The Regional TOD Advisory Committee last met on March 16. This meeting focused on VISION 2050, specifically a preliminary look at how the Growing Transit Communities Strategy relates to the update of the regional plan. Committee members engaged in small group discussions around strategies that contribute to the region achieving the three major goals of GTC.

**Attract housing and jobs to transit station areas**

The committee identified TOD as a key element in the update of the Regional Growth Strategy. They talked about how the region can leverage transit investments and local planning to focus growth, improve mobility options, and build complete communities. They also talked about many of the challenges and opportunities to encourage development.

**Create and preserve affordable housing choices in transit communities**

The committee stressed the importance of affordable housing as an integral element of the TOD vision. They talked about the need for data on the supply and demand for housing, now and in the future, along with an assessment of the effectiveness of zoning and other housing tools. They also discussed elements of the housing toolbox, such as funding, partnerships, and education, along with the continued displacement threat in many communities.

**Improve access to opportunities for current and future residents**

The GTC Strategy promotes actions to close the gaps among communities in the region related to the economy, health, mobility, education, and neighborhood stability and safety. The committee discussed ways that local and regional efforts that be better focused toward this goal. Comments focused at a high level of data-informed planning and implementation, coordination, and resources, and specifically at improvements to transit station access, economic development, and healthy communities.

For the remaining 3 meetings of 2018, the Regional TOD Advisory Committee is planning on discussing in more detail each of these topic areas. The committee co-chairs will continue to report out to you as this work proceeds, and staff will make more detailed committee discussion summaries available to the board.