Opportunities Around Light Rail
Panel Discussion
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Population Density Along MetroLink by Municipality

- Not evenly distributed within cities
- But is an overall “climate” and opportunity
Despite a Total Population Loss in St. Louis of **28,895** from 2000 to 2010, the **20 - 29** and **50 - 64** Age Groups grew by **20,396**.

- **Age 20 - 29**:
  - 2000: 15.8%
  - 2010: 19.1%
  - Growth: +5,925

- **Age 50 - 64**:
  - 2000: 12.4%
  - 2010: 18.1%
  - Growth: +14,471

- **Both Groups**:
  - 2000: 28.2%
  - 2010: 37.2%
  - Growth: +20,396
MetroLink Prom – Courtship with Generation Y

MetroLink Prom 2009
the Enchanted Ride

Because you don’t need a fairy godmother
when you’re transit savvy

Friday
October 23
7:30 pm
Forest Park
Station
You need train fare,
formal wear,
& dancing shoes.

tinyurl.com/metrolinkprom
MetroLink Station Areas within the City of St. Louis

City MetroLink Stations:
- 6 Downtown
- 2 Central
- 3 West Urban
- 1 Not So Urban
Downtown – Has Been TOD

Previously on Rails
- Streetcars
- Heavy rail underneath in tunnels now used for MetroLink
Railroad & Land Use Legacy

- Crossing of River via Eads Bridge
- Underneath downtown/subway/light rail
- Then alignment gets tricky – old industrial area/back doors
- Transition areas like CORTEX
Existing Corridor has its Challenges
Proposed CORTEX Station – Land Use Transformation
Downtown Stations

- Most of downtown has no zoning requirement for parking
- Expanding the zoning toolbox in other areas
Delmar/Forest Park Stations – Considering as One Development Area
Delmar/Forest Park Stations

Change to zoning code:
• Summer 2012 allows for form based overlay zones
• Tool for transforming areas to be dense, walkable, more mixed
• Developer or City initiated
Vacant & Metro Owned Land

Delmar/Forest Park
- Treat as one study
- Mixture of assets
  - Forest Park
  - Wash U
  - “The Loop”
- Streetcar
- Vacant, Metro owned land – underutilized land
Next Steps:

- **EWGCC** – Development Plan for Union Station/ Civic Center
- **City/SLDC** – RFP soon for Development Plan for Delmar/Forest Park - Arch/Laclede’s Landing
- **CMT/ULI** – TAP for Grand