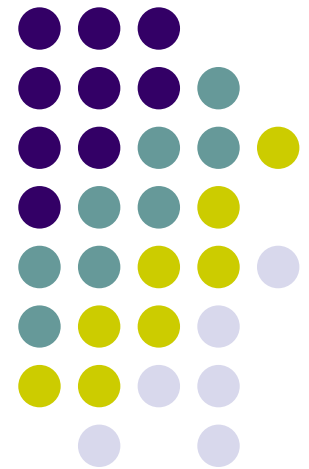


# Transit Around the Nation II: Seattle, Washington

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# Similarities

- Saw similarities with the Mt. Rainer Valley area and West Baltimore, such as:
  - Residents not being fully aware of the impact of transit in their communities and needing more information.
  - Residents concerns about whether it will be on the surface or in a tunnel.
  - Residents concerns about the impacts on housing and parking.

# Challenges and Lessons Learned



- Negative construction impacts on businesses by not completing the project on schedule and not anticipating problems with contamination and contractors not meeting deadlines.
- Parking situation was a problem because the city was trying reduce parking, but didn't offer any alternatives for residents and business customers.

# Challenges and Lessons Learned



- No clear plans or nothing to show about the economic opportunities available for residents of the communities.
- Community people were not fully aware of the impact of the system or understanding the benefits.

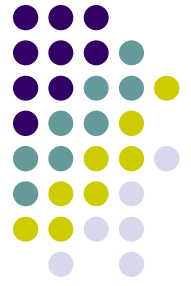


# Opportunities for Baltimore

- There is the potential for transit to attract a new tax base to communities in need by providing mixed income housing development projects near transit, like the Hope Six Housing projects.



# Opportunities for Baltimore



- Baltimore could use transit to spur economic opportunities in communities, if they set the programs up now instead of waiting until it is too late.
- Creating Community Development Funds similar to Seattle, but before there are problems.
- Having more community outreach workers out working with the community residents before the first brick is laid -- to educate, inform, and listen to their needs.



# Reflections

- Transit is excellent as a people mover, convenience, and linking the city with other transit.
- The electric buses were a plus.

