



eTOD RATING SYSTEM FOR EQUITABLE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

With transit-oriented development (TOD) growing in Greater Boston, it's more important than ever to understand what factors contribute to successful TOD in terms of increased transit ridership, environmental sustainability, and social equity. A new rating system developed by the Dukakis Center for Urban & Regional Policy at Northeastern University and MAPC aims to do just that. The Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (eTOD) rating system grades station areas against 10 attributes correlated with less driving, higher transit ridership, and equity.

The Transit category measures the availability, quality, and use of public transportation; the Orientation category shows the prevalence of core transit riders, including renters, lower-income households, and those without vehicles; and the Development category quantifies the density and diversity of land uses in each station area.

The ratings also indicate how new development can improve a given station area. For example, a station with a low Orientation score may need more rental/workforce housing to attract core transit riders; a station with a low Development score may benefit from higher-density development, which creates more destinations near the station. To learn more and see scores for your station area, visit www.tstation.info, which features data-rich profiles of more than 300 Metro Boston transit station areas.