Assessing TOD Potential

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GETTING to WORK:

Reconnecting Jobs with Transit

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Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Act

- 9 municipalities initially deemed eligible: Camden, East Orange, Elizabeth, Hoboken, Jersey City, Newark, New Brunswick, Paterson, Trenton

- Who else ought to be on this list?
Suggestions from Getting to Work:

- Major terminals
- Stations served by multiple lines
- Busy NEC stations
- “Interbranch trip” generators (close-in, many existing jobs)
Assessing TOD Potential at Individual Stations

What characteristics of a station – and its surrounding area – are important to consider?
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Characteristics to consider:

- Accessibility / Connectivity – where is the station located with respect to the whole network?
- “Intermodality” – is it served by multiple modes or operators?
- Frequency of service
- Current use – how busy is the station already?
- Area surrounding the station – what’s there?
Facts About the Transit System

243 distinct transit stations:

- 12 ferry terminals
- 16 major bus terminals not served by any other modes
- 205 served only by rail
- 10 multi-modal stations
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- 139 commuter rail only
- 9 rapid transit only [7 PATCO, 2 PATH]
- 54 light rail (LRT) only
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  - 15 Newark Subway [“Newark LRT”]
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- 3 served by multiple rail modes:
  - Lindenwold [PATCO + commuter rail]
  - Newark – Broad St. [commuter + LRT]
  - Newport/Pavonia [PATH + HBLR]
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10 multi-modal transit stations:

- Hoboken Terminal: all 3 rail modes, bus terminal, ferry
- **Newark** – Penn Station: all 3 rail modes + bus terminal
- **Trenton**: commuter rail [NJT + SEPTA], LRT, bus terminal
- Walter Rand Transp. Ctr. (Camden): LRT (River Line), rapid transit (PATCO), bus terminal
- Journal Square [Jersey City]: rapid transit (PATH) + bus terminal
- Exchange Place [Jersey City]: rapid transit (PATH) + ferry  [HBLR station also nearby]
- 4 have commuter rail and are bus terminals: Metropark, **New Brunswick**, Asbury Park, Atlantic City
Assessing TOD Potential at Individual Stations

Area around the station (= Census tracts considered by NJ Transit to be within ½ mile radius):

- Population – density and change
- Vacant housing units
- Home values
- Median household income
- Vehicle ownership
Population density > 20,000 per square mile

- 9th St. HBLR [Hoboken]
- 2nd St. HBLR [Hoboken]
- Hoboken Terminal
- Harborside [Jersey City]
- Grove St. PATH [Jersey City]
- Lincoln Harbor [Weehawken]
- Bloomfield Ave [Newark]
- Journal Square [Jersey City]
- Harsimus [Jersey City]
- Park Ave [Newark]
- Orange St. [Newark]
- Elizabeth
At least 10% population loss since 2000

- Aquarium [Camden]
- Paterson
- Lake Hopatcong [Roxbury Twp.]
- Glen Ridge
- Cooper St. [Camden]
- City Hall PATCO [Camden]
- Walter Rand Transp. Ctr. [Camden]
- Mountain Ave. [Montclair]
- Journal Square [Jersey City]
- Secaucus Junction
- Washington St. [Newark]
>15% vacant housing units (excluding shore towns)

- Entertainment Center [Camden]
- Asbury Park
- Aquarium [Camden]
- Walter Rand Transp. Ctr. [Camden]
- Cooper St. [Camden]
- City Hall PATCO [Camden]
- Trenton
- Hamilton Ave [Trenton]
- East Orange
- Atlantic City
- Park Ave [Newark]
- Garfield Ave [Jersey City]
Median home value $< 200K

- Walter Rand Transp. Ctr. [Camden]
- City Hall PATCO [Camden]
- Entertainment Center [Camden]
- Cooper St. [Camden]
- Aquarium [Camden]
- Cass St. [Trenton]
- 36th St. [Pennsauken]
- Trenton
- Hamilton Ave [Trenton]
- Ferry Ave [Camden]
- Burlington Towne Ctr.
- Ashland [Voorhees Twp.]
- Beverly
Median household income < $30,000

- Paterson
- Entertainment Center [Camden]
- Cooper St. [Camden]
- Walter Rand Transp. Ctr. [Camden]
- Newark Airport [Newark]
- City Hall PATCO [Camden]
- Warren St. [Newark]
- Aquarium [Camden]
- Norfolk St. [Newark]
- Washington St. [Newark]
% of households having zero vehicles available (> 45%)

- Warren St. [Newark]
- Washington St. [Newark]
- Newark Airport [Newark]
- Norfolk St. [Newark]
- Military Park [Newark]
- Journal Square [Jersey City]
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