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Partnership for Sustainable Communities



PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Mission

To meet the President's challenge for our agencies to work together to encourage and fully assist rural, suburban and urban areas to build sustainable communities and to make building these communities as commonplace as the current predominant style of development in the United States.

“For too long, federal policy has actually encouraged sprawl and congestion and pollution, rather than quality public transportation and smart, sustainable development. And we've been keeping communities isolated when we should have been bringing them together.

And that's why we've created a new interagency partnership on sustainable communities, led by Shaun Donovan, as well as Ray LaHood and Lisa Jackson. And by working together, their agencies can make sure that when it comes to development -- housing, transportation, energy efficiency -- these things aren't mutually exclusive; they go hand in hand. And that means making sure that affordable housing exists in close proximity to jobs and transportation. That means encouraging shorter travel times and lower travel costs. It means safer, greener, more livable communities.”

President Barack Obama, July 13, 2009





Partnership Principle:

Provide More Transportation Options





Twinbrook Station
Rockville, MD

Partnership Principle: Expand location- and energy-efficient housing choices



Chattanooga, TN



Partnership Principle:

Improve economic competitiveness of neighborhoods



Partnership Principle: Target funding toward existing communities



Portland, OR



Partnership Principle:
Align federal policies and funding
to remove barriers and increase the

effectiveness of programs.



Partnership Principle: Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities



Adams, IA

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Efforts of the Partnership

- Developing tools and resources:
 - Affordability Index
 - Best Practices and Performance Measures
 - Transit-oriented Development Action Guide
- Creation and joint implementation of grants and programs
 - HUD Sustainable Communities Grants
 - EPA Brownfield and Smart Growth Technical Assistance
- Coordination of policies and funding:
 - Removing federal barriers
 - Leveraging federal funding



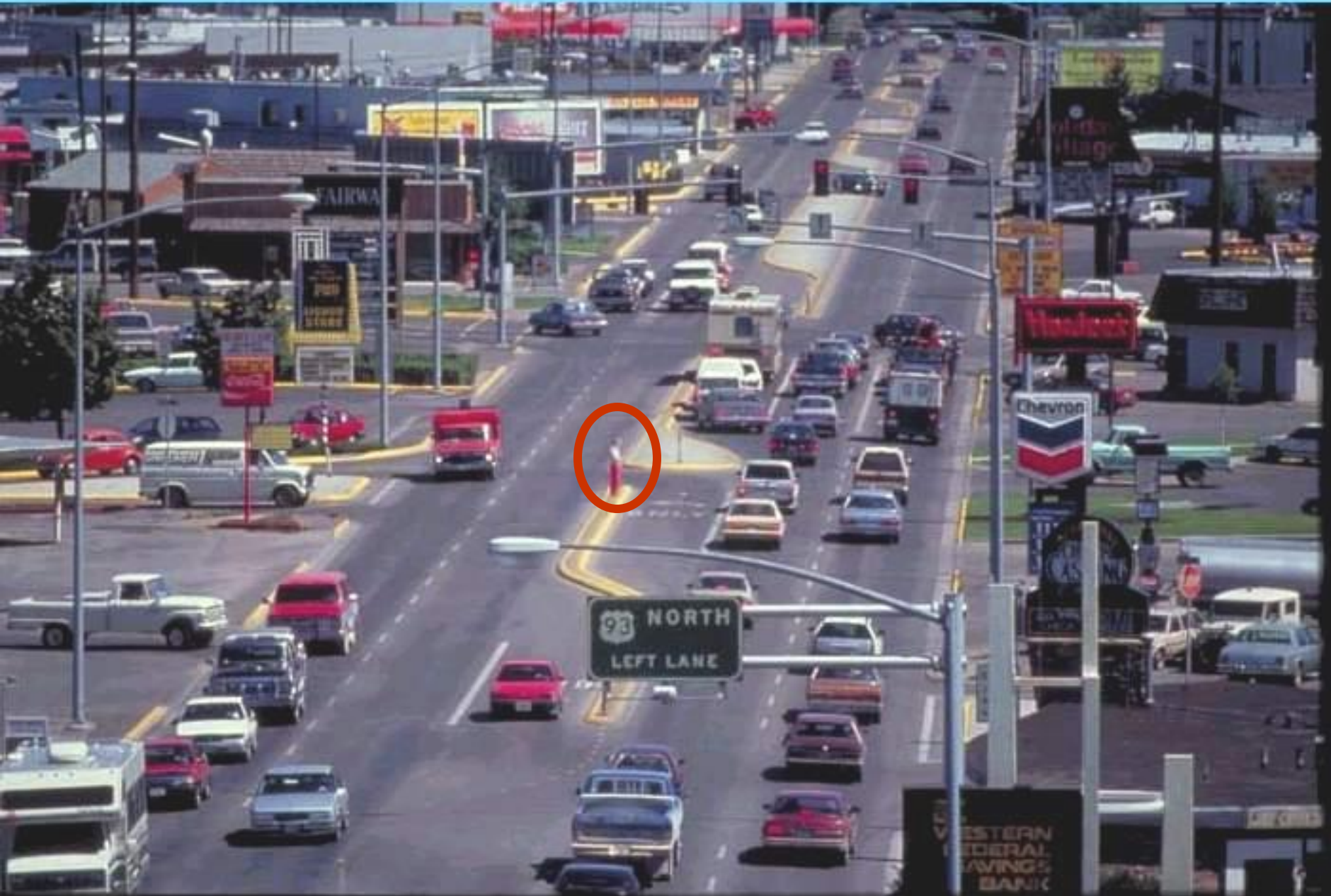
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DOT Actions

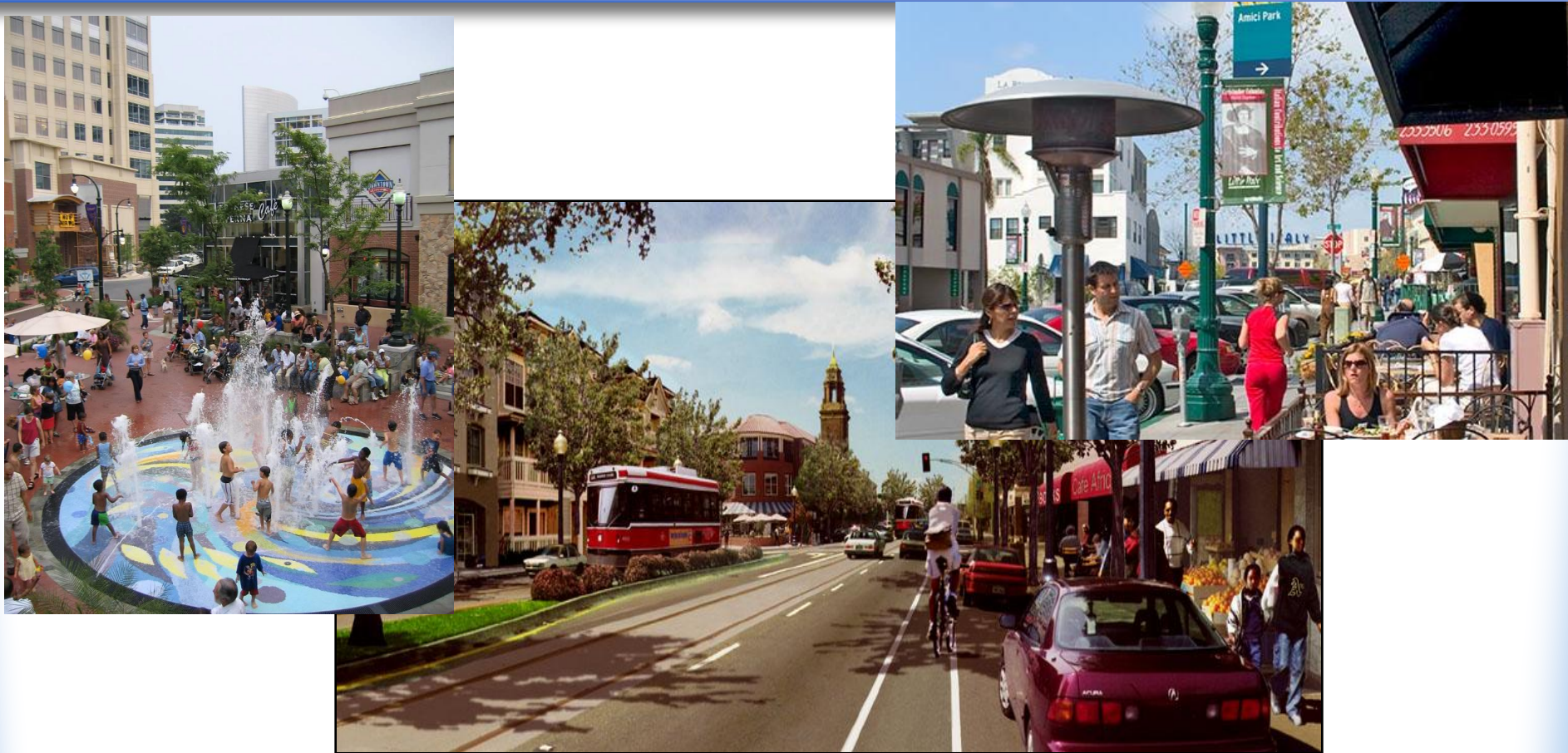
- **TIGER** Discretionary Grant Program
- Bicycle/pedestrian policies
- Livability Pilot Programs
 - ◆ Bus and Urban Circulator livability projects
- Funds for transit capital projects
- Livability Research
 - ◆ Strategies for Livable Communities



A Legal Highway



The pedestrian is the indicator species for a healthy, vibrant community



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