Public transit depends on neighborhood design to be successful. Without convenient neighborhoods that orient housing and jobs around transit, buses and trains will waste scarce public dollars by failing to attract sufficient riders and offering poorer quality service to those who do ride. Mott Smith, a Los Angeles-based real estate developer and advocate who focuses on transit-oriented projects, discusses the importance of neighborhoods to making transit work in this video.

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Come see Mott speak on this topic on a panel at the Saving Public Transit conference at UCLA Law this Friday, November 2nd. See the agenda and speakers here, and register to attend in person or via simulcast here.