



WEST BUSWAY AREA TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND PLAN

Project Overview

The Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) are partnering on a unique project to develop a vision for transit-oriented development at stations along the West Busway corridor.

The project partners are working to create places where people can live, play, work, learn, and have efficient access to services. The project is an implementation activity of "Allegheny Places," Allegheny County's Comprehensive Plan, and the SPC "2035 Transportation and Development Plan."

The West Busway

Open since 2000, the West Busway is a five-mile exclusive fixed guideway for buses. Its six stations are located in the following communities: The City of Pittsburgh, Ingram Borough, Crafton Borough, and Carnegie Borough. In addition, West Busway services extend along the Parkway West between Carnegie and Robinson Town Centre.

Transit-Oriented Development

Transit-oriented development is an important national land development trend that promotes compact, relatively dense development within walking distance of a transit station with a wide variety of uses. TOD incorporates both infill development and substantial new development on large parcels where available.

Project Work Plan

The project has three main components:

- Documentation of existing land use, transportation, and market conditions in the study area.
- A screening of stations and hubs to identify the locations with the most potential for TOD.
- Development of preliminary and final TOD concept and implementation plans at two locations in the study area. Carnegie Borough and Sheraden in the City of Pittsburgh were selected for the TOD planning efforts.

Public Input

The project is being guided by a steering committee comprised of local government officials and other corridor stakeholders. Two series of community roundtable meetings will be held to obtain public input on a TOD vision and strategies for development.

Project Schedule

The project began in April 2009 and is expected to be completed in June 2010.

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