

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-818

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF NOV 18 2003

RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LIGHT RAIL STATION ORDINANCE CONSISTENT WITH THE TRANSIT FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (TLC) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sacramento, on October 15, 2002, accepted the Regional Transit (RT) sponsored the community based planning project, Transit for Livable Communities (TLC), which provides recommendations to encourage transit-oriented development (TOD) around light rail (LRT) stations and actions that RT should take to participate in joint-development of RT owned sites near the stations.

WHEREAS, the TLC recommendations are consistent with the Regional Transit Master Plan, which identifies transit supportive uses, densities and intensities for development with one quarter and one half mile of LRT stations and bus transfer stations.

WHEREAS, the Sacramento General Plan includes goals and policies that support the creation of new transit oriented development adjacent near light rail stations, transit corridors and activity nodes. The General Plan also encourages high intensity, mixed use development adjacent to transit, particularly those areas proximate to LRT stations.

WHEREAS, the TLC recommendations are consistent with several Smart Growth policies of the General Plan including: providing a mix of uses and transit choices, promoting development of an urbanized area, creating walkable and bikeable development, providing opportunities for public input in the decision making process and taking advantage of existing community assets.

WHEREAS, the City staff participated in the extensive public outreach and preparation of the policy, land use and implementation recommendations identified in the TLC recommendations.

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WHEREAS, TLC recommendations are consistent with the provisions of the State Transit Village Development Act (Government Code section 65460 *et seq.*), which encourages mixed-use development at higher residential densities around transit stations.

WHEREAS, the TLC recommendations provide land use, design and implementation guidance for transit supportive densities, intensities and mixes of land uses to increase transit ridership and create a sustainable, energy efficient developments with amenities for new residents and employees.

WHEREAS, TLC recommendations are intended to provide clear guidance for transit supportive land use and regulation implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sacramento that staff is directed to report back with a detailed implementation program, which identifies a work plan for the following implementation items:

Interim Measures:

- Adopt an Interim Transit Overlay Zone;
- Reduce Level of Service Standard C for transit stations and infill target areas.

General Plan Update:

- Include in the General Plan Update policies identifying the TLC stations as Areas of Opportunity For Re-use and add language encouraging transit supportive densities, intensities and uses within one-quarter mile of light rail stations;
- Adopt General Plan station area policies supportive of transit oriented development;
- Adopt General Plan land use designations for light rail station areas consistent with TLC recommendations.

Infrastructure & Implementation:

- Develop smart growth codes to provide for flexible, easy to implement zoning standards;
- Develop a phasing and financing strategy for the development and approval of station area land use plans and design guidelines;

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- Identify infrastructure and CIP funding strategies for implementation of the station area plans and development projects.


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