Planning Research Centre 2006 Study Tour
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“Transit Oriented Development (TOD) & The Creation Of Communities”

Transit Oriented Development is a growing trend in reducing traffic congestion, making cities more walkable and creating livable communities that do not rely on the automobile. Traffic congestion has become so bad that a 2 hour commute has become more the norm than unusual for Sydneysiders and as the social demographic of the family changes, more empty nesters and fewer children; the need to create more liveable cities that encourages smart growth is now essential. Constructing another highway is not economically viable and will not solve the problem.

This tour will visit cities with similar topography and transport systems to Sydney as well as visit rejuvenated cities that have interfaced light and heavy rail. Each city is a National award winning example and you will be given the chance to talk with the top planners, developers, transit officials and, in some cases, the Mayors about how Transit Oriented Development has rejuvenated their city. This tour is designed specifically for elected Officials, CEO’s, Planners and Architects.

Cities to visit include:

- **San Francisco.** Similiar suburban transport system to which light rail is being added.
- **San Jose Corridor.** View heavy and light rail interfaces with transit oriented development. One of the best examples of downtown rejuvenation by light rail
- **Oakland-Pleasant Hill.** Inner suburban and suburban award winning projects
- **Portland.** US model for light rail and downtown development
- **Denver.** Revitalisation downtown and suburbs with transit developments
- **Dallas.** Big city and suburban transit systems being put in now, see the impacts of transit and new development
- **Washington DC.** Discuss the national transit program of more than 100 cities with federal officials as well as see examples of the Washington-Virginia Metro corridor developments

SPACES ARE LIMITED: Maximum 20 delegates

COSTS: $9,900 per person (incl. GST), includes 4 star accommodation, internal flights and transfers. (Price excludes flights to the U.S.).

To register your interest please call Julia Wilson at the Planning Research Centre on 9351 6863 or email prc@arch.usyd.edu.au.

This study tour can be used to claim formal and informal CPE points.