



New Bedford Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

June 21, 2022 Workshop | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Normandin Middle School

81 Felton Street, New Bedford MA 02745

Workshop Hosted by City of New Bedford & SRPEDD



SRPEDD
Southeastern Regional Planning
& Economic Development District



Join us for a neighborhood workshop to help shape New Bedford's future TOD areas!

Whether you're new or have been to meetings, we want to hear your thoughts on this transformative plan.

New to the project or need a refresher?

See the recap on the other side of the page.

Is the plan done? What's next?

The plan isn't done, and we still need your feedback! We are excited to present the draft Urban Design Guidelines and Standards and a summary of the draft zoning. These two documents will help shape future developments so we can achieve our goals.

Join us in-person for a short presentation and provide feedback.

www.srpedd.org/New-Bedford-TOD-Study



Learn more about the project through our website or QR code. You can read the plans and watch video

recaps. You can also reach out to Jennifer Carloni (Jennifer.Carloni@newbedford-ma.gov) for questions or for interpretation needs.

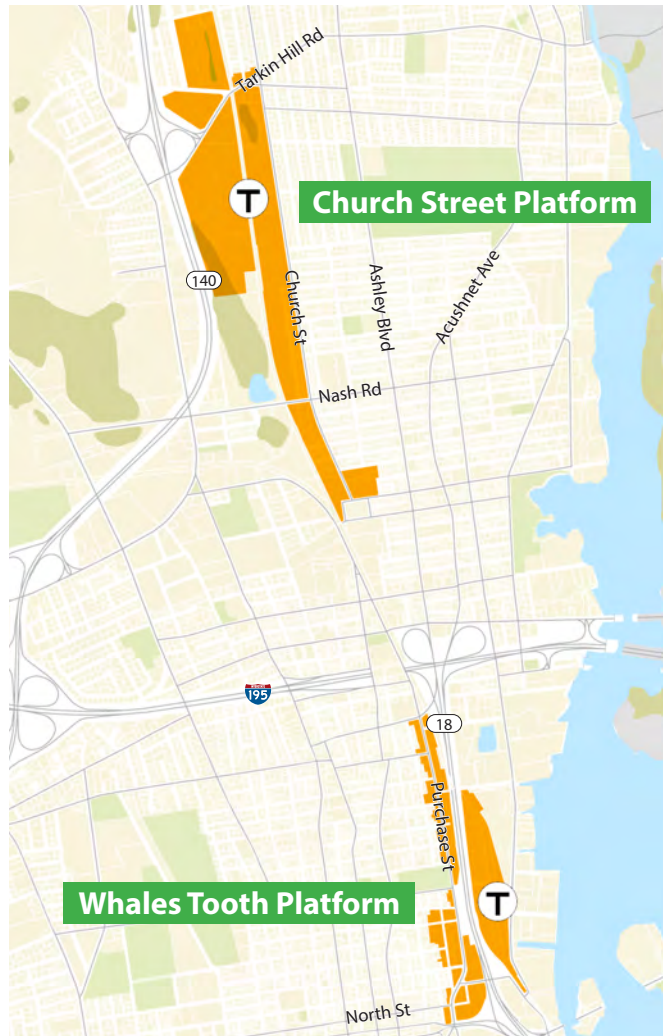
Here's a Quick Overview!

New to the Process?

Need a Refresher?

Where will the future TOD area be?

As part of the MBTA South Coast Rail Project, New Bedford will have two new MBTA stations. Better transit access means more housing and job opportunities for everyone - with less impact to traffic.



What does TOD even mean?

TOD is planner-speak for Transit-Oriented Development.

It's an approach to rethinking our neighborhoods as places we can walk, bike, and take transit, instead of driving. Usually, this means promoting mixed-use neighborhoods, where houses are next to businesses and stores, so everything is easy to walk to. It also means allowing more people to live and work in the area, or as we call it, higher densities.

What public workshops already happened?

You can find all previous workshop materials and recaps on the project page.

- *Open House and Existing Conditions (January 2020)*
- *Future Conditions Workshop and Report (November 2020)*
- *Draft Urban Design Guidelines and Zoning Virtual Workshop (April 2022)*

The next workshop (June 2022) is an in-person version of the April 2022 workshop.

What are we trying to accomplish here?

These are the goals of the plan.



Encourage new **mixed-use development** that is inclusive to all and builds on the area's existing vitality and community connections.



Create new **walkable and bikeable** connections that foster livable and vibrant streetscapes and encourage transit use.



Create jobs and bring **economic development** opportunities to New Bedford, including compatible waterfront, light industrial and commercial uses.



Create human-scaled neighborhoods with welcoming **public spaces and green open spaces**.



Encourage accessible development that promotes and prioritizes **transit use**.



Center **climate resilience** at all scales of design, reducing carbon impact and mitigating the effects of sea level rise, heat island, and stormwater runoff.



Increase the supply of **housing** close to transit and at a range of price points, including affordable housing.