

# **“The Boom of Transit-Oriented Development Along Metro Rail”**

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Transportation, introduced the CEO of the Los Angeles County MTA, Mr. Roger Snoble, is part of the puzzle that makes great communities. Though there are many components to Los Angeles County’s long range transportation plan, Mr. Snoble highlighted transit-oriented development (TOD) because it exemplifies the interconnectedness between land use and transportation. In addition to many other types of transportation projects, TOD in Los Angeles County, described Mr. Snoble, is intended to address the increasing number of people (2-3 million) and jobs (1 million) the County will incur over the next 25 years. Transit-oriented development, he described, uses existing land and infrastructure more efficiently to enhance livability around transit stations. Without a regulatory role, the MTA must use planning and design strategies, such as TOD, to reduce auto use, promote and enhance non-car trips, and to increase Metro’s value through a fair market return on public investment. The guiding concepts behind the MTA’s TOD projects, described Mr. Snoble, include the integration of commercial space and housing; the building of affordable and mixed housing; prioritizing high-density and high quality-of-life development; nontraditional land-use; retaining and enhancing neighborhood character. Mr. Snoble gave numerous County-wide examples of both existing and future TOD projects.