Linking Communities
Development and Transportation Investments

How We Can Advance Community Investment by Linking Land Use Decision Making and Transportation Investments
What we are about...creating and preserving great places and spaces
Why does “place” matter?

Simply put... We can Maximizing Economic Value And Social Benefits
Why Focus on Transportation Investments?

- Transportation investment linked with efficient land use planning can catalyze place-based transformation.

- Transportation investments incorporated with community needs can leverage community and economic development. You can’t have one without the other.

- Transportation investments that encourage modal choices can improve environment quality.
What are we trying to accomplish?

- Improve land use decision making, to encouraging compact design, the responsible use of resources and the reuse of existing infrastructure assets.

- Build communities that are desirable to live in and provide residents with amenities and economic opportunity

- Provide a cleaner, more sustainable environment

- We are trying to use transportation resources to create great places to live, to work and to play.
What is Community Based Transportation?

An effort led by members of a community to use transportation assets to develop a solution to a community development challenge or problem.

- Develop a community vision – 3Ps
  - Planning Proactively and Developing the right Partnerships leads to Projects

- Recognize that development follows infrastructure

- Link land use decisions with transportation assets
History and Process

- The Traditional Transportation Model
- Research and Benchmarking
- Smart Transportation and Developing a Pennsylvania Concept
- Consulting the Experts

- Making it Work under the current system
- Rounds I and Round II
- What’s Next
The Traditional Transportation Model
Traditional Transportation Model.....Reality

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Re-engineering the System to Find Solutions to Community Problems

- Brookings Institution Report – Back to Prosperity
  - Negative consequences of growth patterns
  - State investment patterns
- Interviewed developers and community leaders
  - Regional Community Development Coalitions
  - MPOs and RPOs
- Researched Best Practices in other states and regions
  - Bay Area
  - Atlanta
  - Philadelphia
Rethinking Transportation Investments - Atlanta
PennDOT’s Smart Transportation Policy

Partnering to build great communities for future generations by linking transportation investments with land use planning and decision making
PennDOT – Smart Transportation Themes

- Money Counts
- Leverage and Preserve Existing Investments
- Choose high value to price ration projects
- Safety always and maybe only
- Look beyond the level of service
- Accommodate all modes
- Enhance the local network
- Build towns not sprawl
- Understand context
- Develop local governments as strong land use partners
Results

- Smart Transportation Guidebook
- Linking Planning and the Environment (NEPA)
- Providing Tools and Resources

But how do we finance it?......
Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative

- Developed Relationships Within PennDOT and Associated Agencies

- Created a concept model and obtained input from regional planning organizations, developers, project managers and transportation executives.

- Applied lessons and examples from across the state and the country
PCTI Rounds I and II

Round I
- 50 Projects Totaling $59 million
- Over 400 Applicants
- $14.8 million in Pittsburgh Region

Pittsburgh Region Projects
- Oakland & Carnegie Mellon
- Rochester Roundabout
- Point Park
- Ohiopyle
- Blairsville
- Active Allegheny
- North Park, Allegheny County
Point Park University, Pittsburgh
Rochester, Beaver County
PCTI Round II

- $24.7 Million
- 41 community-led planning and construction projects
- 200 applications
- $170 million in potential projects
- Nearly $6 million in projects in SWPA

- Pittsburgh – Strip District
- Airport Corridor Transportation Association
- Richland Twp. – Rt. 8
- Saxonburg, Butler County
- Washington County
- Indiana County, Indiana, Borough
- Armstrong County, Kittanning Borough
What’s Next?

- Statewide Round III?
- Regional Community Transportation Programs
  - DVRPC
  - Lancaster MPO
  - SPC