## Strategic Development Scenarios for University Avenue Site

## **Project Overview**

*Casey Foundation July 25, 2014* 

<u>Note</u> For much more detail, please see the "Executive Summary and Next Steps" memorandum (June 2014) and material referenced therein.









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## **Context: Site Location**



## Context: Site Location (cont'd)



## **Project Goals**

- Create economic opportunity for the surrounding community
- Connect neighborhood assets to regional cluster opportunities

- Promote other local benefits and amenities (e.g., healthy foods, green space, the BeltLine)
- Plan for interim uses that will generate momentum

## Knowledge Economy Favors Metropolitan Areas



Source: Brookings Institution; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

# And Creates New Opportunities for Neighborhoods

Industrial Economy	Knowledge Economy
Large factories	Smaller space, less physical capital
Sectoral specializations	Functional specializations
Sprawl	Densification
Continuous rise in VMT	Decrease and stabilization of VMT
Highest property values = single family houses	Highest property values = condos, apartments
Majority of households married with children	Majority of households single, no children



## **Regions Need Neighborhoods**



## **Neighborhoods Need Regions**



**Goal:** Neighborhoods that Build Capacity and Opportunity (Amartya Sen)

## **Project Approach**



## **Project Logic**

Regional cluster opportunities

With place-based growth needs

That align w/neighborhood goals, assets, institutions

Are feasible given site characteristics & constraints

Feasible, cluster-based site opportunities that benefit surrounding neighborhoods

## **Project Flow: Overview**



\* See Appendix C to Project Overview PowerPoint (June 2014) for detailed list of Interviews/outreach

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## **Economic Context**



Metric	Atlanta Region	Pittsburgh
Employment Growth (2002-12)	2%, +52K	-21%, -155
Population Growth (2000-10)	24%, +1M	-11%, -600
Poverty Rate (2008-12)	14%	52%
Unemployment Rate (2008-12)*	9%	24%
Per Capita GRP Growth (2001-12)**	(-7%)	N/A
Upward Mobility	96 <sup>th</sup> out of 100 MSAs in upward mobility	N/A

Note: \* Unemployment Rate for 25 to 64 year olds. \*\* The Atlanta Region's per capita GDP decreased by 7% from 2001 to 2012, compared to an increase of 6% for the US as a whole. Source: QCEW, QWI, LEHD-OTM, BEA, American Community Survey, http://www.equality-of-opportunity.org/

## Labor Force Characteristics



Metric	Atlanta Region	Pittsburgh
Education Levels (25 to 64 year olds):		
Less than HS Degree	11%	20%
Bachelor Degree+	49%	12%
Largest Occupations:		
Office/Administrative Support	14%	21%
Food Prep./Serving Related	5%	14%
Sales & Related	13%	10%
Building/Grounds/Maintenance	4%	10%

Source: American Community Survey

## Clusters = A Primary Driver of Regional Economic Growth



- Groups of firms and related institutions that benefit from their proximity
- Clusters:
  - Enhance the productivity of firms and workers
  - Improve flow of ideas and innovation
  - Foster creation and attraction of new firms



# Example - Cluster Growth and Neighborhood Assets





#### Local B2B Firms by Employment, 2011

## Regional Opportunity Criteria: Cluster Strength & Growth Potential



Builds from strong, underlying regional assets:

- Exhibits large employment and firm base
- Exhibits above-average concentration of employment or gross product
- Leverages institutional and other assets

•Exhibits potential for economic growth:

- Market expectations to grow nationally or globally
- Export potential
- High employment multiplier

#### Other

- Growth can be supported/catalyzed through place-based solutions
- Changing cluster dynamics play to regional and neighborhood strengths

#### Neighborhood Development/Impact Criteria: Alignment of Cluster's Needs with Neighborhood Assets



Presents opportunities for neighborhood assets:

- Human capital needs lend to neighborhood residents
- Real estate needs align with neighborhood land availability
- Supply chain gaps that neighborhood firms/entrepreneurs could fill

Current presence in neighborhood:

- Firms and jobs have an existing presence in the neighborhood
- Firms are owned or managed by neighborhood residents

Offers employment opportunities that:

- Are accessible to neighborhood residents
- Provide living wages, the opportunity for promotion and other benefits

## Summary: Regional & Neighborhood Economic Opportunities



- 30% of Employment is in Traded Clusters
- Largest Clusters in 2012:
  - Business services (HQ support)
  - Transportation & logistics
  - Hospitality & tourism
  - Distribution & electronic commerce
  - Food processing & manufacturing
  - Communications equipment & services

- Emerging, Niche Opportunities
  - Healthcare IT
  - Mobile security
  - Supply chain management software
  - Intermodal marketing
  - Clean energy & recycling
  - Film
  - Niche manufacturing (e.g. medical devices)

See pages 7 - 14 of the Market & Site Analysis Findings - Summary Memo for additional details

## Summary: Regional & Neighborhood Economic Opportunities



- 70% of Employment is in Local Clusters
- Local Business-to-Business (B2B) Services:
  - Facilities management
  - Local transportation and logistics
  - Local trucking
  - Equipment repair & maintenance
  - Rental & leasing
  - Warehousing & storage
  - Waste services
  - Wholesale

• Retail:

- Only as an ancillary or complementary use
- NOT as a primary use of the site

For additional details, See pages 14 - 21 of the Market & Site Analysis Findings - Summary Memo & the Retail Market Study in Appendix A

#### Site Opportunities & Constraints Criteria: Relationship of Site Assets & Challenges to Cluster's Place-Based Needs



Access & Connectivity to Surrounding Neighborhood

-Site Access

- Vehicular
- Pedestrian

-Visibility

#### Site Characteristics

- Topography
- Contamination
- Hydrology
- Utilities

#### Assets

- Site Structures



## **Overview: Site Context**





- Well-positioned between downtown (< 2 miles) & Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport (< 5 miles)</li>
- Adjacent to I-75/85 & near intersection of other major highways
- Connected to nearby Metropolitan Parkway (major north-south artery) via University Avenue



### Summary: Site Assets





## Summary: Site Constraints



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## **Types of Economic Uses**



## Types of Economic Uses --Illustrative Site Scenarios



## **Tradeoffs/Factors**

Metric	Description
Market Opportunity	Level of local and regional demand associated with the use
Job Creation	Typical jobs/acre associated with the use
Job Accessibility	Degree to which education and skill levels associated with the jobs match those of neighborhood residents
Job Quality	Average wage and wage for workers with less than four-year degrees
Positive Externalities	Extent to which the use provides additional benefits beyond job creation, such as a product or service needed by the neighborhood
Negative Externalities	Whether the use creates pollution, noise, traffic and other negative outcomes in the neighborhood
Neighborhood Integration	Whether the site is physically connected to the neighborhood, and neighborhood residents are able to engage with the site
Compatibility with Site Constraints	Whether the use is compatible with site constraints, such as traffic flow, topography, existing infrastructure, etc.
Utilization of Site Assets	Degree to which the use takes advantage of key site assets, such as its size, its location on the BeltLine, the water running beneath it, etc.
Cost of Development	Total expected costs to develop the site
Time to Development	Total expected time to develop the site
Remediation Effort	Level of site remediation required prior to/alongside development
Compatibility with Zoning/Regulations	Extent to which site use aligns with existing zoning classification and other regulations
Interim Use	Whether the primary long-term use naturally lends to coherent staging

## Doer/Maker Scenario: Film



- Studio Space
- Prop and set production and storage
- Offices
- Catering / Other



## Doer/Maker Scenario: Film

Metric	Doer/Maker Space: Film
Market Opportunity	0
Job Creation	0
Job Accessibility	-/o
Job Quality	0
Positive Externalities	0
Negative Externalities	-/o
Neighborhood Integration	-
Compatibility with Site Constraints	-
Utilization of Site Assets	0
Cost of Development	-
Time to Development	-/o
Remediation Effort	-/o
Compatibility with Zoning/Regulations	+
Interim Use	-

#### Pros

- State tax incentives spurring film production in Atlanta
- Entrepreneurship opportunities
- Positive indirect impact on local restaurants, hotels, short-term housing, hardware, florists, etc.

#### Cons

- Some uses closed off from the neighborhood
- Heavily unionized, often out-of-town, temporary labor force
- Dependent on constant stream of productions
- Reliant on uncertain state tax incentives
- Only 1/3 and 2/3 of jobs are accessible with <=HS diploma and <= Associates Degree, respectively

## Retail Scenario: Grocery + Local Retail



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Metric	Retail: Grocery+ Local Retail			
Market Opportunity	-			
Job Creation	0			
Job Accessibility	+			
Job Quality	-			
Positive Externalities	+			
Negative Externalities	+			
Neighborhood Integration	+			
Compatibility with Site Constraints	0			
Utilization of Site Assets	-			
Cost of Development	-			
Time to Development	-			
Remediation Effort	-			
Compatibility with Zoning/Regulations	0			
Interim Use	+			

#### Pros

- Provides needed products and services to neighborhood
- Offsets current retail expenditure leakage from neighborhood

#### Cons

- Poor job quality: primarily low wages and part-time employment
- Insufficient demand for retail as *primary* use
- Challenge in attracting private development until surrounding area shows signs of revitalization
- Likely to require subsidies for required remediation and construction

## Social Enterprise Scenario: Arts Entrepreneurship

- Fully-equipped studio space for artists
- Event space
- Paid youth apprenticeship and leadership program











Source: Artists for Humanity

## Social Enterprise Scenario: Arts Entrepreneurship

Metric	Social Ent.: Arts Entrepreneur- ship
Market Opportunity	-
Job Creation	-
Job Accessibility	+
Job Quality	0
Positive Externalities	+
Negative Externalities	+
Neighborhood Integration	+
Compatibility with Site Constraints	+
Utilization of Site Assets	-
Cost of Development	0
Time to Development	0
Remediation Effort	0
Compatibility with Zoning/Regulations	+
Interim Use	+

#### Pros

- Youth enrichment and preparation for workforce
- Compatible with ancillary uses
- Strong integration with community
- Revenue generated through sale of artwork, events

#### Cons

- No existing building for reuse → development costs may outweigh economic benefit
- Limited full time job creation
- Ongoing subsidy likely required

## Summary of Tradeoffs (illustrative)

Metric	Trad. Mfg: Metal Products	Urban Mfg: Bikes	Mixed Use (w/ Industrial): Food	Doer/Maker Space: Green Tech Incubator	Doer/Maker Space: Film	B2B: Healthcare Int. Service Center	B2B: Blue Collar Back Office	Retail: Grocery+ Local Retail	Social Ent.: Arts Entrepre- neurship
Market Opportunity	-	0/+	0/+	+	0	+	0/+	-	-
Job Creation	+	0	0	o/+	0	+	+	0	-
Job Accessibility	+	+	+	-/o	-/o	+	+	+	+
Job Quality	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	-	0
Positive Externalities	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+
Negative Externalities	-	0	-	0	-/o	0	0	+	+
Neighborhood Integration	-	0/+	+	0/+	-	0	0	+	+
Compatibility with Site Constraints	-/0	0/+	0	0	-	-/0	0	0	+
Utilization of Site Assets	0/+	+	+	0	0	0	0	-	-
Cost of Development	0	0	0	o/+	-	0	0	-	0
Time to Development	0	+	-	0	-/o	-/0	0/+	-	0
Remediation Effort	+	+	-	o/+	-/o	-/o	-/o	-	0
Compatibility with Zoning/Regulations	-/0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+
Interim Use	-	o/+	+	+	-	0	0	+	+
## Relating Uses and Priorities



## Relating Uses and Priorities (cont'd)

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Type 1a: Low growth/highly reshorable jobs, medium job quality, medium-to-high job accessibility, low urbanization	0.12 0.06 0.02 -0.07 -0.03 -0.14 -0.03 -0.14	820 347 69 -275 -76 -421 -248 -634	0.07 -0.32 0.16 0.24 -0.12 -0.09 -0.01 0.11	1 0.99 1 0.65 1 0.58 0.99 1	0.69 0.7 0.75 0.73 0.69 0.7 0.66 0.69	029 034 031 0.47 0.42 0.47 0.37 037	45275 60447 36711 44724 50763 48988 52509 52052	38736 38363 35698 43235 41040 41772 45405 57996	41536 40767 37627 45844 43953 46169 49197 63905	0.65 0.66 0.55 0.65 0.62 0.58 0.57 0.57	0.47 0.46 0.45 0.48 0.46 0.46 0.46 0.44 0.45	0.76 0.76 0.74 0.77 0.76 0.75 0.74 0.74	0.47 0.46 0.45 0.48 0.46 0.46 0.44 0.45	0.77 0.76 0.74 0.77 0.76 0.75 0.74 0.74	0 0 0 0 0.4 0 0	0.46 0.42 0.33 0.4 0.37 0.52 0.53 0.43	Downstream Metal Products Automotive Furniture Vulcanized and Fired Materials Metalworking Technology Plastics Production Technology & Heavy Machinery Lighting and Electrical Equipment
Type 1b: Low growth/minimially reshorable jobs, medium job quality, medium-to-high job accessibility, low urbanization	-0.1 0 -0.12 -0.06 -0.21	-508 -9 -690 -593 -965	0.18 -0.03 0.14 0 0.6	024 0 0 0 0,04	0.7 0.66 0.66 0.71 0.74	026 0.48 0.56 025 0.34	56481 58828 58620 41701 36290	51980 44887 47219 39790 37103	55771 49742 51123 43591 40900	0.54 0.57 0.56 0.39 0.43	0.45 0.41 0.44 0.44 0.48	0.75 0.73 0.73 0.75 0.76	0.46 0.41 0.44 0.44 0.48	0.75 0.73 0.73 0.75 0.76	0 0 0.53 0	029 038 031 037 021	Upstream Metal Manufacturing Medical Devices Downstream Chemical Products Printing Services Textile Manufacturing
Type 2: Medium growth, low-to-medium quality, medium-to- high job accessibility, low-to-mid urbanization	0.25 0.16 0.16 -0.06 -0.02 -0.04	1115 618 716 -386 -529 -639	-0.12 0.04 0.02 -0.07 0.12 0.02	0 0 0 0	0.72 0.77 0.71 0.68 0.73 0.74	-0.01 0.16 0.2 0.24 0.2 0.22	50689 3501.4 43813 5487.4 3867.8 36995	42606 36257 36432 47 469 52898 36580	45392 39916 39764 51724 64525 41658	0.27 0.4 0.21 0.53 0.5 0.1	0.48 0.5 0.44 0.48 0.45 0.45	0.77 0.78 0.75 0.77 0.74 0.78	0.48 0.5 0.44 0.48 0.45 0.45 0.48	0.77 0.78 0.75 0.77 0.74 0.78	0 021 024 024	0.76 0.58 0.62 0.6 0.48 0.53	Waste Wood Products Rental and Leasing Paper and Packaging Food Processing and Manufacturing Local Transportation and Logistics
Type 3: Low-to-medium growth, low-to-medium job quality, low-to-medium job accessibility, high urbanization	0.25 0.09 0.11 0.18 0.12	37 40 9688 3495 3093 535	-025 -0.07 -0.04 0.02 -0.1	0 0 0 0 0 0	0.68 0.68 0.74 0.71 0.55	0.25 0.32 0.19 0.06 0.14	56928 46444 43664 62537	44778 50307 41071 31628 34979	4/893 56212 45952 35322 3837.4	0.49 0.4 0.37 0.2 0.28	0.47 0.39 0.38 0.38 0.36	0.77 0.71 0.72 0.67	0.47 0.39 0.38 0.37 0.36	0.77 0.71 0.72 0.67	0.64 0.65 0.4 0.1	0.48 0.37 0.57 0.41 0.55	Wholesale Real Estate Other Business Services Performing Arts
Type 4: Low-to-medium growth, low job quality, medium job accessibility, high urbanization	0.26 0.17 0.08 0.16 0.14	23560 2734 2797 8596 717	0.1 0.04 -0.01 -0.04 -0.22	0 0 0 0	0.68 0.73 0.67 0.75 0.75	0.1 024 022 0.15 022	3637 4 39912 35805 297 18 38337	24766 35787 28778 27543 34812	27762 38723 31165 29608 36666	024 0.11 021 0.15 0.11	0.42 0.49 0.44 0.46 0.49	0.74 0.78 0.74 0.76 0.79	0.42 0.49 0.44 0.46 0.49	0.73 0.78 0.74 0.76 0.79	0.78 0.85 0.76 0.69 0.37	0.31 0.5 0.48 0.36 0.23	HI Services Warehousing and Storage Hospitality and Tourism Facilities Management Local Trucking
Type 5a: Varied growth, high job quality, low job accessibility, low urbanization	-0.06 0.1 0.13 0.03 0.07 0.03 -0.04	-531 1790 4257 334 2184 557 -1775	9.8 0.01 0.17 -0.18 -0.11 0.13	0.96 0 0 0 0	0.48 0.35 0.57 0.43 0.6 0.48 0.53	026 0.9 0.27 0.46 0.31 0.5 0.44	81905 110679 123600 73312 82634 78325 54404	80432 64591 58492 46575 55149 61888 55682	83837 71293 67006 52196 61891 68597 60314	0.4 0.24 0.35 0.25 0.36 0.28 0.36	0.35 0.27 0.29 0.3 0.37 0.32 0.35	0.66 0.56 0.61 0.61 0.68 0.68 0.66	0.35 0.27 0.29 0.3 0.36 0.32 0.35	0.66 0.56 0.61 0.61 0.68 0.68 0.69	0 025 026 0.18 0 0.11	0.4 0.49 0.48 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.46 0.5	Aerospace Vehicles and Defense Information Technology and Analytical Instr. Financial Services Media, Publishing and Design Services Distribution and Electronic Commerce Communications Equipment and Services Transportation and Logistics
Type 5b: Varied growth, medium job quality, low job accessibility, high urbanization	0.31 0.1 0.16	31257 5226 4966	-0.17 0.16 0.59	0 0 0	0.37 0.68 0.3	0.18 0.14 0.02	79151 64635 39449	56103 45497 40837	61592 50144 44062	0.19 0.26 0.15	0.27 0.29 0.27	0.57 0.6 0.55	0.27 0.28 0.27	0.57 0.59 0.54	0.55 0.89 0.81	0.46 0.49 0.35	Business Services Professional Services Education and Knowledge Creation
	Proj_Growth_2012_2022	Proj_New_Jobs_2022	LQ_Growth_2002_2012	Percent_Reshorable_Jobs	Percent_Computerizable_Jobs	Percent_Growth_Output.Employee	Avg_Wage_2012	Avg_Wage_Less_HS	Avg_Wage_Less_Associates	PerJobs_2010_Medium_Higher_OTJtraining	Only_Require_HS_or_less_Actual.2010	Only_Require_Less_Associate_Actual_2010	Only_Require_HS_or_less_Proj_2020	Only_Require_Less_Associates_Proj_2020	Percent_Neighborhood	Percent_Cities_Outperforming_MSA	

## Priorities: Kitchen Cabinet, Public Forum + Casey Civic Site Team

- Jobs: creation, accessibility & sustainability
- Alignment, synergies with overall neighborhood strategies, including housing strategy
- Attractive opportunities for a range of skill and income levels
- Integration w/surrounding neighborhoods and Beltline
- Connection to city & region (economic and as destination)
- Minimization of negative externalities (e.g., pollution, heavy truck traffic)
- Long-term site flexibility

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## **Decision Framework: Overview**

#### High-level questions:

(A) What is the optimal <u>long-term development use(s)</u> for the site?

- 1. Type of use (at the category level)
- 2. Specific mix of uses/users/programming

Given a particular long-term development use(s):

(B) What is the optimal site design?

- 1. Configuration of/spatial relationship among of uses on the site
- 2. Site improvements
- 3. Development/design quality
- 4. Costs & resources

Parallel/Iterative

- 5. Timeframe to develop long-term uses
- (C) What are the ideal <u>interim uses and staging</u> toward the long-term development program?

Detailed Strategic Redevelopment Scenarios arise out of iterations of (B) and (C)

## (A1) What is the optimal long-term type of use (at the category level) for the site?

Potential	Fac				
Primary Use Casey Foundation		Economic	Category of Use		
Traditional Manufacturing	values/Priorities	Оррогинту/ чартту			
Urban	<ul> <li>Jobs: creation, accessibility &amp; sustainability</li> </ul>	Global/national trends	Distribution &		
Manufacturing	Neighborhood amenities to	Regional assets & challenges	Logistics (ID&L)		
Mixed-Use (w/Industrial)	<ul> <li>Integration w/surrounding neighborhoods</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Market expectations for growth</li> </ul>			
Doer/Maker Space	Integration with Beltline	<ul> <li>Duration of opportunity (sustainability)</li> </ul>	Business-to-Business (B2B)		
Business-to- Business (B2B)	Service to a range of income levels	Level of risk			
Retail	<ul> <li>City-wide &amp; regional destination</li> </ul>	Return on investment			
Social Enterprise	Long-term site flexibility	Existence of potential partners	Mixed-Use		
Urban Agriculture	<ul> <li>Minimization of negative externalities<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>		(w/Industrial)		

(1) Includes, e.g., air, ground and noise pollution; significant truck traffic; etc.

## (A2) What are the optimal specific uses/programming for the site?



## Tradeoffs: Optimal site design vs. costs, timeframe and interim uses/staging



## **TD&L: Traditional**

#### USES

- Large-scale distribution hub
- Access for 18-wheelers, 53-foot trailers
- Illustrative tenant types: Amazon, UPS, e-commerce company

#### • BUILDING & SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- Single user occupies entire site
- 1-story, 585,000-square foot building
- 1,100 parking spaces (apx. 7 acres)

#### ESTIMATED JOBS IMPACT

500 to 1,600









### **TD&L: Traditional - Illustrative Design**



#### **TD&L: Traditional - Detail**



## TD&L: Traditional -Observations & Tradeoffs

#### Economics

- Jobs are accessible to Pittsburgh residents at good wages
  - Apx. 40% of jobs require <= HS diploma at average wage of \$55K
  - Apx. 70% of jobs require <= associates degree at average wage of \$62K
- Demand for these uses appears to exist - site could likely be filled quickly
- Relatively fast payback on investment (e.g., <15y)</li>
- Future site flexibility allows for rapid transition of uses to adapt to changing market conditions

#### Physical/Site

- Possibly only modest remediation needs
- Provides access to BeltLine, but does not fully leverage this asset
- Stormwater management potential roof-top amenities would require subsidy
- Requires moving sewer infrastructure (significant cost & time)
- Extensive visual & sound buffering needed along University Ave
- Widening University Avenue & improvements to on/off ramp
- Minimal to no integration w/ neighborhood
- Heavy truck activity to & from site

## TD&L: "Last Mile"

#### - USES

- Just-in-time distribution hub/sorting facility
  - 24/7 operation w/3 shifts of workers
  - Product customization, labeling & packaging capabilities
- Integrated Service Center (ISC) for regional hospitals/medical centers, potentially including:
  - Blue-collar: centralized supply warehousing & distribution, laundry facilities, sterilization & instrument packaging, etc.
  - White-collar: medical records storage, purchasing, etc.

#### **BUILDING & SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

- Last-mile distribution hub: 1-story, 250,000-SF building on 12.6 acres
- Integrated Service Center: 1-story, 140,000-SF building on 9.6 acres
- Apx. 1,200 parking spaces (apx. 7.6 acres)

#### ESTIMATED JOBS IMPACT

- Last-mile hub: 190-470 employees per shift / 570-1,410 per day
- Integrated Service Center: 110-160 employees



Source: Joe Smith, NHCL

#### TD&L: "Last Mile" - Illustrative Design



#### TD&L: "Last Mile" - Detail



# TD&L: "Last Mile" – Observations & Tradeoffs

#### Economics

- Most jobs are accessible to Pittsburgh residents at good wages
  - Distribution uses have comparable wage/skill profile to Traditional TDL
  - Blue-collar ISC jobs are more accessible (~75% with <=Associates), but have lower wages (~\$35K)
  - White-collar ISC uses require higher skills (29% <=HS; 60% <= Assoc.), w/wages between blue-collar ISC & traditional TDL levels
- Last Mile distribution hub
  - > Demand appears to exist for this use- site could likely be filled quickly
  - Aligns w/market shift to denser network of smaller nodes & 24-hour delivery window
- Integrated Service Center
  - Creates entrepreneurship & employment opportunities for neighborhood residents
  - Dependent on buy-in from local hospitals

# TD&L: "Last Mile" - Observations & Tradeoffs (cont'd)

#### Physical/Site

- Multiple buildings facilitate phased development
- Remediation
  - > Last-mile hub may not require extensive remediation
  - Healthcare-related activity (ISC) may require higher level of remediation
- Heavy truck & van activity to & from site though fewer <u>large</u> trucks than traditional TDL
- Requires moving sewer infrastructure (cost & time implications)
- 24/7 activity requires extensive visual/sound buffering along University Ave
- Minimal to no integration with the BeltLine or the Pittsburgh neighborhood

## TD&L "Last Mile" – Illustrative Interim Uses



## TD&L "Last Mile" – Illustrative Interim Uses (cont'd)



## TD&L "Last Mile" – Illustrative Interim Uses (cont'd)



## B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar

#### **USES**

- Facilities support services
- Packaging, mailing & labeling services
- Payroll & billing services
- Document & record keeping services
- Industrial, commercial & electronic (ICE) equipment repair, maintenance & rental
- Bike Manufacturer
- Call center
- Ancillary retail



## B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar (cont'd)

#### ► BUILDING & SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- Blue-collar uses: 266,000 SF of single-story buildings on 10.5 acres
- White-collar uses: Office space: 340,000 SF of multi-story buildings (& call center) on 10.3 acres
- Retail: 15,000 SF (included in mixed-use building w/offices)
- Apx. 1,730 parking spaces (mostly underground)

#### ESTIMATED JOBS IMPACT

- Blue-collar uses: 370 to 910 employees
- Office uses: 1,000 to 1,100 employees
- Retail: 100 200 employees





Image sources: https://www.istockphoto.com/portfolio/coffeekai, Wikimedia Commons

## B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar -Illustrative Design



#### B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar - Detail



## B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar -Observations & Tradeoffs

Economics	Physical/Site				
<ul> <li>Blue-collar jobs are accessible with &lt;= HS diploma (46%) &amp; &lt;=associates degree (77%)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multiple buildings = not difficult/costly to comply w/sewer easements</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Between 7% (Repair and Leasing) and 18% (Other Business Services) growth projected in key "blue-collar back office" industries</li> <li>Blue-collar jobs are only of moderate quality - wages of \$32K for &lt;= HS diploma and \$34K for &lt;= associates degree</li> <li>Portion of site taken up by storage (docs &amp; records, equipment), decreasing jobs/acre</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows for multiple on-grade connection to BeltLine</li> <li>Reusable building types</li> <li>Green roofs reduce need for stormwater infrastructure &amp; provide expanded openspace</li> <li>Conforms to BeltLine street framework &amp; is ADA accessible</li> <li>Movement of box trucks on &amp; off site - lower frequency than TDL scenarios</li> <li>Requires crosswalk improvements on</li> </ul>				

## **B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub**

#### **USES**

Private and shared office space of a variety of sizes, anchored by shared industrial workshop space and equipment. Tenant types might include: bicycle mfg./repair; computer refurbishing; ICE equipment repair/maintenance; after-hours, for-fee doer/maker space; design & mfg. consulting; engineering, prototyping, manufacturing, assembly, testing services; medical device manufacturing; electrical and other contractors

 Shared workshop, prototyping lab, storage space



- Private office/workshop spaces
- Co-working/Incubator office space



Image sources: Detroit Bikes (via Facebook), Wikipedia (3D printing), flickr (Jeff Keyzer; http://www.flickr.com/photos/mightyohm/2645242736/)

## B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub (cont'd)

#### ► BUILDING & SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- Shared workshop, prototyping lab, storage space: 300,000-SF, 1-story building
- Private office/workshop spaces: 200,000-SF, multi-story building
- Co-working/Incubator office space: 100,000-SF, multi-story building
- Apx. 1,490 parking spaces (9.3 acres)

#### • ESTIMATED JOBS IMPACT

- Shared workshop, prototyping lab, storage space: 900 1,100 employees
- Private office/workshop spaces: 600 1,600 employees
- Co-working/Incubator office space: 100 300 employees



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## B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub – Illustrative Design



#### **B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub - Detail**



## B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub – Observations & Tradeoffs

#### **Economics**

- Offers opportunities for entrepreneurship & small business growth
- Potential for relationship w/university/college tech partner
- Opportunity to cross-subsidize some programming/components via higher-rent tenants
- Mixed job accessibility & quality profile
  - > Engineering & consulting occupations have high wages & skill requirements
  - Bicycle mfg., ICE & contractors have lower wages (roughly half) w/lower skill requirements (~75% vs ~57% <=Assoc)</p>
- Requires ID & engagement of facility management/operating partner
- Requires further market testing to vet feasibility & ID specific mix of users

## B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation Hub – Observations & Tradeoffs (cont'd)

#### Physical/Site

- Adheres to sewer easements
- Provides cost-effective stormwater management
- Creates a central open space that connects to the BeltLine
- Allows for multiple phases of implementation
- Heavier uses are visually buffered by the natural slopes of the site
- Large areas of impermeable surfaces & lack of green roofs require the implementation of large scale stormwater infrastructure in early phases of development
- Does not conform the BeltLine street frameworks or create full grid connectivity

#### Mixed-Use: Food

#### **USES**

- Food processor/distributor
- Small food processing/retail facility
- Grocery store
- Restaurants/small retail
- Urban agriculture





Image sources: Crop Circle Kitchen, Power Packaging

## Mixed-Use: Food

#### ► BUILDING & SITE CHARACTERISTICS

- Food processor/distributor: 200,000-SF single-story building on 9.3 acres
- Small food processing/retail facility: 20,000-SF single-story building on 2.2 acres
- Grocery store: 60,000-SF single-story building on 4.5 acres
- Restaurants/small retail: 25,000-SF single-story building on 2.5 acres
- Urban agriculture: 10 acres, on top of parking structure(s)
- Apx. 1,340 parking spaces (8.4 acres)

#### ESTIMATED JOBS IMPACT

- Food processor/distributor: 100 200
- Small food processing/retail: 20 35
- Grocery: 85 150
- Restaurants/small retail: 160 360
- Urban agriculture: 60 70







### Mixed-Use: Food - Illustrative Design



#### Mixed-Use: Food - Detail



# Mixed-Use: Food - Observations & Tradeoffs

Economics	Physical/Site
<ul> <li>Tie-in to promising regional cluster</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be integrated with surrounding neighborhood</li> </ul>
Multiple potential options for	<ul> <li>Roadway connectivity &amp; ADA access</li> </ul>
small-scale manufacturing, packaging,	<ul> <li>Rooftop ag. allows for on-grade connection to the neighborhood</li> </ul>
wholesale/distribution, organics	Green roof on Beltline provides open space
focus, etc.	<ul> <li>Adequate stormwater management</li> </ul>
Meets neighborhood need for food access - potential options include mainstream grocer or	<ul> <li>Rooftop urban agriculture would require subsidy</li> </ul>
farmer's market	<ul> <li>Truck traffic for food manufacturing</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Jobs are accessible: 74% with &lt;= Associate Degree</li> </ul>	inputs/outputs
	<ul> <li>Food waste</li> </ul>
Annual food processing &	<ul> <li>High level of remediation required</li> </ul>
sanufacturing wages average	<ul> <li>Does not conform sewer easement - requires relocation or accommodation</li> </ul>
### Key Dimensions → Decisions

- Jobs: number, quality and accessibility
- Potential level of sustainable impact
- Increase Connectivity
  - To surrounding neighborhoods and regional economy
  - To future Beltline
- Viable and market-based, but aspirational and catalytic – lead the market

Vision extends beyond the neighborhood - leverage site as a transformative connector to regional opportunity

#### **Three Scenarios Selected**

TD&L: "Last Mile"

#### B2B: Mixed White-/Blue-Collar

#### B2B: Blue-Collar Innovation District

See the Scenario Variations memo for discussion of potential alternative economic uses & design elements for each scenario

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#### **Potential Interim Uses**



Art Precinct



Festival Space



**Recreational Amenities** 



Nursery



Raised-Bed Agriculture



Bamboo Forest

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## **Next Steps**

- Articulate Foundation's Project Vision & Criteria
  - Market orientation leading vs. following; aspirational, market-making and transformative
  - Active role in site development/control; alignment with & investment in pursuit of equity goals
  - Impact, risk & return expectations for partnership & site development
- Engage high-level Executive Committee
- Clarify future role of Kitchen Cabinet or other advisory roles/committees

See the Executive Summary & Next Steps memo for details

# Next Steps (cont'd)

- Identify & engage principal partners developer, equity/financing partner
- Identify & engage resource partners e.g., around City planning & infrastructure, workforce development, Tax Allocation District funds, etc.
- Structure & enter into joint venture
- Begin predevelopment activities (ongoing)

See the Executive Summary & Next Steps memo for details

# Strategic Development Scenarios for University Avenue Site

# **Project Overview**

Casey Foundation July 25, 2014

<u>Note</u> For much more detail, please see the "Executive Summary and Next Steps" memorandum (June 2014) and material referenced therein.









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