Enabling Better Mechanisms for Green TOD

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GTOD = Energy efficient buildings + Sustainable TOD



Cervero and Sullivan (2011) Green TODs

Hammarby Sjostad: Stockholm Sweden	Rieselfeld: Frieburg, Germany	Kogarah Town Square, Sydney, Australia
 Brownfield redevelopment 160 ha 20,000 inhabitants Tramway connection 	 Planned in early 1990s 90 ha 9100 residents Tramway extension 	 50,000 sqf of office&retail space 30,000 sqf of community space 194 residents Kogarah train station









Civic Square in West Kowloon. The shopping mall, apartments and two five-star hotels were all developed or are now owned and managed by the MTR. Photograph: Photogenic/Alamy





Hong Kong West Kowloon Shanghai Lujiazui Singapore Marina Bay

Asia's High Density Green Mass Rapid TODs

Siloed Policies for Green Buildings & Green Transit





Enable Better Mechanisms for GTOD



We need systemic approaches to rethink

- A. Land readjustment
- B. Procurement
- C. Partnerships

A. Land Readjustment Model in Earlier Phases of Urban Development



Source: Arai,Yuko; Sakaki,Shigeyuki; Chen,Mansha (2019). Land Readjustment in Japan : Case Study (English). Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.

Challenge: Gridlocks of aging urban buildings

Green buildings





Public spaces

Land sales revenue to cover compensation of owners, MRT construction and operating costs



Singapore's Strategic Development Incentive Scheme

2019 -2024 Pilot

Goal: encourage the redevelopment of older buildings in strategic areas into new, bold and innovative developments that will positively transform the surrounding urban environment

Incentives:

- Increase in gross plot ratio or gross floor area;
- Land use and use quantum;
- Building height.

GTOD Placemaking

Singapore's Strategic Development Incentive Schemes 2019 -2024

• Goal: encourage the redevelopment of older buildings *(under multiple ownership)* in strategic areas *(near MRT stations)* into new *(green),* bold and innovative developments *(mixed uses)* that will positively transform the surrounding urban environment *(public spaces)*

Harnessing local community's ingenuity and creativity

Regulation: planning parameters + green building regulation + voting mechanism **Incentive:** deviations from planning parameters allowed if proposal is approved, benefits must by sufficiently large Land value capture: Betterment charge for Bonus GFA or additional development intensity to finance transit and other green building initiatives





B. Renewable energy procurement

On-vehicle solar (consumer-owned)



Chinese Battery Electric Buses, with solar panels.

Indian Railways

On-site solar (consumer-owned)



Shanghai Metro Rooftop Solar

Delhi Metro Vertical Solar

Aggregating rooftop solar & batteries for transit



Source: ADB (2022) "Guidebook for Demand Aggregation: Way forward for rooftop solar in India." Figure 9 (modified).

C. Risk sharing PPPs for larger-sites

- Larger sites can impact and transform the built environment in a major way
- Examples:
 - Canary Wharf, London (40 ha site, GFA 1.5 million sqm)
 - Roppongi Hills, Tokyo (11 ha site, GFA 724,000 sqm)
 - Tianhui TOD TOWN, Shanghai (20 ha site, GFA 700,000 sqm)
- Benefits:
 - allows developers to apply a more holistic approach to larger-scale integrated development projects
 - a master developer has far more discretion in the development process—from master planning, mix of uses, phasing and construction to asset management and sale of the completed projects
- Risks:
 - for developer and financiers include changing business cycles, volatility in supply and demand, interest rate hikes and increases in construction cost, changes in policies and regulations

Concluding observations

- Race to zero requires transformational changes and major investments
- Honolulu 2022 commute mode shares: Transit 7%; Walking 8.5%; Biking 2.1%
- TOD acceptance require supporting policies
 - Amenities within 15 minutes walk of housing developments
 - Infrastructure for walking, biking and transit connections
 - Policies to discourage auto use
 - Engagement with communities to change preferences
- Develop improved and integrated approaches for GTOD
 - From land readjustment to strategic GTOD placemaking
 - From consumer-owned to utility scale third party aggregation for rooftop and battery systems
 - From risk transfer to risk sharing PPP arrangements