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Making the Business and Economic Case for Value Capture

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Key Building Blocks



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Purpose: Why Make the Business/Economic Case for VC?



Real Estate Developments



To develop transparent, equitable win-win strategy to strengthen VC negotiating leverage by starting early and engaging multiple stakeholders **Property Appreciation**



Transportation Projects



- Major real estate developments are often triggered by transportation projects
- VC is about monetizing real estate value appreciation to help pay for transportation projects
- Key is to establish clear, direct nexus between real estate and transportation projects

Starting at the project planning stage can help maximize VC monetization potential





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Overall VC Implementation Process







Implementation Issues for Different VC Techniques



Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Buy-in from City and/or County regarding the extent of local tax revenue sharing

Special Assess. District (SAD)

Determination of whether assessment is tax or fee—affects voter approval requirement

Development Impact Fee (DIF)

Nexus and fee studies to determine legally defensible and market feasible fee levels

Often each VC technique is considered separately, not an integrated approach; Processes differ depending on applicable State and local laws





Source: LA Metro Value Capture Assessment Study (2020)



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Basic Building Blocks for Making B/E Case



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Overall VC Typology and Techniques

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Clear Policy Objectives



Funding Related

Generating new funding sources for:

- Public improvements to support major real estate developments (local)
- Local contributions to major transportation corridor projects (regional)

Long-Term Policy Related

Meeting long-term growth and land-use planning goals:

- ✓ Job creation
- ✓ Affordable housing
- ✓ Smart growth, TODs
- ✓ Improved connectivity
- ✓ Open space, parks, bike paths
- ✓ Balanced developments/ economic growth



VC Opportunity Areas and Techniques



VC Opportunity Areas

Defining VC opportunity areas (OAs) per TOD industry best practice:

- ✓ Geographic boundary (e.g., 1/2-mile radius)
- Locational characteristics (e.g., urban, rural)
- Site-specific buildout scenarios

CTOD—Center for Transit-Oriented Development FTA—Federal Transit Administration

VC Techniques

Select most appropriate VC technique(s) for specific OAs:

- ✓ Tax increment financing (TIF)
- ✓ Special assess. district (SAD)
- Developer impact fee (DIF) or other developer exactions
- ✓ Transport utility fee (TUF)
- Zoning incentives (density bonus, TDR)
- ✓ Contract-based (e.g., DA, CBA, JDA)

TDR—Transfer of Development Rights, DA—Development Agreement, CBA—Community Benefits Agreement, JDA—Joint Development Agreement



VC Stakeholders and Evaluation Criteria



VC Stakeholders

Specific VC technique chosen governs who stakeholders are:

- ✓ Public agencies
- ✓ General taxpayer (TIF)
- ✓ Property or business owners (SAD, TUF)
- Developers (DIF, exactions, DA, JDA)
- ✓ Communities (CBA)
- ✓ Lenders/investors

VC Evaluation Criteria

- VC evaluation criteria serve as the basis for qualitative assessment of VC techniques:
- ✓ Yield/revenue potential
- ✓ Equity
- ✓ Efficiency
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Administrative ease
- ✓ Political/legal feasibility
- ✓ Meeting policy goals



Framework for Integrated VC Strategy



Lessons Learned/Best Practice

Two past lessons from local experience—(1) starting too late after value given away; (2) windfall gain by existing properties at the expense of new developments

- ✓ Start early
- ✓ Use larger footprint
- ✓ Apply for longer period

Integrated Strategy

Multi-layered, multi-phased, riskadjusted and equity-based approach:

- ✓ Engage multiple VC techniques/stakeholders
- Implement in multiple phases over long term
- Risk consideration—those
 who are best able bear the risk
- Equity consideration—those who benefit and can afford pay the most





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✓ Consistency with local policy goals
 ✓ Regional, State, and Federal goals



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Comparative Qualitative Assessment



Criteria	TIF	SAD	DIF
Yield/Revenue	Substantial but not predictableVulnerable to econ. downturn	Fixed, predictableEnsures funding needs are met	One-time payment, pay-goRoutinely lower than needed
Equity/ Efficiency	 Existing properties carry greater burden Facilitate high-density develop. 	 Both equity and net efficiency gain built into district formation District management costly 	 Equity between existing vs. new development challenging Proportionality is legal requisite
Political/Legal	 No change in tax rate makes it less politically sensitive Opposition from developments without TIF benefits 	 May need up to 2/3 voter approval if deemed taxes Limit on district members due to management costs 	 Need to pass nexus/ proportionality legal tests Residents support developments paying their own way
Administrative	 Most local governments have TIF experience Reliance on consultants 	 Requires technically skilled staff and procedure-laden Inherent collection time risk 	 Depends on fee complexity Trade off bet. administrative ease vs. more layered equitable fees
Transparency	 Often criticized for being too complex 	 District functions are transparent to members only 	More transparency if less complexAmong most transparent VC tools
Policy Goals	 Better for meeting urban infill, blighted area policy goals 	 Confined to specific district, less suited for broad policy goals 	 Some are designed to serve affordable housing policy goals





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VC Opportunity Areas and Buildout Scenarios



VC Opportunity Areas (OAs)

Identify where substantive new developments could occur:

- OA "Nodes": (1) Major highway intersections;
 (2) Transit stations with high growth potential
- Local GPs and SPs can help determine the extent of OA coverage

Buildout Scenarios for OAs

Incremental development potential based on up-zoning:

- Maximum allowable density by land use
- Long-term growth plans per local GPs and SPs

TOD guidelines (e.g., recommended urban/suburban density within 1/4 & 1/2-mi radius of BRT & rail transit stations) BRT—Bus Rapid Transit



Maximum VC Revenue Potential



TIF

Estimate incremental tax revenues based on:

- Base year/baseline assessed value (AV)
- Buildout absorption schedule
- Future property value, AV escalation
- City/County participation levels

SAD

Estimate new special assessment revenues based on:

- Max. potential effective tax rate above existing rate
- Same as TIF
 assumptions on
 absorption, future
 value, AV escalation

DIF

In the absence of full nexus study, estimate revenues based on:

- Current DIF levels in adjacent areas (i.e., market-accepted rates)
- ✓ Different fee schemes:
 (1) urban/in-fill
 (marginal cost basis),
 (2) suburban (total cost basis)



VC Opportunity Areas and Buildout Scenarios



Cash Flow by VC Technique

For each VC technique, establish:

- Lifecycle timeframe (e.g., TI or SA district term)
- Bonding capacity based on timing of bond issuance(s) and debt financing terms
- ✓ Base year for PV analysis

TI—Tax Increment, SA—Special Assessment

Integrated Lifecycle Cash Flow

Estimate cumulative lifecycle cash flows:

- Single node: total combined cash flow for all VC techniques at an intersection or station
- Multiple nodes (corridor level): total combined cash flow for all VC techniques for multiple intersections/stations



Integrated Lifecycle VC Cash Flow—Single Node San Diego Central Mobility Hub (CMH) Example



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Annual Cash Flow: High Scenario



Source: SANDAG Central Mobility Hub Alternative Funding Strategy (2021)

Integrated Lifecycle VC Cash Flow—System Level LA Metro New Rail Transit Corridor Example



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Making B/E Case in Different Project Contexts



If main VC driver is	Making B/E case for VC is about								
Major real estate development project	 Determining public improvements needed to support the real estate development program and related land use Cost of these improvements define VC funding needs 								
Major infrastructure project (regional)	 Establishing direct nexus between the infra project and real estate developments triggered by the infra project (e.g., shopping mall at hwy intersection, TOD at station) Rationale for this nexus is on "but-for" grounds 								
Public-private partnership (P3) project	 If P3 project has real estate component in addition to infrastructure component (e.g., Long Beach Civic Center) 								
	 Generating VC revenues on real estate side to defray public sponsor's P3 payments on infrastructure side (which enhances real estate property value) 								





- 1. VC is a local tool and using VC techniques to pay for major infrastructure projects with regional benefits is still limited.
- 2. However, VC is becoming increasingly important as local funding source for major infrastructure projects to complement traditional Federal and State sources.
- 3. Future VC approaches need to be more expansive, innovative, and precedent-setting to become meaningful and substantive infrastructure funding sources.



Questions?

