

Funded by Living Cities, *Broadening Urban Investment to Leverage Transit (BUILT) in Ohio* is a multijurisdictional planning and policy project to help Ohio's cities target emerging sources of federal investment and leverage them towards a new pattern of urban growth. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency have announced the Livable Communities partnership to link housing and transportation options, the Administration has requested further appropriations for high speed rail, and the transportation reauthorization is on the horizon. By positioning itself to capitalize on these programs and other emerging federal funds, the State of Ohio can forge a new, sustainable path to urban revitalization.

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT), the Office of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and the Cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus have developed the *BUILT In Ohio* partnership to lay out urban revitalization strategies for the state that reduce the household cost of living and identify opportunities for redevelopment. BUILT will assess the transit investment opportunities in all three cities, develop a strategic redevelopment plan and recommend strategies to utilize federal resources to turn these opportunities into a reality.

Project Goals

1. Transportation-linked revitalization strategies for Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

Transit can link suburban job centers and mature neighborhoods to each other along strategic corridors and increase accessibility to employment. These transportation savings translate into opportunities for development, wealth accumulation and increased consumer purchases. CNT will develop revitalization strategies for each city linked to intracity transit and freight rail.

2. Strategies to aggregate property assets along and target limited public resources to strategic corridors in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

Ohio has experienced a substantial rise in home foreclosures in recent years. These troubled assets can be assembled and redeveloped along key transit corridors as part of a revitalization plan to be developed by CNT in conjunction with state, regional and local officials.

3. Recommend statewide policies to leverage transit investment as a means of lowering the household cost of living and triggering new urban economic development.

Numerous federal funding sources and value capture techniques have emerged to facilitate transit-oriented development. CNT will create a policy toolbox for state agencies to implement the recommended revitalization plans.

BUILT In Ohio will be completed over the course of one year.

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