



Priority Development Area (PDA) Criteria

MTC Planning Committee
ABAG Administration Committee
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Today's Discussion

- **Review of PDA Framework**
- **Discussion of Transit Criteria**
- **Requested Action**

The PDA Program: Basics

- **FOCUS Initiative in 2007-2008 established PDA/PCA framework**
- **100% Voluntary Process:**
 - Locally Nominated
 - Regionally Adopted
- **Today: 190 PDAs**



The PDA Program: Outcomes

- **FOCUS/PDA Grants Support Successful Local Planning**
 - 66,000 housing units
 - 50 million square feet of commercial space
 - 110,000 jobs
- **Plan Bay Area Investments Support PDA Planning and Growth**
- **Framework for Related Regional Collaboration**

Role of Today's Discussion

- **ABAG Regional Planning Committee Action**
- **ABAG Executive Board Discussion**
- **Today's Discussion: Transit Criteria**
- **ABAG Executive Board Action**

PDA Criteria

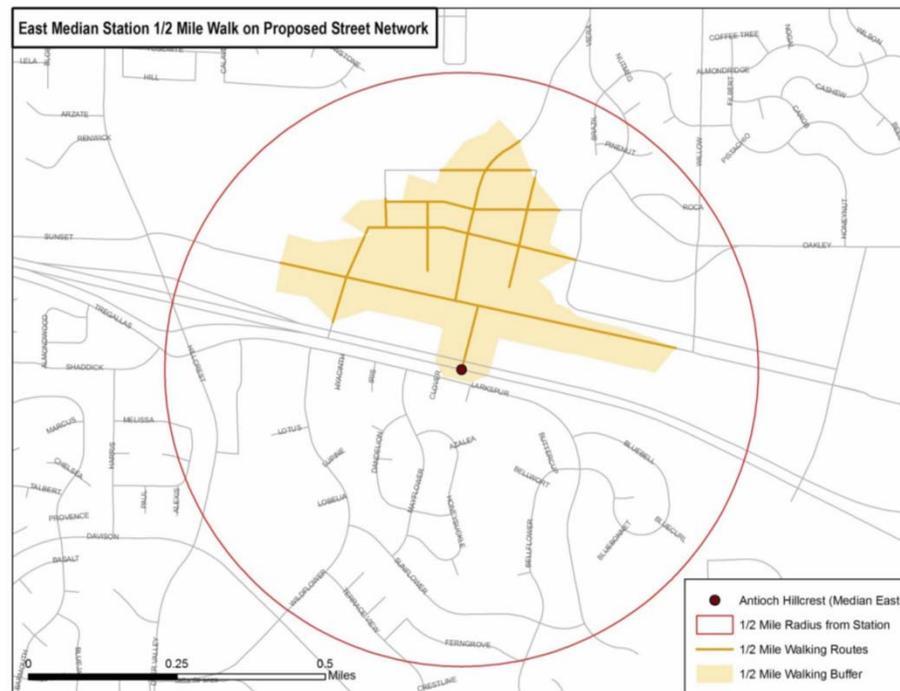
- 1) Area
- 2) Existing Community
- 3) Housing
- 4) Near Transit

PDA Criteria: Near Transit

- **Based on Peer-Reviewed, Rigorous Research**
- **Between workplace & rail station:** very strong preference for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or less walking distance
- **Between home & rail station:** preference for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile or less walking distance; very strong preference for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or less
- **Bus Service:** distance is generally shorter

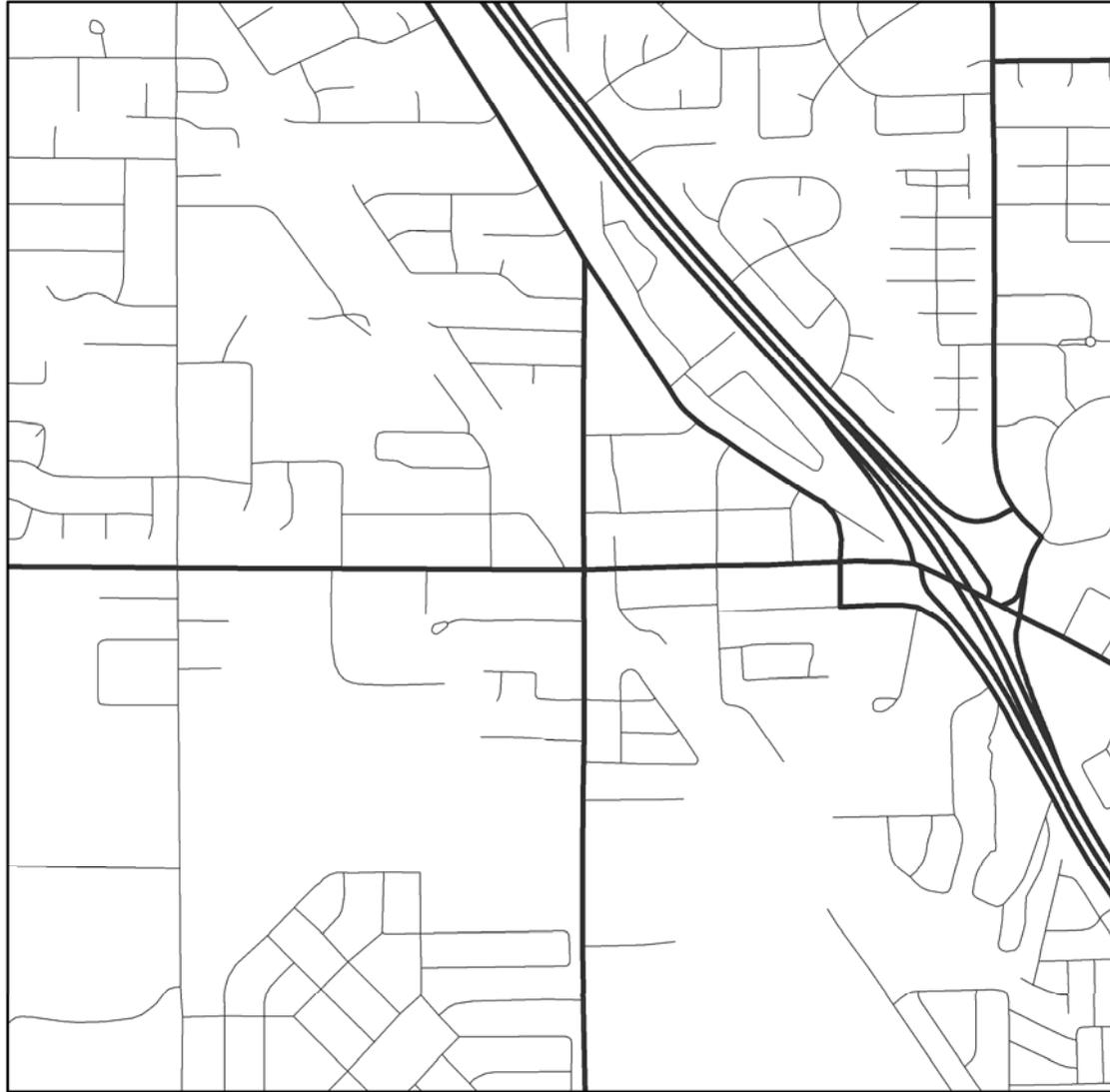
PDA Criteria: Near Transit

- **Walking Distance vs. Crow-flies**



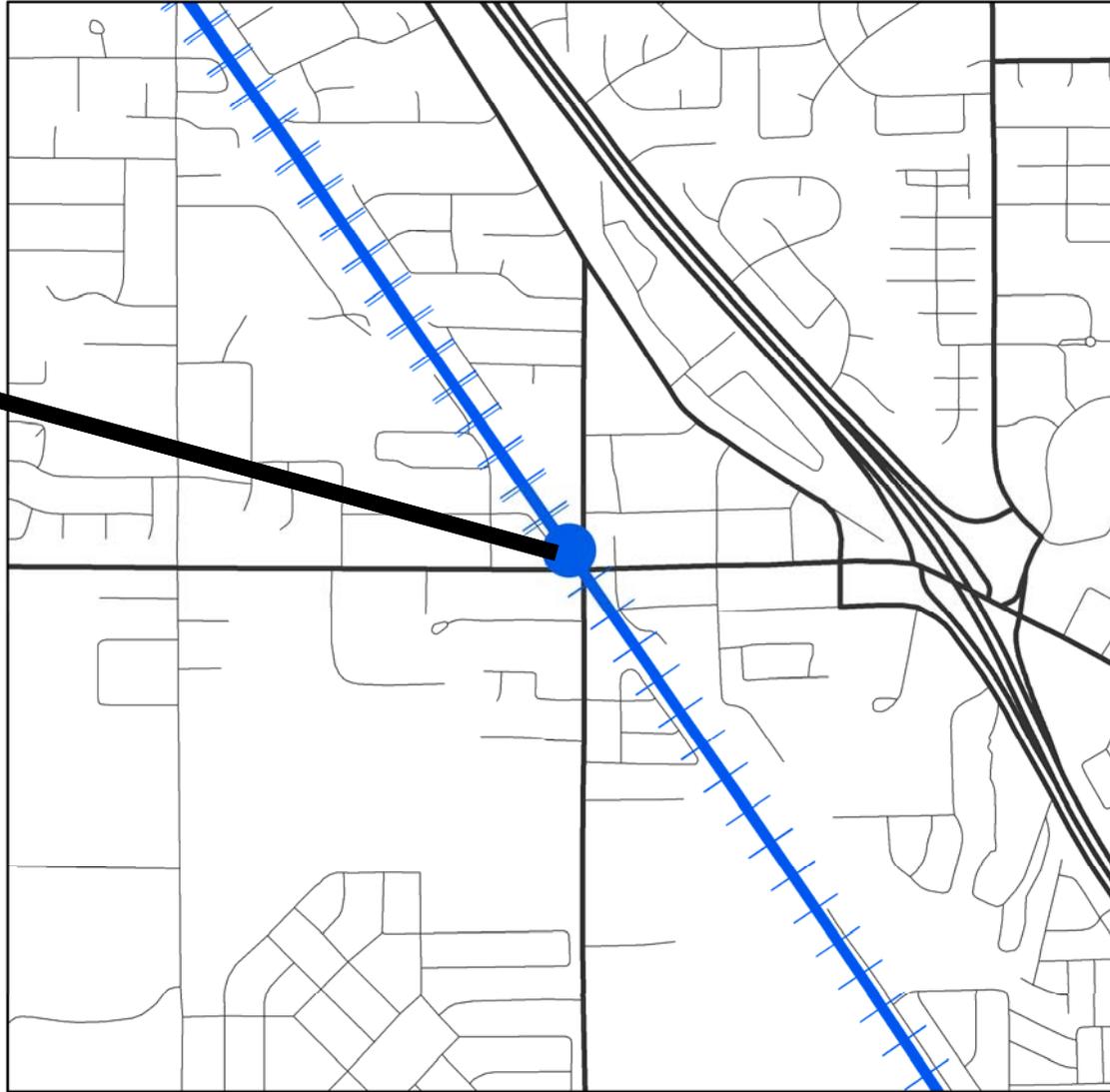
- ***OBAG complements the 1/2 mile radius with connectivity projects***

Example: Windsor



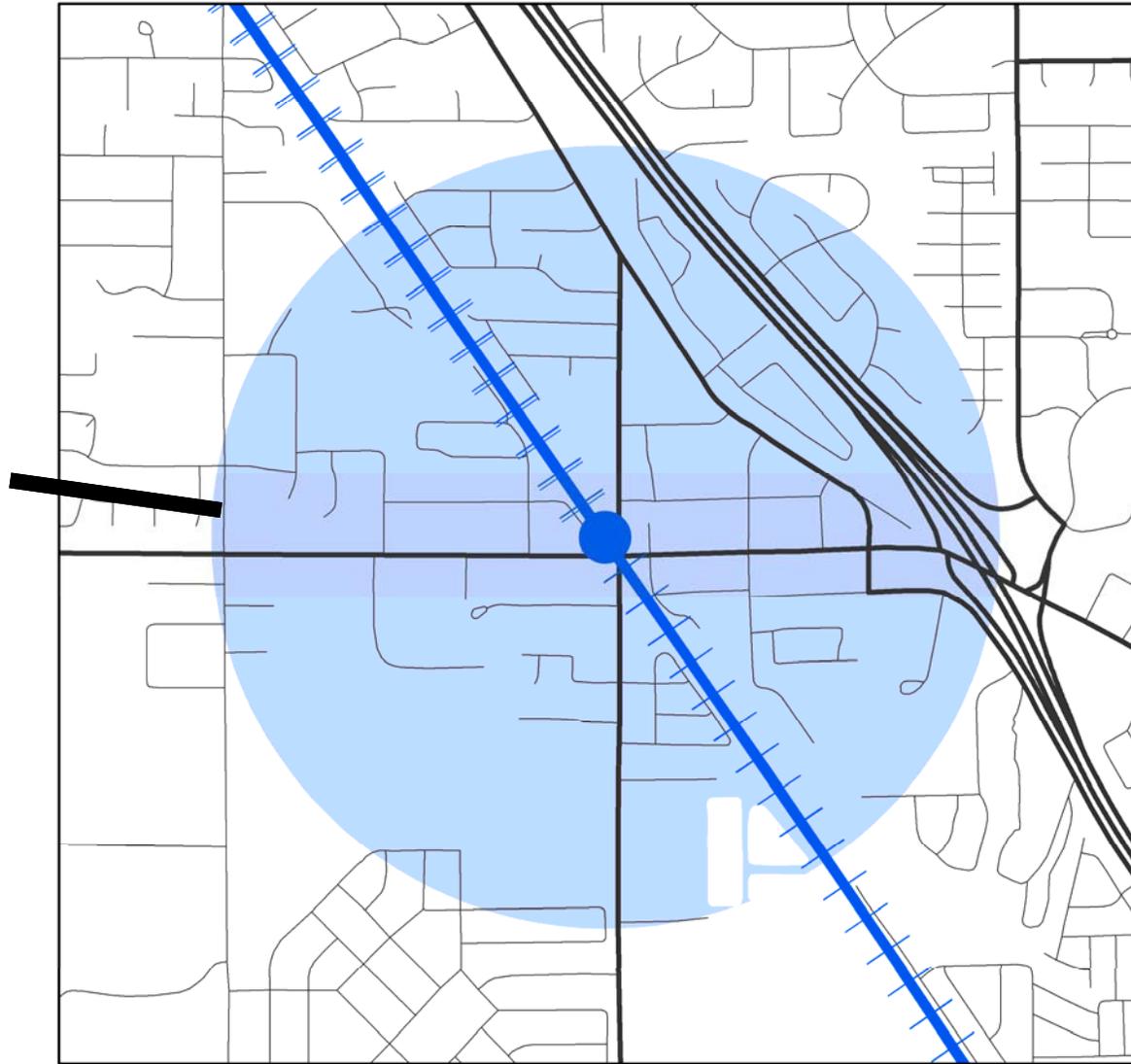
Example: Windsor Redevelopment Area

Future
SMART
Station



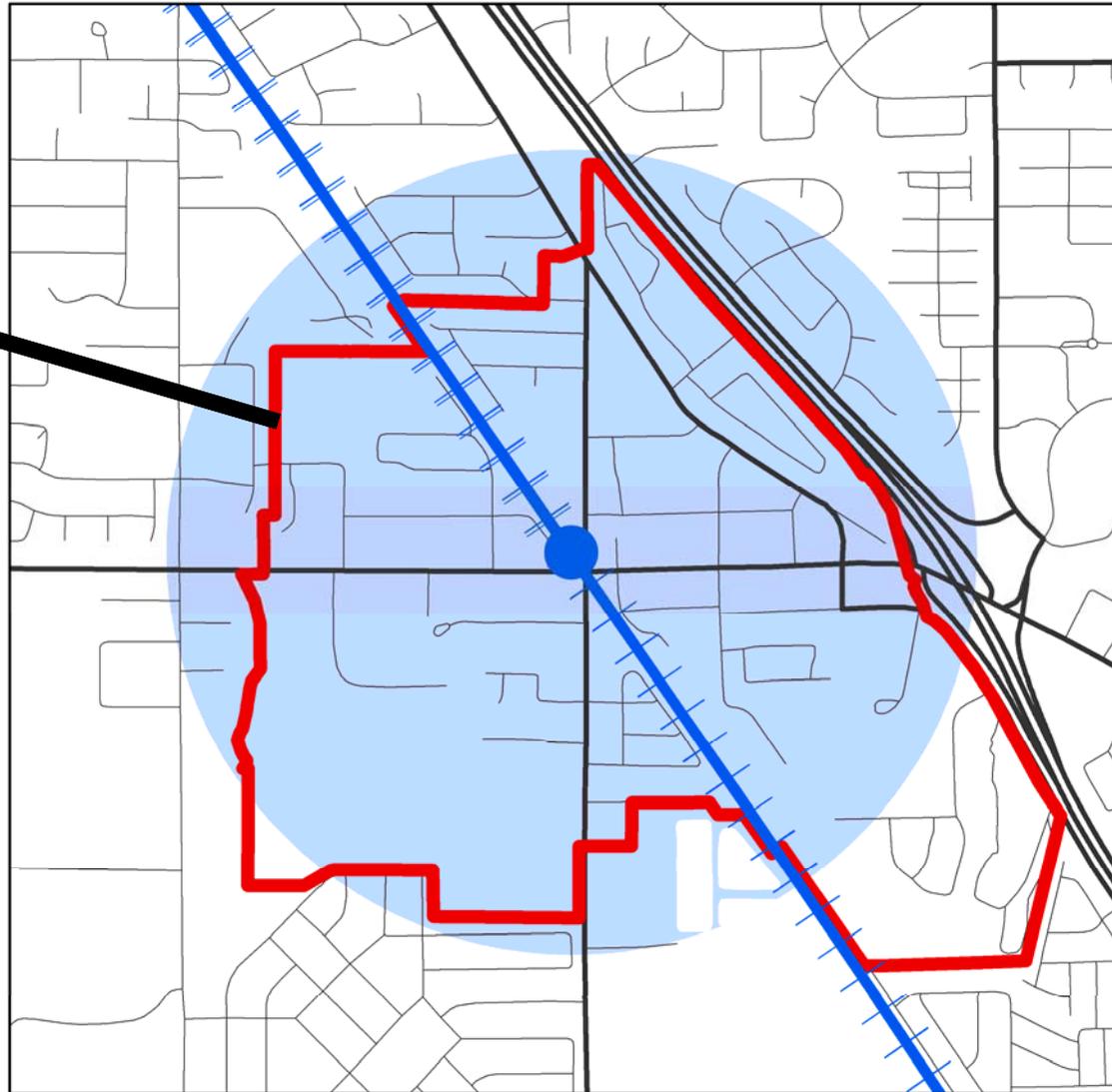
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SMART
Station
Half-
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Buffer



Example: Windsor Redevelopment Area

PDA



Staff Recommendation: ABAG Administrative Committee

Recommend that the ABAG Executive Board retain the current PDA criteria without modification