

Transit Series Introduction

With rising gas prices and increased traffic congestion, transit-use is becoming more attractive to many commuters. Work destinations and residential areas should be integrated with transit stations to create a walkable and coordinated transit-oriented design. This series includes photos of several different transit types and transit oriented development. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future transit within your community.

Transit Definition:

A concept fundamentally concerned with reducing the adverse impact of motor vehicles on built-up areas. Usually involves reducing vehicle speeds, providing more space for pedestrians and cyclists, and improving the local environment. (*University of Leeds, Institute for Transportation, UK*)

Keywords:

bus, bus rapid transit, commuter rail, decrease auto-dependency, educational and activity centers with regional transportation systems, gondola, good street and pathway interconnectivity, high-speed rail, infill, intermix employment, light-rail, mixed-use, redevelopment, shorter trips, transit oriented development, trolley, walkable