



Smart Growth America
Making Neighborhoods Great Together

Owning Success – Group Exercise

- Introduction of activity and objectives
- Roles
- Activities time guidelines
- Product

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Objectives

- Understand public transportation challenges from different perspectives
- “Walk in the shoes” of others to explore range of issues
- Review areas of agreement and disagreement
- Exchange ideas for better problem solving
- Explore processes and policies that would promote better collaboration

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Scenario 1: New Bus Rapid Transit



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Scenario 2: Developing a New Transit Center



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Exercise Timeline

- 3 minutes – As a group and pick your scenario
- 3 minutes - read your role/character and think about your position and how to answer the discussion questions
- 1 minute – introductions of “roles”, staying in character
- 20 minutes – under the guidance of the transit agency **project manager** (*one of you got that role*), develop a list of recommendations for the project based on the diverse points of view discussed while answering the questions. After the list is complete, review the list and **mark** each item as follows:
 - **Green: most of the group agrees**
 - **Yellow: some of group agrees**
 - **Red: little or no agreement**
- 15 minutes - reconvene as a large group to discuss key findings and observations from the group exercise, with project sponsors sharing results

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Discussion questions to develop recommendations:

- Do you support the project, and if so, why? If not, why not?
- What do you see as the potential “deal-breakers” to implementing and operating the project?
- What issues are of greatest concern?
- What benefits are likely to result, and who will benefit?
- What would happen if the project could not advance?
- **What do you see as the priority “must haves” to make the projects work?** (use this question to develop recommendations for “coding”)

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How should FDOT participate in transit projects during:

- Systems planning?
- Project planning?
- Environmental review?
- Project design?
- Project funding and finance
- Project construction?
- Operations?

What relationships—internal and external to the agency—are required achieve this?

Transit Mission—The mission of the FDOT Transit Office is to “identify, support, advance, and manage cost-effective, efficient, and safe transportation systems and alternatives to maximize the passenger-carrying capacity of surface transportation facilities.”

