

**THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (ETOD)**

You love where you live when your neighborhood is designed to connect you to what you need. ETOD is about planning with communities so that people of all income levels experience the benefits of dense, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly living near transit hubs. Imagine Chicago as a city that no longer concentrates poverty and racially segregates people; where social and economic opportunities share intersections; where racism no longer is systemic in city policies, programs or investments; and where a person's race or zip code no longer determines their health or their wealth.

**What is ETOD?**

It's locally owned businesses that build wealth for Black, Brown and Indigenous people.

It's vibrant spaces where artists create, perform and work in ways that reflects the community.

It's green, climate-friendly and fully accessible infrastructure.

It's capital investments that bring jobs and value for those who live there.

It's water management, shade structures and other tools of climate resiliency.

It's options for getting around, including public transit bus and rail.

It's streets, sidewalks and paths that encourage exploration, promote health and feel safe.

It's affordable housing located near public transit.

It's urban planning done with, not to, community members.

What do you want to have where you live?

It's easy access to healthy food and health resources.

It's open, clean and welcoming, so that everyone feels safe.



# A NEW COURSE

# How is equitable transit-oriented development prioritized in Chicago?

Never before has the City been better prepared to commit to a new course that is founded on the power of community, that commits to desegregating our city, that provides community wealth building pathways for all...and that promotes healthy communities to close the racial life expectancy gap.

**ETOD happens when City departments and communities work together.**

ETOD is done with community, not to it. So let's look at how the City budgets with the community priorities in mind, from public health and public safety, upgraded sidewalks and parks, and....



... public, public-private and private investments to build new spaces communities want, like mixed-use developments for retail stores, restaurants and affordable housing.

**ETOD levels the playing field for communities across the city.**



Without an equitable TOD policy, the development of new housing, retail and mixed-use buildings has been concentrated in communities that are lived in by majority white people.



Between 2016 and 2019, 90% of new TOD projects took place on the North and Northwest sides, downtown and around the West Loop. Very little TOD activity occurred near station areas on the South and West sides.

**ETOD helps Chicago plan to become a city that works for everyone.**

Every community should enjoy plenty of open, public space. Access to art and culture. Walkable, safe and accessible blocks. Mobility without car ownership.



Our city's next comprehensive plan should call for affordable housing, mixed-use developments, jobs and services near transit, across the city.

“Every Chicagoan, no matter what side of the City they reside on, should have access to both our world-class transportation system and the recreational, housing, and environmental benefits that come with it. The new ETOD Policy Plan will expand this access and give our most disinvested neighborhoods the long overdue opportunity to enjoy these benefits while not being forced out of the community they call home. I look forward to working closely with our Departments of Transportation, Housing and Public Health, the Chicago Transit Authority, Planning and Development, and other key stakeholders as we take this next step to bringing the values of equity and inclusion into our urban development agenda.”  
—Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, City of Chicago

