

A fisheye photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, showing a trolley on tracks, tall buildings, and a clear blue sky. The image is used as a background for the title text.

Southwest LRT Community Works Transitional Station Area Action Plans

Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee Meeting
August 18, 2011



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The Need for Action Plans

The Action Plans will bridge the gap between current conditions and future needs by recommending infrastructure investments that:

- Support anticipated development by opening day of the LRT in 2017
- Maximize Light Rail Transit system investments
- Enhance existing businesses
- Support a full range of housing opportunities
- Encourage development



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Action Plans Are Part of Community Works & Sustainable Communities

Community Works Workplan

- Encompasses all of the work of Community Works, regardless of funding source

HUD Sustainable Communities Workplan

- Incorporates elements of the overall Community Works workplan
 - **Transitional Station Area Plans**
 - Visioning
 - Market Strategy
 - Stormwater Planning

				Schedule	Funding	Responsibility
2	Create Market Strategy					
2A	Create scope for a market strategy that includes evaluation of priority redevelopment sites and a means to update that evaluation based on specific condition changes. Include development station area scans as supporting materials.			2011-2012	Sustainable Communities/Living Cities	Hennepin County/TC
2B	Identify preferred redevelopment sites and opportunities to pressure affordable housing and create new affordable, supportive and mixed rate housing accessible to employees considering market readiness, the need for mixed-income neighborhoods, and the state of existing housing stock. Update analysis study or as needed.					Hennepin County HCR/AM/Minneapolis Housing
2C	Establish an on-going dialogue with the development community. Conduct interview/focus groups with developers, property owners, key businesses & special interest groups to identify development barriers and opportunity sites.					
2D	In conjunction with the business community, create and implement a coordinated workforce and economic development approach that supports business growth and job creation.					
3	Develop Transitional/Circulation Plan					
3A	In conjunction with the LRT project, develop a complete (transit/bike/pedestrian/walk) system access plan that integrates with land use plans for each station which supports the LRT line and equitable station area development.			2011-2012	Sustainable Communities	Hennepin County/Cities
3A1	Establish opening the access needs and priorities, including bus transfer and circulation needs.					
3A2	Develop a transportation/access transition plan that accommodates future development.					
3A3	Identify alternative access for congestion relief, construction mitigation, and to facilitate future development. Consider direct access opportunities for major park-and-ride facilities.					
3A4	Ensure low income and minority residents transit/bike/pedestrian access to affordable housing, employers, education/training, medical facilities, entertainment, local businesses/parks, and locally grown and ethnic food. Scan and design new transportation infrastructure to accommodate future development.					
3A4	Create pedestrian and bicycle connections to existing trails, infrastructure and activity centers.					
3B	In conjunction with the LRT project office, create a parking management strategy for development and the LRT system that makes a balance between encouraging the use of transit/alternative transportation modes with traffic and street parking.			2011-2012		Project Office/TC/Cities
3B1	Transition of existing existing surface parking lots to development.					
3B2	Identification of shared parking opportunities.					
3B3	Park and ride zoning at the stations.					
3B4	Proximity of park and ride to stations.					
3B5	Joint development opportunities with park and ride.					



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Action Plan Components

- + Short-Term Development Feasibility Analysis
 - + Housing Inventory & Assessment
 - + Access & Circulation Plan
 - + Infrastructure Plan
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Transitional Station Area Action Plans



Input to Preliminary Engineering



Input to Community Works & Capital Improvement Programs



Input to Corridor Investment Framework



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Community Engagement

- City Guided
- Emphasis on Underserved Communities
- Coordinated with the Community Engagement Team



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TSAAP Funding Sources & Budget

\$ 350,000 HUD Sustainable Communities Grant
(Transitional Station Area plans workplan item)

+

\$ 80,000 HUD Sustainable Communities Grant
(Market Strategy workplan item)

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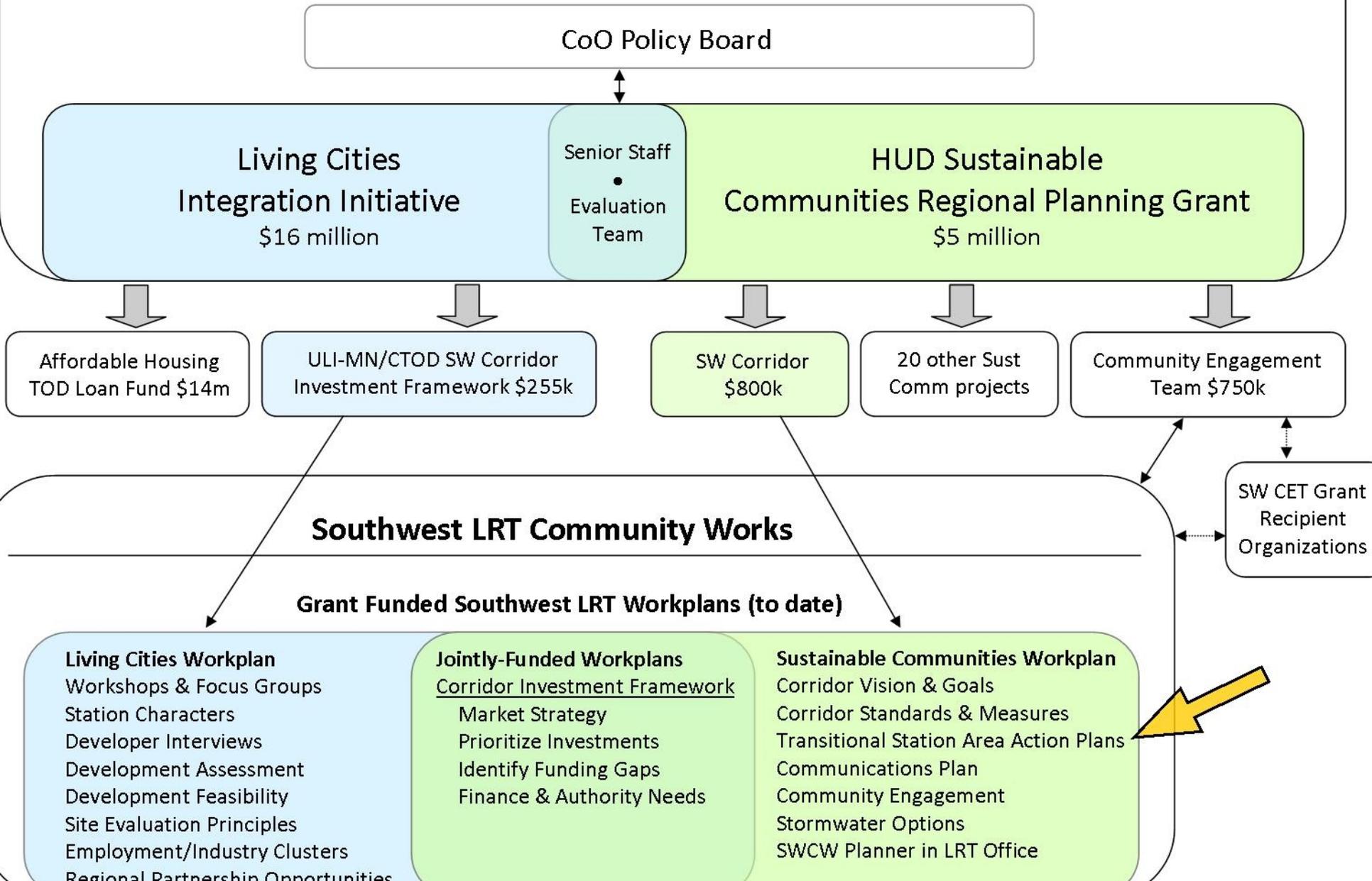
\$ 70,000 FTA Community Planning Grant

\$ 500,000 Transitional Station Area Action Plans Budget

Action Plan Schedule

RFP Released	August 8
Proposals Due	September 9
Steering Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Proposals Received & Upcoming Selection	September 15
Steering Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommend Consultant to County Board	October 20
County Board Committee Action	November 15
Steering Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on County Board Committee Meeting	November 17
County Board Action	November 29
Final Report Complete	December, 2012

Corridors of Opportunity Initiative



CoO Policy Board

**Living Cities
Integration Initiative**
\$16 million

Senior Staff
•
Evaluation
Team

**HUD Sustainable
Communities Regional Planning Grant**
\$5 million

**Affordable Housing
TOD Loan Fund \$14m**

**ULI-MN/CTOD SW Corridor
Investment Framework \$255k**

**SW Corridor
\$800k**

**20 other Sust
Comm projects**

**Community Engagement
Team \$750k**

Southwest LRT Community Works

Grant Funded Southwest LRT Workplans (to date)

Living Cities Workplan

Workshops & Focus Groups
Station Characters
Developer Interviews
Development Assessment
Development Feasibility
Site Evaluation Principles
Employment/Industry Clusters
Regional Partnership Opportunities

Jointly-Funded Workplans

Corridor Investment Framework
Market Strategy
Prioritize Investments
Identify Funding Gaps
Finance & Authority Needs

Sustainable Communities Workplan

Corridor Vision & Goals
Corridor Standards & Measures
Transitional Station Area Action Plans
Communications Plan
Community Engagement
Stormwater Options
SWCW Planner in LRT Office

**SW CET Grant
Recipient
Organizations**

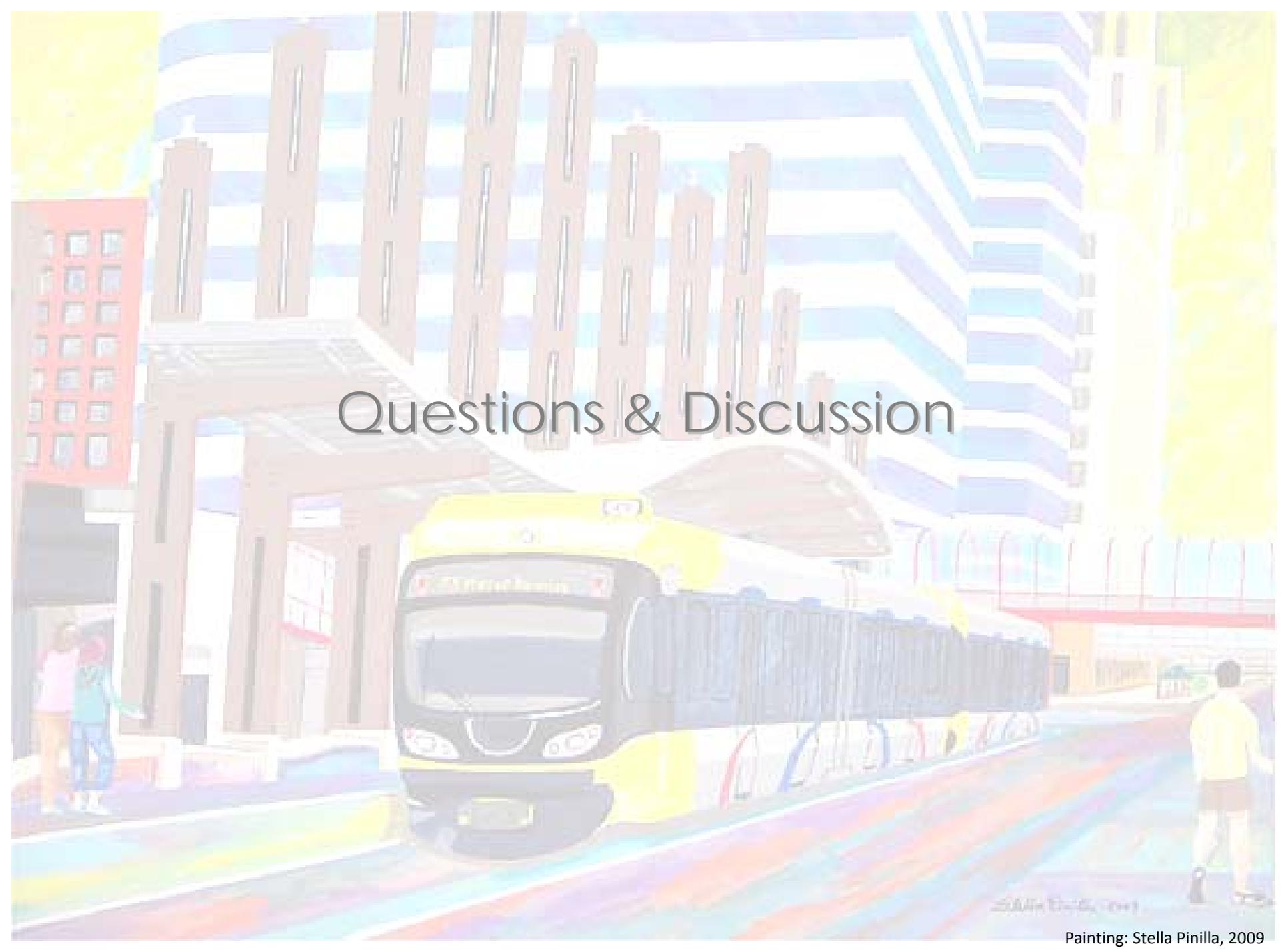


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How ULI – CTOD work fits into TSAAPs

Add text from Cathy Bennett



Questions & Discussion