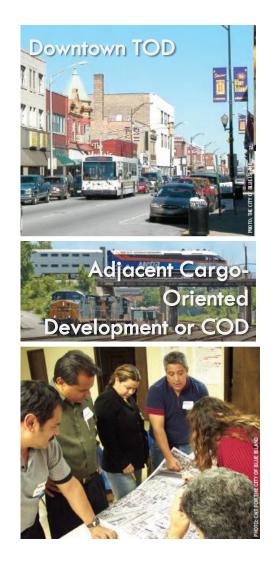
Produces a COD Score

- To evaluate investment at national/regional/local
 - System impacts
 - Community impacts
- To consider performance of
 - Current operations
 - Post improvement
 - Long term results

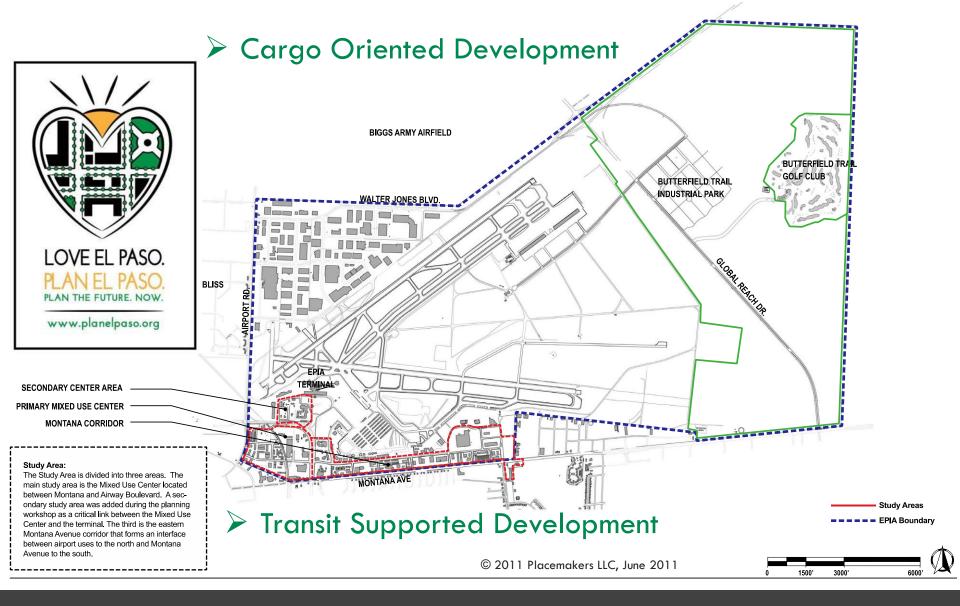
SMARTER USE OF UNDERUTILIZED FREIGHT YARD LAND

Blue Island, IL

- Traded a 90-acre brownfield along train line for 34-acre yard, enabling industrial expansion and dedicated truck highway to remove cargo traffic from residential and downtown area
- Waterfront area opened, enabled mixeduse development
- Opening downtown and waterfront enables both cargo- and transit-oriented development

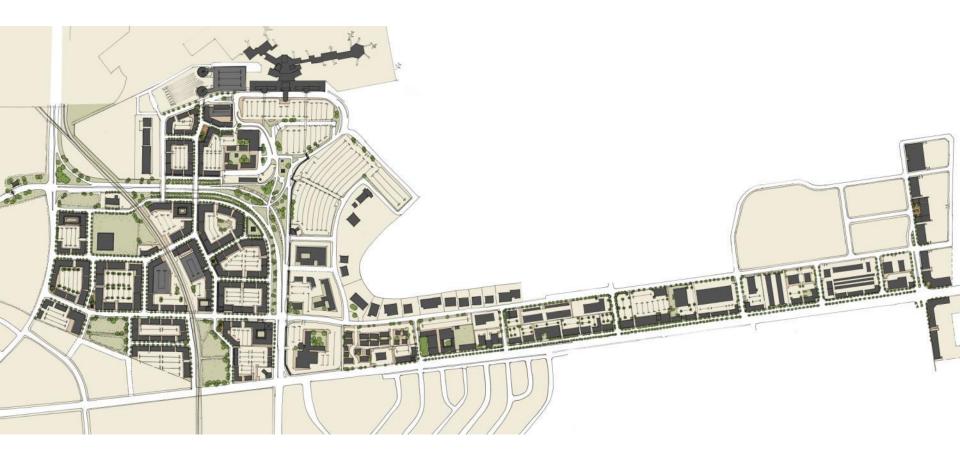






SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

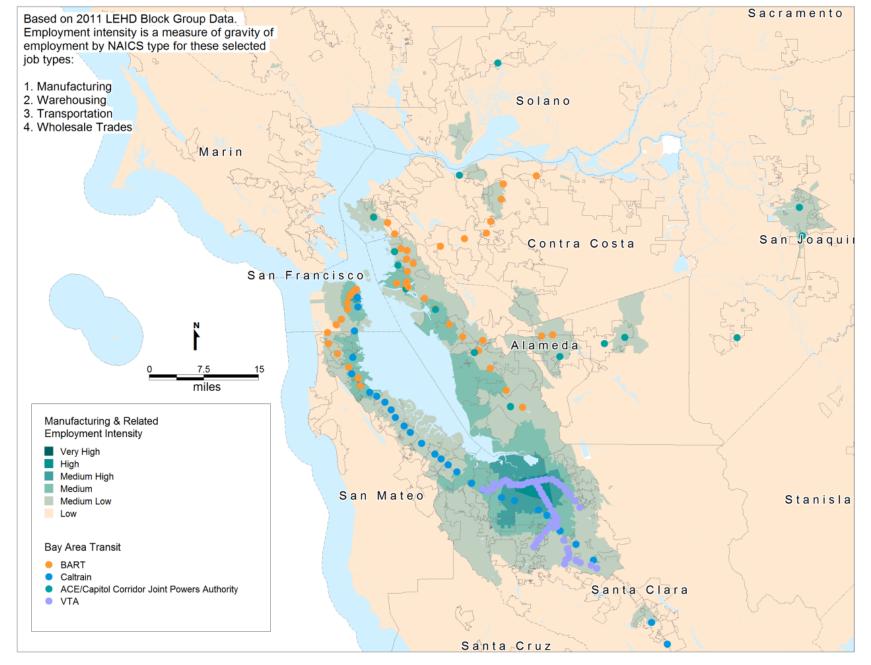
Airport Context Plan | El Paso, TX | Smartcode Development Study



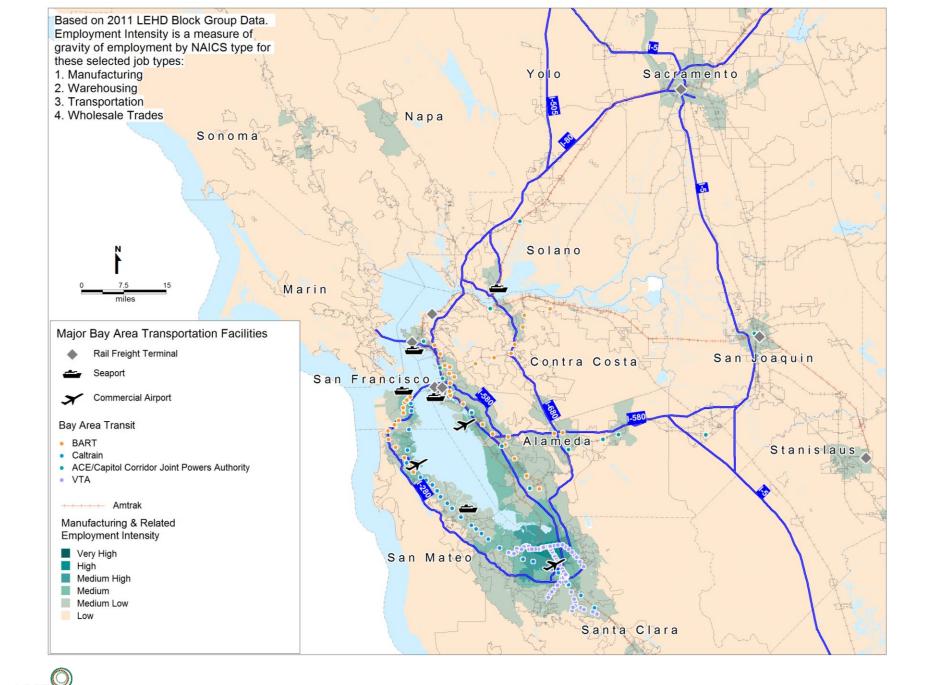
TRANSIT-SUPPORTED DEVELOPMENT



Airport + BRT







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