

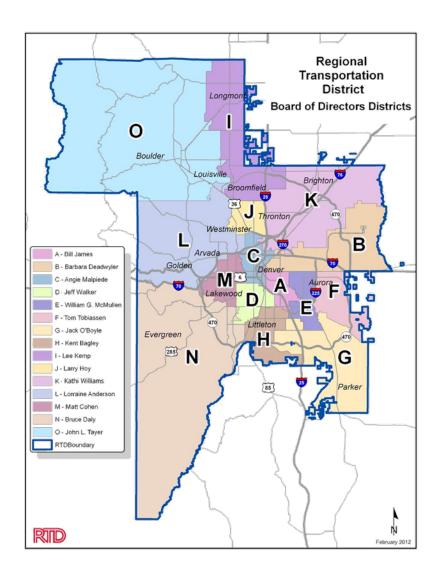
# Transforming Denver Through Transit

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### **RTD Overview**

- 8 counties or portions thereof:
  - Adams Denver
  - Arapahoe Douglas
  - Boulder Jefferson
  - Broomfield Weld
- 40 municipalities
- 2,340 square miles
- 2.8 million people (approximately 57% of Colorado's population)
- 15 elected Board members
- 1 percent sales tax
  - .6 base system
  - .4 FasTracks







### RTD FasTracks Plan

- 122 miles of new light rail and commuter rail
- 18 miles of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service
- 31 new Park-n-Rides; more than 21,000 new parking spaces
- Redevelopment of Denver Union Station
- 50+ new rail and/or BRT stations for Transit Oriented Communities opportunities





### FasTracks Status

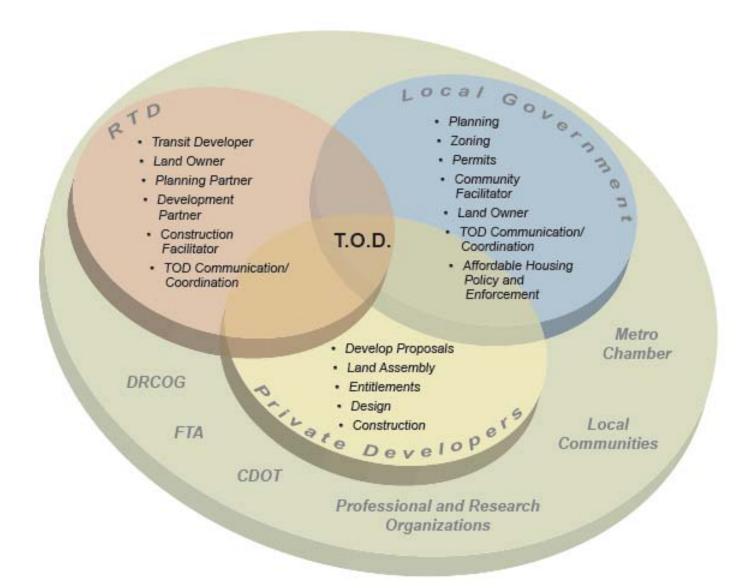
- West Rail Line (W Line)—First
   FasTracks line to open—April 2013, 8
   months ahead of schedule
- Denver Union Station—93% complete (Opens May 2014)
- East/Gold/Northwest Rail Lines (EAGLE)—More than 50% complete
- I-225 Line—construction underway
- U.S. 36 BRT—Phase 1 of managed lanes 55% complete
- North Metro Line—Contract awarded-Construction to begin March 2014







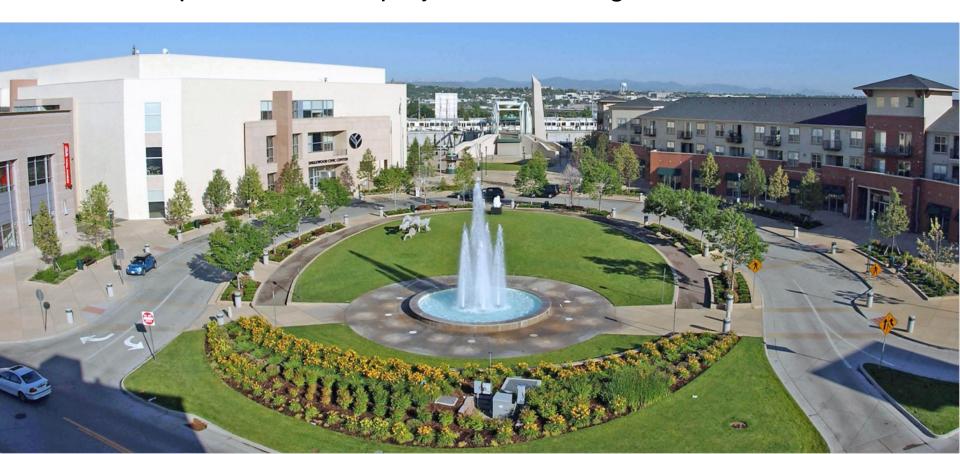
### **Roles in TOD Process**





## **TOD Pilot Program - Overall Goals**

- Proactively work on fostering livable communities by testing an expanded role for RTD in facilitating TOD
- Develop "model" TOD projects for the region





## **TOD Pilot Program - Objectives**

- Demonstrate successful TOD
- Test an expanded role for RTD
- Focus on stations with greatest opportunity for success
- Learn from a diversity of projects
- Allow sufficient time for implementation (3 to 5 yrs)
- RTD will continue to work on TOD opportunities outside the Pilot Program









## **TOD Pilot Program – Project Criteria**

- Within existing or funded rail corridor
- Ability for RTD to help "nudge" development
- TOD plan in place
- Commitment by local jurisdiction
- Commitment by developer/property owner
- Market potential









## **Alameda Station Pilot**





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- Transition from park-n-Ride station to neighborhood station
  - Goal established from station area plan
- Strategically manage parking
- Design in line with current trends and encourages transit ridership
  - 1 parking space/unit
  - Smaller units
  - First example outside CBD
- North parking lot closed on August 17th
- Drainage project initiated first, closing on RTD property in February/March 2014 for apartments







### **Olde Town Pilot**

- RTD and City of Arvada signed an IGA making City responsible for building parking and bus facility by 2016
- City of Arvada and Arvada Urban Renewal (AURA) bought additional land needed for parking (Total of 9 acres in public ownership)
- RTD, City of Arvada and AURA did a joint RFP for a master developer
- Developer selected proposes to build structured parking and bus facility in new location to maximize development







## **Welton Corridor Pilot**

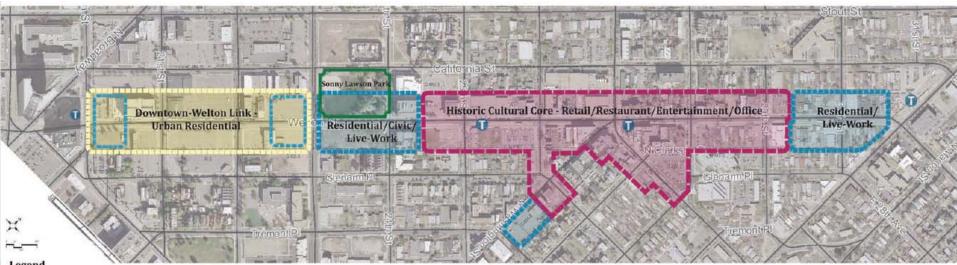
- RTD owns 2 parking lots along the corridor that it has made available for development
- Corridor has struggled since RTD built LRT in 1994 to gain any momentum for revitalization until recently
- Waiting to see if upward trending market will generate interest in RTD sites (challenge for RTD sites to be catalytic by themselves)

















### **Federal Center Pilot**

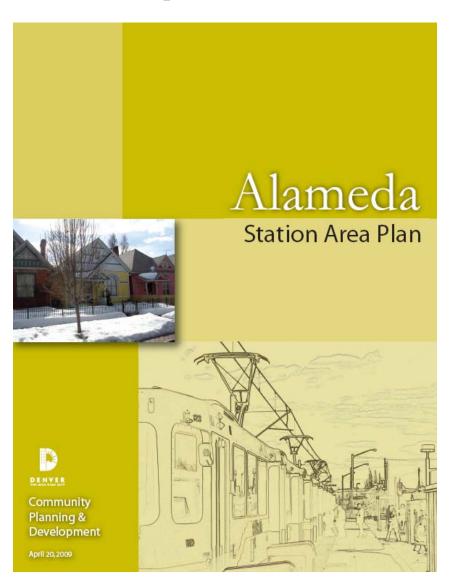
- RTD working with City of Lakewood on a Master Developer RFP (RTD owns 15 acres and City plans to purchase 40+ acres from GSA)
- Goal is to leverage each others property to have a larger catalytic development







## **TOD Impacts – Planning/Zoning**



- Nearly 50 STAMPs completed in the metro region since 2004
- Several cities have adopted transit supportive zoning as next step to completing station area plans



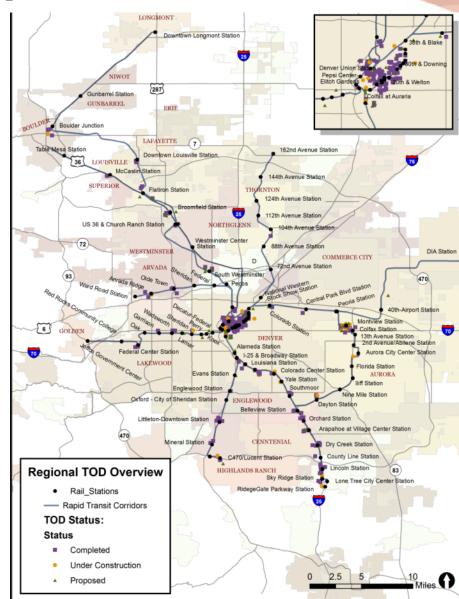
## Regional TOD Development

#### Complete or Under Construction

- 27,172 residential units
- 6,788 hotel rooms
- 5.5 million SF retail
- 6.8 million SF office
- 2.3 million SF civic
- 164,373 SF cultural
- 7 million SF medical
- 2 million SF education

#### <u>Proposed</u>

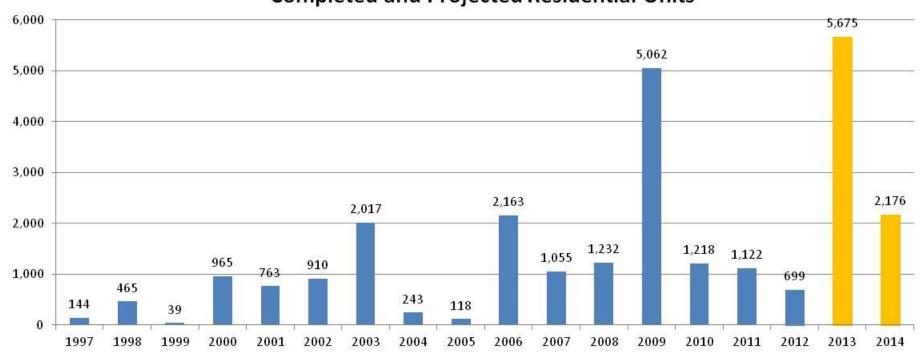
- 6,156 residential units
- 1,976 hotel rooms
- 1.3 million DF retail
- 2.6 million SF office
- 3.4 million SF medical





## **TOD Residential Market Trends**

#### **Completed and Projected Residential Units**

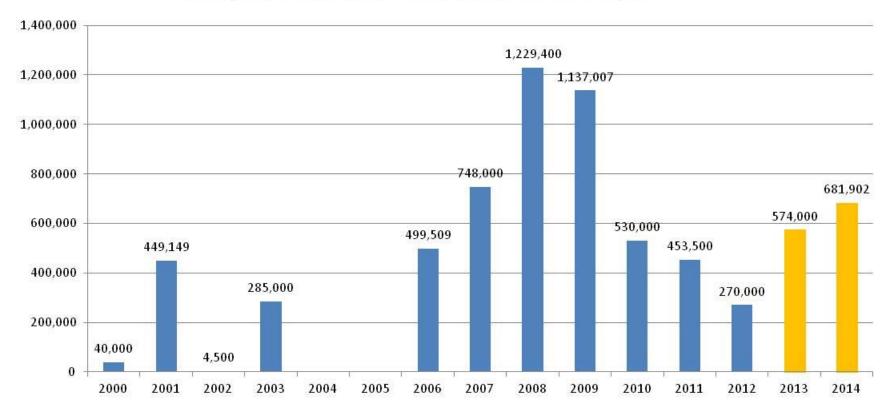


- Quiet before the storm 700 units completed in 2012
- Over <u>5,000</u> units opened in 2013. Expected dip in 2014 construction.
- Multi-family, for-rent sector continues to be strong in Denver, but some worry about over building
- Rents pushing over \$2.50/SF in certain submarkets



## **TOD Office Market Trends**

#### **Completed and Under Construction Office Space**

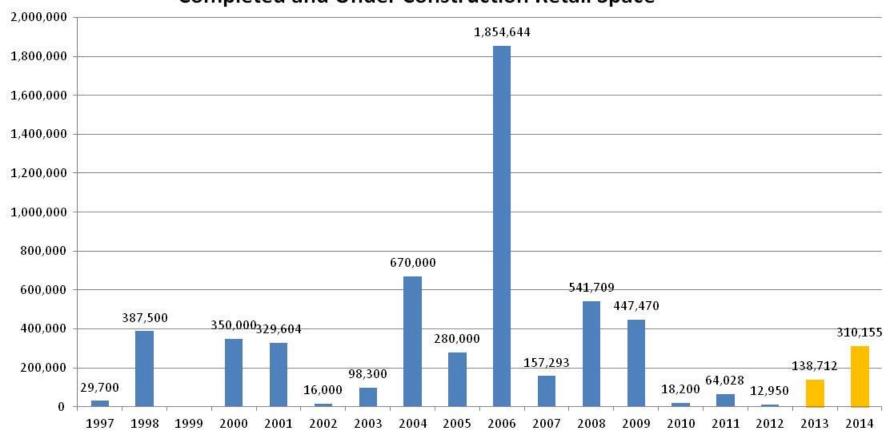


- Office construction declined over the past few years due to the recession and an increase in vacancies throughout the region
- Development now picking up again with single tenant buildings and a few new mixed tenant buildings. DUS is the main driver.



### **TOD Retail Market Trends**





- Retail has been struggling since the recession started
- Gains are due in large part to ground floor activation requirements of TODfriendly zoning

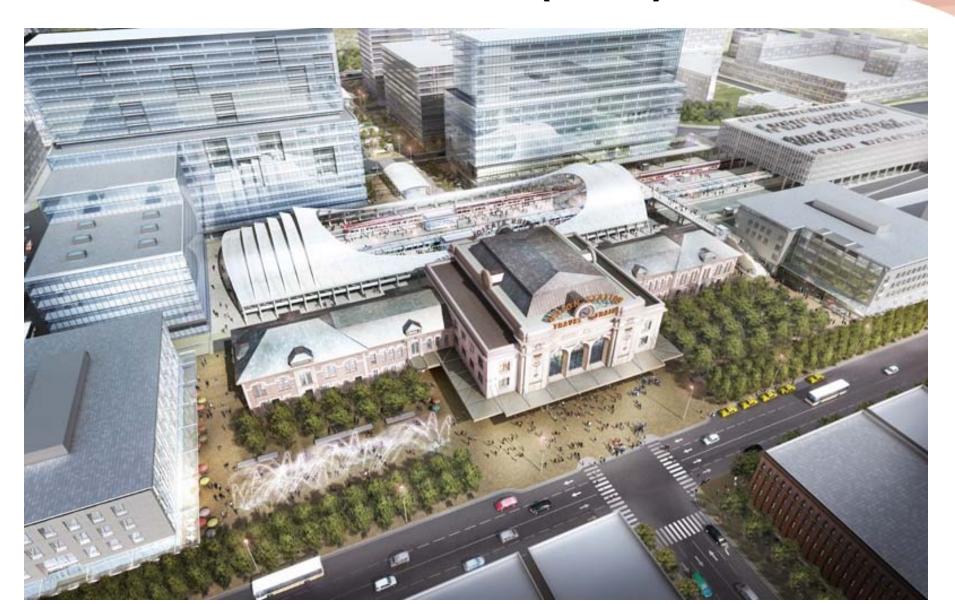


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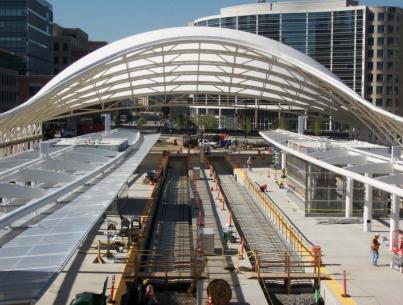
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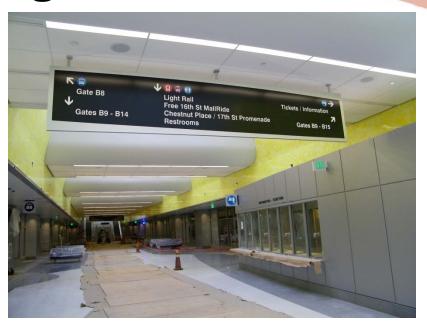




## **DUS Construction Progress**



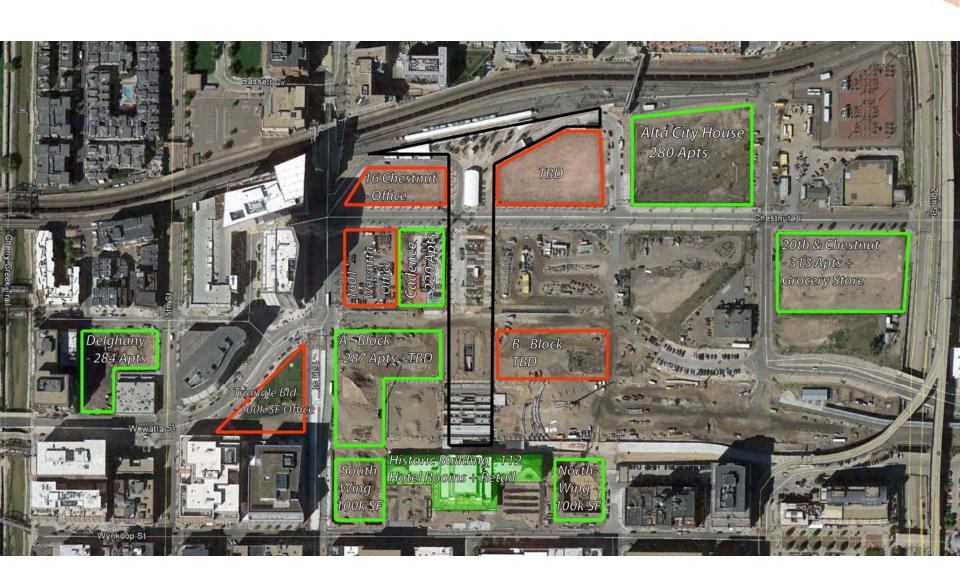








## **DUS and Private Development**





## **Challenges of Transit Oriented Communities**

- Managing expectations of local jurisdictions
- Lack of Understanding of TOC
- Funding for transit supportive infrastructure
- True impact of transit on land use will take 30 to 50 years





# **QUESTIONS?**

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