

TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES

A 2020 COG Board Focus

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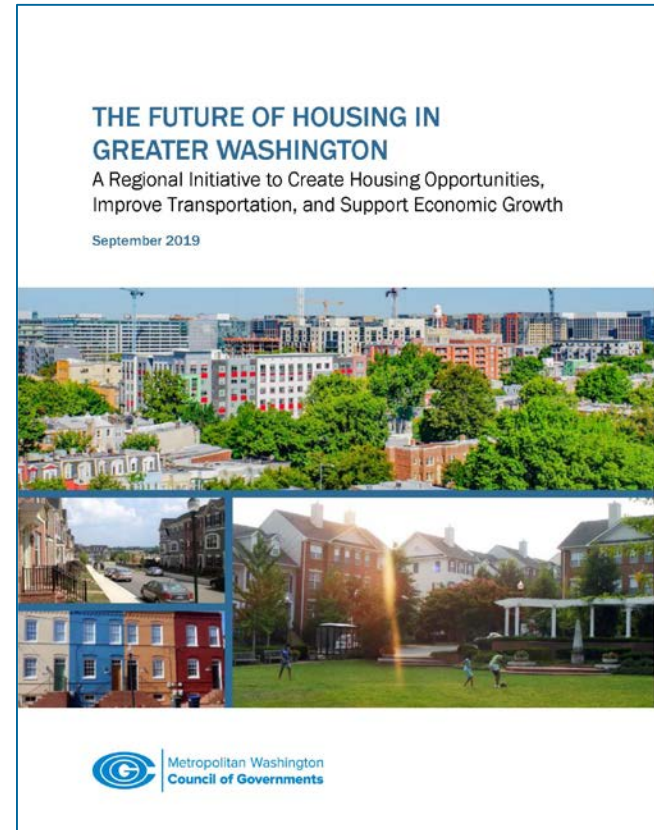
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2019: Housing Initiative

To prepare the region for growth and advance the TPB initiative to ‘Bring Jobs and Housing Closer Together,’ local planning and housing director staff and COG determined:

- Amount of housing needed and region’s ability to produce it.
- Ideal locations for new housing to optimize its proximity to jobs.
- Cost of new housing to ensure it is priced for those who need it.



Regional Housing Targets

Regional Target 1:

AMOUNT

At least 320,000 housing units should be added in the region between 2020 and 2030. This is an additional 75,000 units beyond the units already forecast for this period.

Regional Target 2:

ACCESSIBILITY

At least 75% of all new housing should be in Activity Centers or near high-capacity transit.

Regional Target 3:

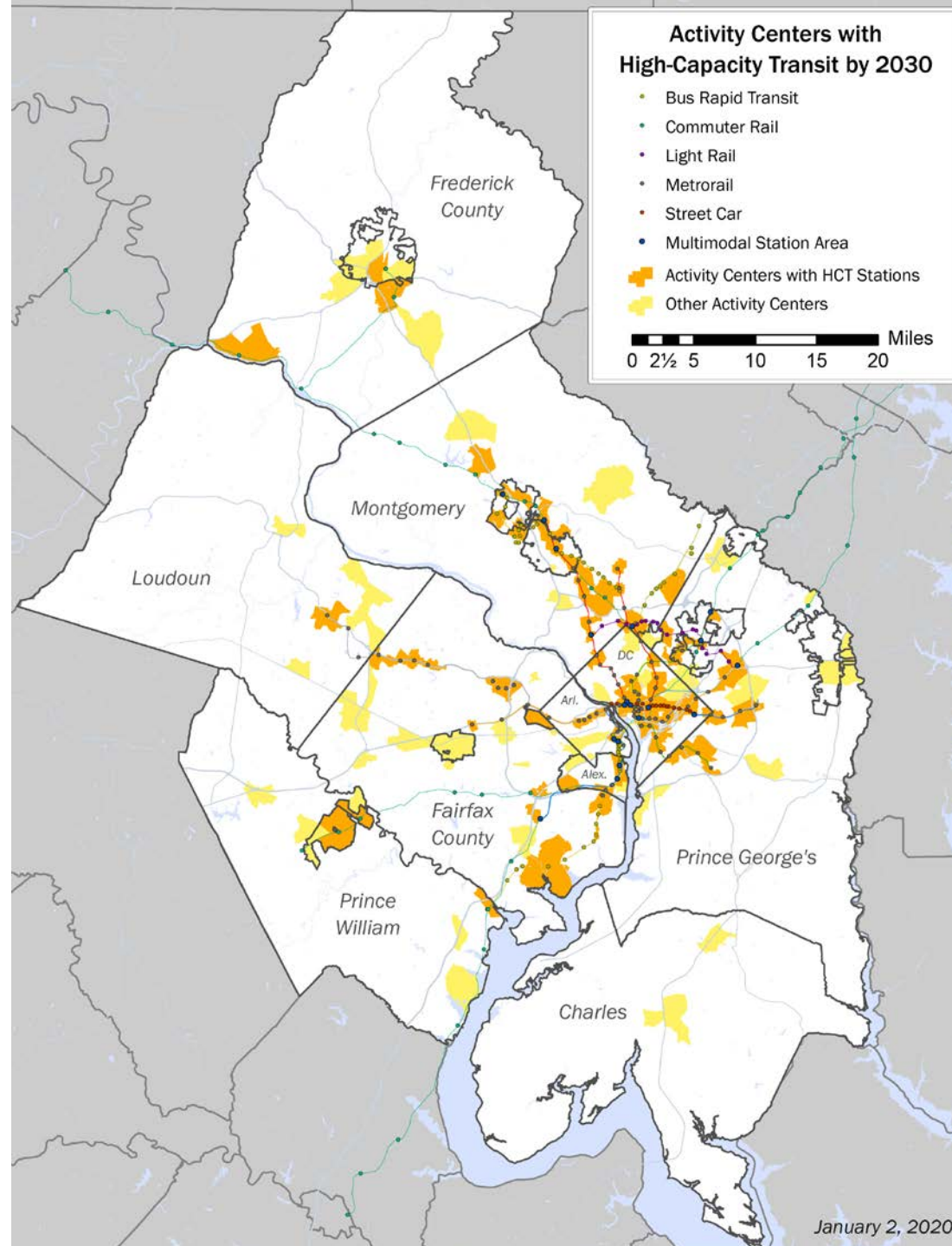
AFFORDABILITY

At least 75% of new housing should be affordable to low- and middle-income households.



Accessibility: An Opportunity

- Jobs target: 75% of new jobs located in Activity Centers.
- Housing target: 75% of new housing located in Activity Centers/near high capacity transit (HCT).
- To achieve housing target: optimize land use around 200+ HCT station areas, enhance transportation connectivity.



Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC)

- Continue shared vision of growth.
- Continue major investments in transit options.
- Do more to ensure quality places are available to residents of all incomes.





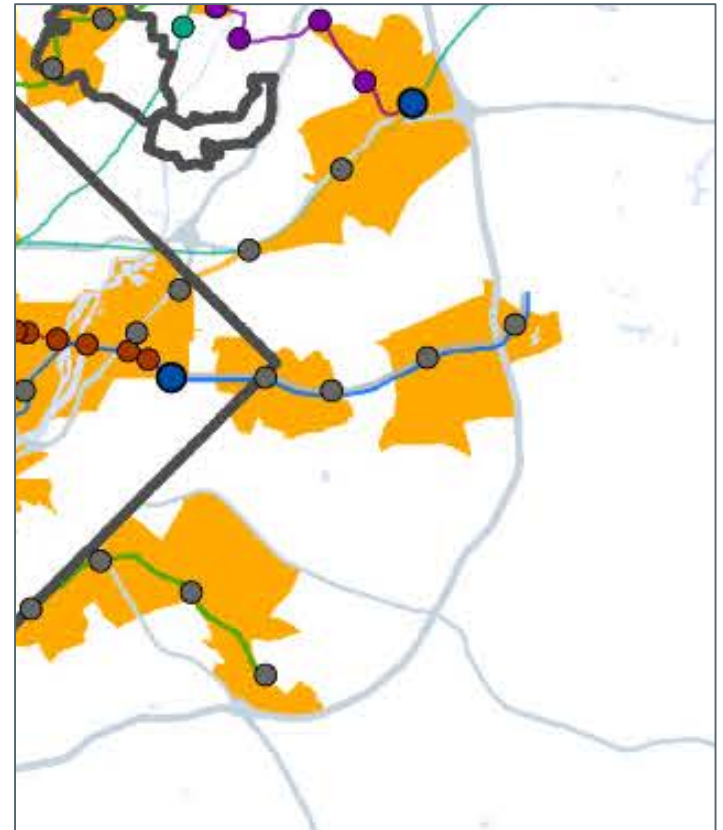
Why focus on High Capacity Transit in 2020?

- Livability, sustainability, prosperity tied to mobility.
- Region can maximize the mobility advantages of HCT systems.
- Builds on billions in transportation investments.
- Officials and developers note that transportation infrastructure can catalyze commercial development but pose challenges for producing housing at all affordability levels.



#1: HCT Station Area Locations

- Develop an interactive, regional HCT station areas tool to:
 - Identify and classify HCT stations in the region.
 - Relate HCT stations to Activity Centers and Equity Emphasis Areas.
 - Identify current and planned transportation investments.



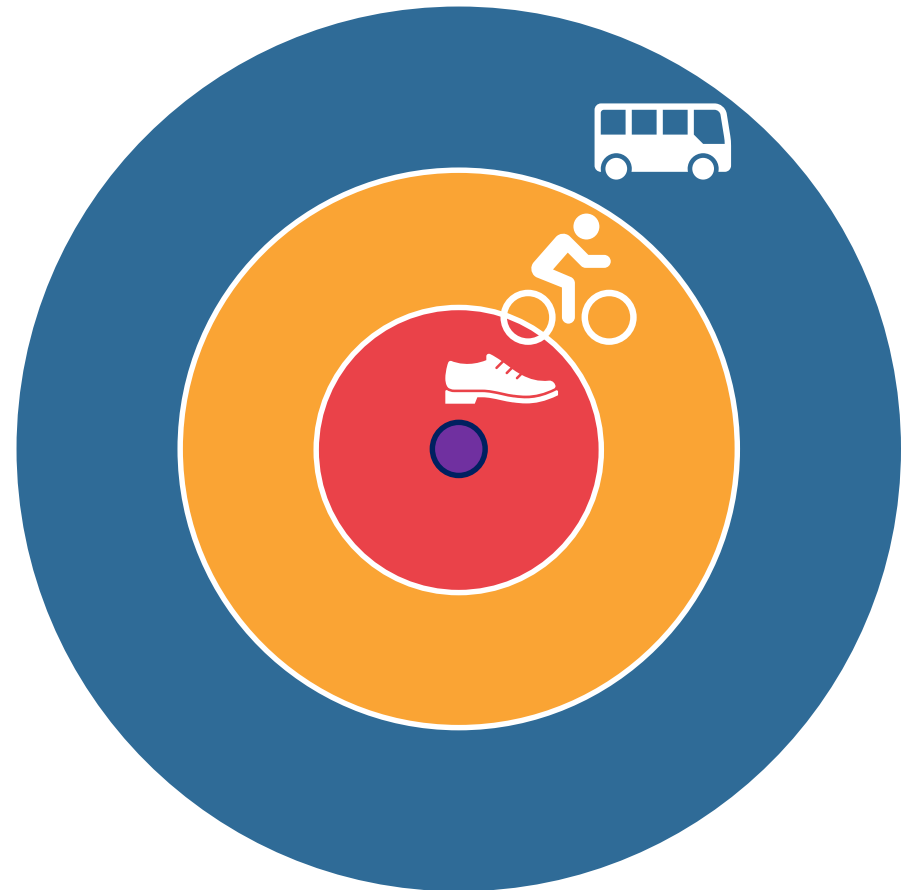
#2: Understanding HCT Station Areas

- Enhance the HCT station areas tool with:
 - Current and forecasts demographics (Housing and Jobs).
 - Regional Activity Center typology.
 - Linkages to jurisdictional zoning and housing policies.



#3: Connectivity in HCT Station Areas

- Examine options to improve connectivity within HCT station areas.
 - Walkshed analysis.
 - Micromobility analysis (bicycles, scooters).
 - Microtransit analysis (shuttles, small feeder buses).



Next Steps

- Coordination with TPB, Planning Directors, and other technical committees.
- Follow-up presentations beginning in Spring 2020 to the COG Board on progress on work activities.

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