

Planning for Transit & Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

This board provides some ideas about how Community Activity Centers (as shown on the 3 Illustrative Concepts) could help make transit service in Lafayette more viable. It also provides some ideas about different types of transit that Lafayette may consider for the future.

The Lafayette community, through the Legacy Lafayette Community Survey and input at meetings throughout the summer, expressed a desire for enhanced transit service, including more regional connections (to Boulder, Denver, etc.). This board outlines the criteria transit agencies use to plan for transit service. It also provides a set of “rules of thumb” typically used to plan for Transit Oriented Development, to complement bus and other transit service.

Community Activity Centers (CACs) as Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

TOD refers to residential and commercial centers designed to maximize access by transit and non-motorized transportation, including biking and walking, with other features to encourage transit ridership. A TOD neighborhood has a center with a rail or bus station, surrounded by relatively higher intensity of development right around the station.

Successful TOD’s include the following elements:

- Designed for people to walk to destinations within a 5-minute walk of the transit station
- Well designed for people bicycling and walking, with attractive streetscape conditions and facilities (good sidewalks, bike racks, etc.)
- Streets and parking areas are well connected
- A mix of development that can include shops and businesses, schools or other public facilities, and a variety of housing, at different price levels
- Areas dedicated to civic uses and gathering places, such as parks or plazas
- Greater concentration of development, including housing and employment, around the transit station.

Transit Options

The following describes the different types of transit service that Lafayette could explore in the future.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

- Higher frequency regional bus service
- Enhanced stops and stations, including shelters and electronic signage
- Dedicated lanes for local or regional service



Local Shuttle

- Local shuttles or circulators connecting different parts of Lafayette
- Could connect with RTD bus lines and regional bus or rail routes



Micro Shuttle or Circulator

- A bus or trolley dedicated to frequent service, moving people along a main street or within a district, such as Old Town
- Example: A micro shuttle running along Public Road in Old Town, or connecting Old Town to west side of town along Baseline



On-Demand Transit Services

- Bus, van, or shuttles routes vary, based on demand, rather than using a fixed route
- Flexible pick-up and drop-off locations
- Transit arranged by phone (dial-a-ride) or through an app

