

TRANSIT TALK

TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS

»» **BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)**

A high-quality bus-based transit system that delivers fast and efficient service. It may include traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, elevated platforms and enhanced stations.

»» **BUS RAPID TRANSIT LITE**

Frequent service with a limited number of stops and faster travel times. MetroRapid is an example of a BRT Lite service.

»» **LIGHT RAIL**

High capacity rail service that typically operates in an exclusive right of way on its own dedicated track in areas of high population and employment densities. This track is designed for lighter weight trains and cannot carry freight trains.

»» **DEDICATED PATHWAY**

Fully dedicated lanes set aside for public transportation vehicles that allow for traffic-free travel.

»» **LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**

Recommended best public transportation enhancement alternative after completing environmental study.

»» **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY (NEPA)**

The primary law governing the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) environmental protection process is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

An environmental study helps identify the best alternatives for improving mobility and safety. A full range of alternatives is developed that take into account the needs of drivers, transit riders, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as surrounding businesses, neighborhoods and the environment.

Extensive analysis of engineering feasibility as well as social, economic and environmental impacts of each alternative is conducted and public input is collected.