

POSITIONS FOR CO-CHAIR TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF TOD COUNCIL

There are numerous TOD-related measures that are taken up by the State Legislature, and to a lesser extent, County Councils that affect TOD and the TOD Council. A general summary of the types of legislative measures, along with the proposed TOD Council positions as follows:

1. Strategic Plan and TOD project appropriations
Position: Support measures for implementation of the TOD Strategic Plan and appropriations for TOD Projects in the Strategic Plan, provided that passage of any appropriations does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget.
2. Administration bills related to the duties and administration of the TOD Council.
Position: The TOD Council, through the Co-chairs, should provide supporting testimony on administration bills related to the duties and administration of the TOD Council.
3. Measures which propose to give the TOD Council additional resources or powers.
Position: Support the intent provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget; and/or support expanded capacity or powers provided they are in line with the TOD Council's mission and do not impair existing programs.
4. Measures which propose to revise the TOD Council's existing programs.
Position: Oppose revisions that impose restrictive requirements that negatively impact the financial feasibility of projects or the program itself. Support revisions that provide greater flexibility in meeting the TOD Council's mission.
5. Measures which propose to diminish the TOD Council's resources or powers.
Position: Oppose.
6. Measures which relate to TOD.
While the TOD Council generally does not testify on measures that do not impact the TOD Council, legislators may ask the TOD Council for testimony on other transit-oriented development measures.
Position: None; however, provide information.