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**TO:** Mike McKeever, Chair, and Members  
Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC)  
California Air Resources Board

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**SUBJECT: Affordable Housing and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategies**

At the August 5<sup>th</sup> RTAC meeting, you indicated the desirability of research regarding the relationship of affordable housing and greenhouse gas reduction. An updated (August 2009) version of the electronic bibliography of academic literature and other professional publications the Department makes available on its website:

*Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Resources*, will soon be posted:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/tod.pdf>

As you are aware, there is widespread recognition of the key role that TOD can play in development patterns enabling transit use in lieu of driving, foregoing greenhouse gas emissions which would otherwise occur with more auto trips. As is evident from the literature surveyed for this bibliography, TODs which incorporate affordable housing play an important role in enabling this outcome. The State's TOD Housing Program funded by Proposition 1C, requiring inclusion of affordable units, administered by the Department, was designed on the basis of such research.

We hope you will find this information useful.