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## Developing Transit Oriented Development Principal in Designing Light Rail Transit Station in Bandung

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#### Abstract

The density of transportation in Bandung is increasing every year which causes any problems, one of them is traffic jams. The low level of security and comfort are the main factors of people preferring private vehicles over public transportation as a driving option. The form of public transportation that become a solution for Bandung city is Light Rail Transit (LRT) with the concept of transit-oriented development (TOD). TOD is a study that aims to determine the arrangement of mass in the design of LRT in transit areas. This study using several variables that combined the theory of Cervero (1997) and ITDP (2014): walk, cycle, connect, transit, and design. The importance of applying TOD's principle is interconnecting between transportation and various buildings in a selected area, such as commercial, office, and residence. The application of TOD principle in LRT station design is adjusted to the characteristics and policies of selected area.

Keywords: connectivity, LRT, TOD, transportation

#### Introduction

The increase in the number of private transportation, especially two-wheeled vehicles, has caused congestion in some major cities in Indonesia, one of which is the capital city of West Java, Bandung. The level of congestion is generated by the magnitude of the vehicle ratio rather than the width of the road segment marked by an increase in population and high mobility. To overcome these problems, an infrastructure of regional spatial planning with diverse use functions that are integrated is needed. Besides, the strategy as an appropriate solution in dealing with the problem of transportation in the city of Bandung is the use of public transportation in the mass transport system in large numbers.

The Department of Transportation of Bandung strives for the realization of Bandung Lancar 2031 program (Bandung Better Urban Mobility

Correspondence: Fathya Itan Jeehan W Afiliation : Udayana University E-mail: fjeehan24@gmail.com 2031) in the form of integrating Transit Oriented Development area and public transportation including monorails. Monorail is a high-speed mode of transportation that can carry many passengers at one time. This mass transit system is based on a feeder system, which is the center of various transportation connecting residential areas with supporting areas. The general description of this rail-based transportation project is regulated in the Bandung City Transportation Department's governing document, namely the Pre-Study of the Monorail of Bandung 1 and 2.

TOD is an effort that focuses on developing the intergration or connectivity of public transportation with office area., residence, trade/services, and other public services that are easily accessible just by foot. Cervero (in Ayuningtyas, 2019,) ideally describes TOD area consist of three aspects, including density, diversity, and design [6]. Density is defined as density in a spatial pattern that continues to grow, diversity means a mixed function of various activities that are accommodated in one area (for example, between residence, retail, and office). Therefore, the two performance targets are the balance between population income and surrounding land use with balanced density (Thumlin, 2011, p.23).

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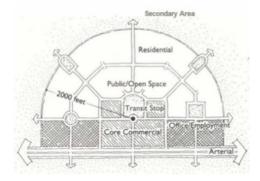
### Literature Review

#### A. Concept of TOD

In 1992, San Diego city has adopted a concept of the City's Mobility Planning Program that means a concept that designed to make the efficient movement of people from one place to another that can be reached on foot from transit stops and commercial center areas. This concept came to be known as TOD (Transit Oriented Development) and continued to be developed because it proved successful in creating a mixed-used area that increased population mobility.

TOD is defined as a mixed-use community in the average transit range of around 2000 steps between the distance of a public transport stop and a commercial center. In the TOD area there are residential, office, retail, open space, and other public facilities with an environment that is friendly to basic to public transportation such as pedestrians, bicycles, motorbikes or cars [5]. An illustrative scheme of the following meaning can be seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1. The Illustration of TOD Concept Source: Calthrope (1993)



#### B. Principle of TOD

As a benchmark for the success of TOD development, a principle was made to implement a concept of Transit Oriented Development. Based on ITDP (Institute Transportation & Development Policy) it is stated that there are 8 TOD area principles [3], including:

1. Walk

Walking is the most natural, healthy, and affordable mode of transportation for short distances, and is an important component of a trip by public transportation. Therefore, walking is the basis of a sustainable transportation system.

Cycling (Cycle)

Cycling is an emissions-free, healthy and affordable transportation option, which is very efficient and consumes very little space and urban resources.

Connect (Connect)

Short and direct pedestrian paths require a dense road network between permeable small blocks.

4. Public Transportation (Transit)

Public transportation connects and integrates urban areas that is too far for pedestrians.

Mixing (Mix)

Mixing land use in one area will keep local roads alive and provide a sense of security, encourage walking and cycling, and shape a humane living environment.

Compact (Densify)

To be able to sustain urban growth in dense and dense spatial patterns, cities must grow vertically (densification) rather than horizontally (sprawl).

7. Close (Compact)

The basic principle of dense urban development is tight spatial planning. In the meeting area of the city or suburb, various activities and activities are present close to one another.

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#### 8. Switch (Shift)

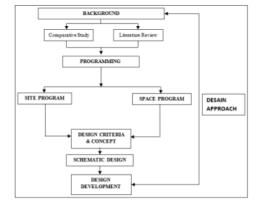
When the city was built based on the seven principles above, private motor vehicles became almost unnecessary in everyday life. Walking, biking, and using public transportation are easy and convenient transportation options, and can also be equipped with intermediate modes of transportation or rental vehicles that are more efficient in the use of space.

### Methodology

The design approach strategy of designing LRT station in TOD area used is the glassbox method with consideration the results of the design approach that is logical, rational, and can be tested for truth. Glassbox method is a method that is done rationally and logically by the designer of the work he made. Consept design did not come spontaneously, but through stages that carried out with certain considerations which results can be traced from the initial process to the final process.

Design criteria and concepts can be formulated based on the conclusions from the site program and space program. The conclusions from the site program will produce design criteria and site design concepts, while conclusions from the space program will produce building design criteria and concepts. The site and space program is obtained from data analysis that has been compiled from literacy, interviews, site design regulations and comparative studies of similar building functions. The result of data analysis is a function analysis, activity analysis, and analysis of space that can be drawn into data syntesis. Data analysis is used to transform data that has been collected in compiling project specifications.

#### Figure 2, Glass Box Method Chart



### **Result and Discussion**

#### 1. Transit Area Location

The location of the transit-oriented area is planned along Jalan Merdeka, Citarum, Kec. Bandung Wetan, the city of Bandung with a transit point between the buildings with the most populous activities, namely BIP (Bandung Indah Plaza) and Gramedia. The object of the area is located in the city center and government functions so that the office functions are dominated. Traffic congestion on protocol roads is very congested, resulting in a high level of traffic congestion which hinders pedestrian access. Besides, bus stops and taxi waiting areas trigger traffic congestion because stops are piling up and take too long. The number of trees is very limited, including the unavailability of public open space.

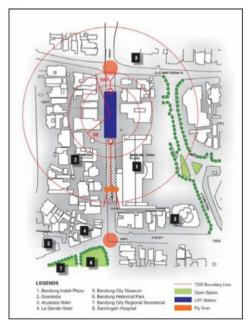
In the transit area of Jalan Merdeka, there are several central building objects which include the government office building in Bandung, educational facilities, shopping, residential, hotels, and worship. In the area the land is used for commercial purposes such as office buildings, hotels and shopping centers. The modes of transportation provided on Jalan Merdeka, such as city transportation, bicycles, damri, and buses. With the variety of types and quality of development in the region at present, the area of mixed functions has become very limited around the LRT station, is

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#### shown in Figure 3.

#### Figure 3. Transit Area Location



#### 2. TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Principles

According to Tumlin (2011), a transit area is an area within a city that is intended as a blend of transit functions between human needs, buildings, and public spaces. A transit area that is functional for its users is that which meets basic requirements such as comfort, fast, regular, and affordable. Therefore, in the arrangement of the transit area needed the principles of use as a benchmark for the development of the area. There are 8 TOD principles (ITDP, 2017, p.15-160, including, mixed functions, high density, connectivity, public space, social justice, environmental sustainability, infrastructure resilience, economic renewal.

From the principles mentioned, there are 3 principles that are the main focus in designing LRT stations in transit-oriented areas on Merdeka street, including: regional connectivity, public space, decreasing carbon footprint, and

the focus of development near the public transport network. Some strategic steps in designing stations in the transit area include: the provision of secure connectivity infrastructure, the maximum utilization of land, the provision of public areas, the restructuring of the area in order to improve the quality of life.

#### **Development Area**

The development of areas near stations that interact directly with LRT stations will be directed towards the development of highdensity areas and the potential for long-term development. Limited and very valuable city space can be diverted from the allotment of roads and unnecessary motor vehicle parking segments, to be reallocated to more productive uses in terms of social and economic aspects. One of the principles of shifting is to turn away from the mobility of private vehicles with parking restrictions (in Figure 4) and road use policies (Black, 1995, p. 165).

Figure 4. TOD Area Development



Off-street parking inside the building is provided for users, LRT station managers, and the surrounding community within 10 minutes on foot. The parking area design has an area of 1000 m<sup>2</sup> that can accommodate 50 fourwheeled vehicles and 100 two-wheeled vehicles. The diversity of modes of transportation that is convenient and easily accessible to these users has a positive impact on society, namely the shift from the use of

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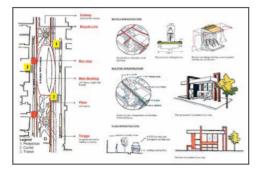
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private transport to public transportation. So that one of the goals of TOD area development is achieved, namely reducing traffic congestion in big cities by minimizing human mobility. The transit area on Jalan Merdeka was designed with the management of its mass transportation, such as the construction of the MRT and LRT lines.

#### **Connectivity Area**

Infrastructure designed to support connectivity in transit-oriented areas is pedestrians, bicycles, and public transportation. Figure 5 shows infrastructure for pedestrians, such as sidewalks, park benches as a medium of social interaction, and shade trees. The design of the transit area provides a specific bicycle lane on the sidewalk design that connects almost all the places in the area. Various types of cycling infrastructure, including bicycle lanes on-road bodies and on-street parking.

Figure 5. The Infrastructure of Connectivity Area



The subway design in the transit area has a transit circulation that connects to 5 existing modes of transportation. The area makes it easy for users to integrate one mode of transportation with another mode of transportation, as well as to reduce congestion and safety for pedestrians. The design has had a positive impact in the form of increased connectivity, social equality, economic regeneration, and infrastructure security.

Accessibility of public transport and its use in LRT station design supports dense spatial planning and

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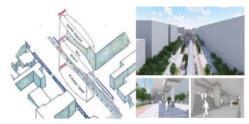
development patterns. The maximum distance to the nearest monorail station recommended for transit-oriented development is 1 kilometer or 15 to 20 minutes travel time on foot. Density in the transit area provides an opportunity for city developers to develop an area capable of providing multifunctional buildings or public spaces that accommodate human activities therein.

#### Public Space Area

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Based on the National Defense Agency in Permen ATR BPN No. 16 of 2017 it is stated that the design of public space in terms of area development is carried out such as making plazas (open areas), parks, and streetscape [2]. This development is useful as an increase in living standards and environmental resilience in the city of Bandung. The subway and plaza design shown in Figure 4 makes the sidewalk a safe walking network and connects every building and destination. The LRT station transit area design facilitates pedestrian circulation including persons with disabilities, such as providing escalators, elevators, and ramps for wheelchair users. In addition to pedestrians, streetscape on the shoulder of the road is designed for cyclists.

Figure 6 Open Public Space in LRT Station



Infrastructure designed for bicycles, such as bicycle lanes is designed with a width of  $\pm$  1.5 m and uses green as a differentiator with pedestrian markers. One of the available onstreet parking is a portable parking rack available on the roadside with a capacity of 6-7 bikes with an inverted U-shaped design. This parking lot is available in large quantities and has protection against the weather. Bicycle parking facilities are located outside the

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pedestrian circulation room or other vehicles and are located within a radius of 100 meters from the entrance of the LRT station.

### Conclusion

The LRT station design in the transit area TOD applies the (Transit Oriented Development) principles set forth by ITDP. TOD is a concept created to reduce user mobility with the density and diversity of land functions in an urban area. Some things that are implemented in this study are; walk, cycle, transit, and shift. Of the four principles, the density of land and building uses, mixed land use, pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, and the availability of parking as a form of land-use efficiency. Meanwhile, in the spatial structure plan, the development of a network of cyclists and pedestrians is an alternative strategy to establish a pedestrian and cyclist-friendly environment. Another suggestion that can be taken is to develop open public spaces. The existence of open public space plays an important role in the progress of the city as an entertainment tool or the aspirations of its people.

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