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Latino Immigrant Communities and Equity in Transit Oriented Development



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THE ISSUE

How does Transit Oriented Development (TOD) impact and revitalize low-income Latino immigrant communities?

THE RESEARCH

Using three case studies and semi-structured interviews, this project analyzed how redevelopment projects benefited low-income Latino immigrant communities.

THE IMPLICATIONS

This research defined how TOD impacted revitalization and economics development in low-income Latino immigrant communities.

Image: Peninsula Station TOD in City of San Mateo by quadriga-news.blogspot.com

The Research

This comparative three-case study has two main foci:

1. Semi-structured interviews, with multi-method triangulation, explore how and to what extent the case study low-income Latino immigrant communities were able to make large-scale redevelopments benefit their communities.
2. Interviews and analyses of reported data will be used in assessing the actual outcomes and impacts of TOD in terms of impacts in communities, including changes in equity and opportunities at community level. Throughout the research project, a particular emphasis will be on decision-making processes and how various stakeholders (especially from the community and the transit agencies) interacted in developing and implementing the projects.

Expected products include at least two peer reviewed articles, plus case-based teaching materials to be developed later.

The Issue

TOD debates focus on impacts of transportation infrastructure projects and associated land use changes expected to encourage local walkability, use of public transportation, housing, and economic/business development. An emerging debate considers TOD and low-income minority communities

The Implications

This comparative research aims to shed light on how, under what circumstances, and through what mechanisms TOD impacts revitalization and economic development of low-income Latino immigrant communities, with a special focus on equity, community involvement and agency.

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