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Nick Saponara is the Executive Officer of Transit Oriented Communities at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) where he oversees a wide range of planning and development strategies to foster transit oriented communities around Metro's growing transit system, including real estate development, first/last mile and systemwide design projects aimed at enhancing access to and use of transit. Prior to joining Metro in 2013, Mr. Saponara was a project manager at the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles where he led various geographically targeted community revitalization efforts. Mr. Saponara holds Master of Urban Planning and Master of Real Estate Development degrees from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Syracuse University and serves on the Advisory Board of the Urban Land Institute Los Angeles District Council.