

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT



What is Transit Oriented Development (TOD)?

A transit-oriented development (TOD) is a mixed-use residential or commercial area designed to maximize access to public transport, and often incorporates features to encourage transit ridership. A TOD neighborhood typically has a center with a train station, metro station, tram stop, or bus stop, surrounded by relatively high-density development with progressively lower-density development spreading outwards from the center. TODs generally are located within a radius of one-quarter to one-half mile from a transit stop, as this is considered to be an appropriate scale for pedestrians.

AvalonBay @ Huntington Station TOD

Whatever Long Island's future may look like, a major route to get there is development that both uses and improves mass transit. That's the way to make our downtowns vibrant and to ease some of the congestion on our roads. AvalonBay Communities is proposing 530 units of rental and ownership housing on 30 acres, a short walk from the Huntington Long Island Rail Road station. This plan would be a landmark in making TOD, a concept already gaining ground nationwide, come to life here. RDA is providing landscape and site amenity design for the project.

Norfolk Tide – Light Rail System

The Tide is the light rail system under construction in Norfolk, Virginia, that is set to begin service in 2011. It will become the first light rail service in the Hampton Roads metro area. It is projected to have a daily ridership of between 7,130 to 11,400 passengers a day upon completion. After much planning, the implementation has begun and the Tide light rail system is set to be complete and running in early 2011. The Tide will be traveling on a 7.4-mile long track, adjacent to the I-264 passage, from the Eastern Virginia Medical Center through downtown Norfolk and ending at Newtown Road. Transportation on the Tide will include eleven stops, including right of entry to several major Norfolk activity hubs, such as Norfolk State University, Harbor Park, City Hall, MacArthur Center, Norfolk's Tidewater Community College and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

