

Transit Alliance accepting applications for Fall 2010 Citizens' Academy

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Transit Alliance is ramping up to train up to 60 more citizens this fall about the relationship between transportation, community development and sustainability. As you may know, this is becoming a critical issue in our region as we will have more than 90 transit stations across the metro area in the next decade through the completion of FasTracks. No one else in the country is doing what we are here in Denver, and this is exactly why the Transit Alliance Citizens' Academy was born.

The Citizens' Academy, which now has nearly 300 graduates, hosts a maximum of 60 participants over seven weeks to discuss the complexities of combining transportation and community development to support the regional success of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) across the Denver metro area. The program is designed to be very interactive and includes presentations from TOD experts, participant activities, and hands-on learning. The cornerstone of this unique program is that participants take their new knowledge and put it into action. All participants are required to design an individual action plan that they implement upon completion of the Academy.

Citizens' Academy participants are selected on the basis of demonstrated leadership ability and commitment to make future contributions to transportation and community development in the Denver region, with particular emphasis on development taking place around transit stations both existing and future.

The Fall 2010 Academy will meet for seven consecutive weeks from 6:00 – 9:00 PM beginning September 8 and ending October 20, 2010. All sessions will be held at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce located at 1445 Market Street in Downtown Denver. To be considered for the Fall Academy, applications must be received by 5 PM on August 13, 2010.

To learn more, or to apply for the Citizens' Academy, visit www.transitalliance.org/Academy. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Transit Alliance Assistant Director, Cady Dawson, at 303-880-8874 or cdawson@transitalliance.org.