

**URBAN CORRIDOR PLANNING INITIATIVE/
TRANSIT CORRIDOR ORDINANCE
CITY OF HOUSTON**

Background

The purpose of the Urban Corridor Planning Initiative is to encourage an urban environment that improves pedestrian mobility, supports METRO's light rail investment, and helps accommodate the City's anticipated growth. The initiative began in the spring 2006. A Stakeholder Group was formed and a citywide workshop was held to identify top public concerns in the light rail corridors. A consultant team was hired, analysis and public workshops were conducted for each METRO light rail corridor. Over 800 people participate and provided input to this point in the process. Detailed reports with recommendations for each corridor were developed. The Mixed-Use/TOD Committee of the Houston Planning Commission was convened to shape proposed rules and prepare draft ordinance. The Committee recommended a two prong approach to the rules; mandatory and opt-in.

Current Situation

The Houston Planning Commission approved the proposed rules on June 11, 2009. City Council adopted the rules on August 19, 2009.

Requested Action

Information only