

## HUD AND DOT AWARD \$6 MILLION TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IN CALIFORNIA

*Unprecedented joint funding to foster integrated approach to housing, jobs and transportation*

WASHINGTON – In an unprecedented collaboration between two federal agencies, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) today jointly awarded nearly \$6 million to help stimulate a new generation of sustainable and livable communities in California, connect housing, employment and economic development with transportation and other infrastructure improvements. The joint HUD-DOT funding will support 62 local and regional partnerships seeking to create a more holistic and integrated approach to connecting affordable housing, job opportunities and transportation corridors.

“Today two federal agencies come together to produce a win-win for local communities around the country,” said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. “We’re helping local and regional planners connect all the dots in their efforts to make their communities more sustainable and livable. These grants will help communities to hit on all cylinders, producing more affordable housing near good jobs and commercial centers which will help to reduce our energy consumption and increase competitiveness.”

DOT Secretary Ray LaHood said, “With the investments HUD and DOT are making today, we are strengthening neighborhoods by connecting housing with affordable and sustainable transportation choices. This is a win-win for people who live in these communities because they will have travel options to better serve them.”

HUD is awarding \$40 million in new [Sustainable Community Challenge Grants](#) to help support local planning designed to integrate affordable housing, good jobs and public transportation. Meanwhile, DOT is awarding nearly \$28 million in *TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) II Planning Grants* to implement localized plans that ultimately lead to projects that integrate transportation, housing and economic development.

HUD is awarding the following grants in California....

The **City of Santa Monica** will be awarded **\$652,500**. Santa Monica will develop a **master plan** to transform **140 acres** of industrial land into a transit-oriented, mixed-use neighborhood that features affordable, workforce, and market-rate housing, creative arts employment and exhibition, performance and incubator space, strong connections to light rail and bus transit, bicycle and pedestrian connections, new parks and public space, and upgraded and expanded infrastructure. The master plan is a critical component of the citywide vision to integrate land use and transportation to achieve reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled, and create a sustainable local community. **The master plan will connect the Bergamot Station, Transit Village, and Mixed-Use Creative District to the new Exposition Light Rail**, which will connect Santa Monica to the densely populated Los Angeles Westside, including Culver City, West Los Angeles, and Downtown Los Angeles. For more information, contact Nathan Birnbaum at 310-458-8350.