



UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY



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Draper City Council
Draper City Planning Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

A few years ago the market demand for transit-oriented developments (TOD) was strong in only a handful of large, heavily congested metropolitan areas such as Washington D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco. TOD is now beginning to flourish in less urbanized areas, including Utah.

TODs have been touted as a mechanism for managing growth, encouraging owners and tenants to change the patterns of how they live, work, and play. This type of progressive development is appealing to demographic groups such as millennials and baby boomers and fits with changes in land use recommended by Envision Utah, the Regional Growth Plan, and Draper City initiatives.

Murray City-based Hamlet Homes has been one of the TOD leaders in the region. While the market success of Hamlet's TOD communities can be attributed to their infill location and urban amenities, other benefits include increasing transit ridership and decreasing current and future congestion on Utah's roads.

As planning for significant population growth along the Wasatch Front continues, TODs will become an increasingly valuable component for cities. Cities and builders – like Hamlet – with vision and foresight will be recognized for their wisdom in creating beautiful neighborhoods in close proximity to transit facilities.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

