

ENVISION A TRANSIT READY ELKTON

Elkton Transit Oriented Development Plan



As it was...



...or how it could be?

PLEASE JOIN US
**ELKTON TOD
PUBLIC MEETING**

April 20, 2010
Open House Display 6-7 p.m.
Presentation 7 p.m.
Elkton Town Hall, 1st floor

We invite you to a Public Meeting to review draft plans for Transit Oriented Development in Elkton. Plans have been developed based on community input and technical analysis done during the past several months. Your input is needed to develop final recommendations.

During this workshop, visit between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at your convenience, to discuss displays about the proposed recommendations and make comments to the project team. A presentation will be made at 7 p.m., followed by question & answer and discussion.

Why plan for Transit Oriented Development?

Transit oriented development (TOD) is a mixed use residential and commercial area designed to make public transit successful, walking and bicycling convenient and safe, and provide for a vibrant, livable community. We are developing an Elkton TOD Plan to:

- Promote future reintroduction of rail service to Elkton
- Enhance community character in the downtown
- Improve regional access and local walking, bicycling and transit services
- Support local and state Smart Growth policies and economic development initiatives
- Embrace Elkton's history while preparing for its future

This project is a partnership of the Town of Elkton, Cecil County and the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO).

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WHAT IS TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT?

Transit-oriented development (TOD) creates compact, walkable neighborhoods around transit or planned transit. It helps make transit successful by creating many destinations within a short walk, offering convenient access to jobs, shopping, services and recreation.

Elkton has great TOD potential. Currently along the 460 miles of commuter rail between Richmond, Virginia and New London, Connecticut, there is one major gap: the 20 miles from Perryville to Newark. Filling this gap has been a top local and regional priority. Maryland is promoting transit-oriented development to increase the number of riders and get a better return on rail investment.

While TODs come in many sizes and types, successful TODs share a few characteristics:

- Pedestrian-friendly environment with wide sidewalks, well-marked crosswalks, good lighting and narrow streets to slow traffic.
- Landscaping, inviting public spaces and interesting architecture enhance to walkability.
- Greatest density of land use is closest to transit and tapers off as you get farther out.
- Surface parking is limited to efficiently use prime locations closest to transit and shared, structured parking is considered a better option.
- Provides a mix of housing, jobs, shopping and recreation choices.
- Increases community value for public and private sectors, residents and visitors.
- There is no one-size-fits-all TOD; design and scale must complement desired community character.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Attend the Public Meeting on April 20. Come at your convenience between 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., or for the presentation at 7 p.m. Meeting will be on the 1st floor of the Elkton Town Hall, 100 Railroad Avenue, Elkton, Maryland 21921
- Schedule an individual interview or a presentation to your group. Call 302.737.6205 or toll free from Cecil County 888.808.7088.
- Visit project website www.wilmapco.org/Elkton to learn more or submit your comments

WHO IS THE PROJECT TEAM?

This plan is being developed by the WILMAPCO, in partnership with the Town of Elkton, Cecil County and the Maryland Department of Transportation. Throughout the planning process, we will be coordinating with local leadership, land owners, major employers, residents and other interested stakeholders. Design Collective and RK&K—consultants for award winning TOD plans developed elsewhere in Maryland—will be providing technical support.

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