

# Previous Transit Studies

# Agenda



- Project timeline
- Final transit recommendation (2011)
- Transit planning and development (2002 2011)
- Moving forward (2011 2013)

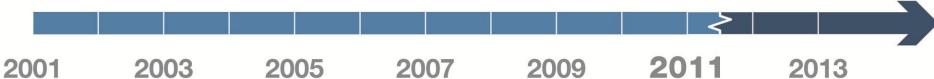
## **Project Timeline**





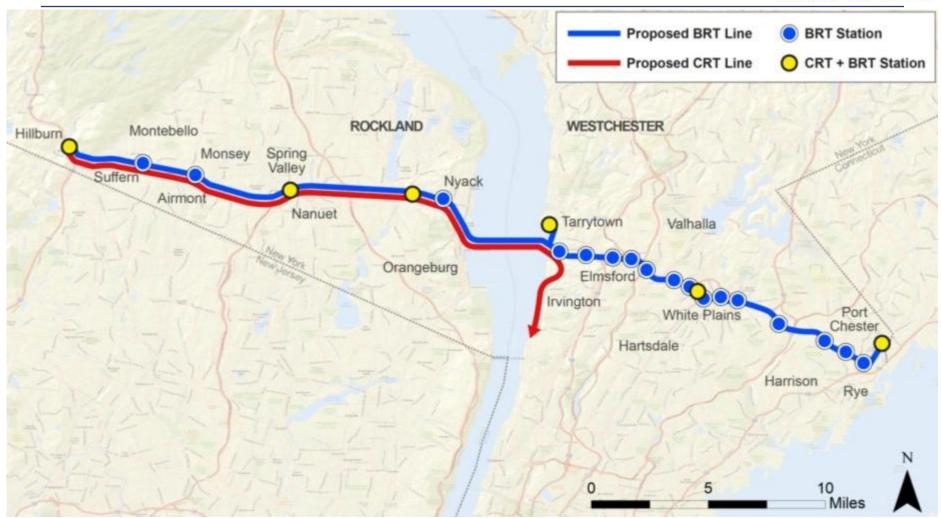
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## Final Transit Recommendation (2011)





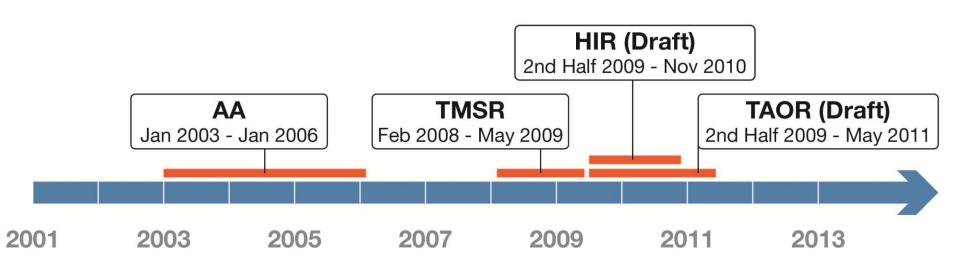


# Transit Planning and Development 2002 - 2011

## **Prior Reports**

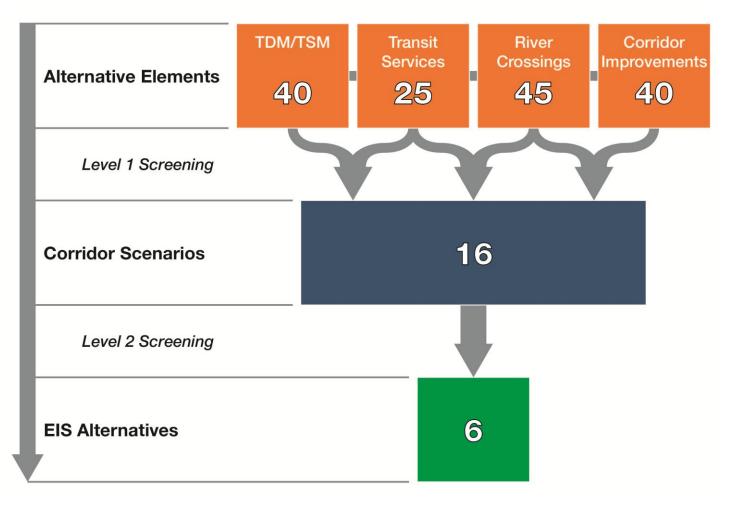


- Alternatives Analysis (AA), 2006
- Transit Mode Selection Report (TMSR), 2009
- Transit Alignment Options Report (TAOR), 2011
- Highway Improvements Report (HIR), 2010



## Alternatives Analysis (2006)







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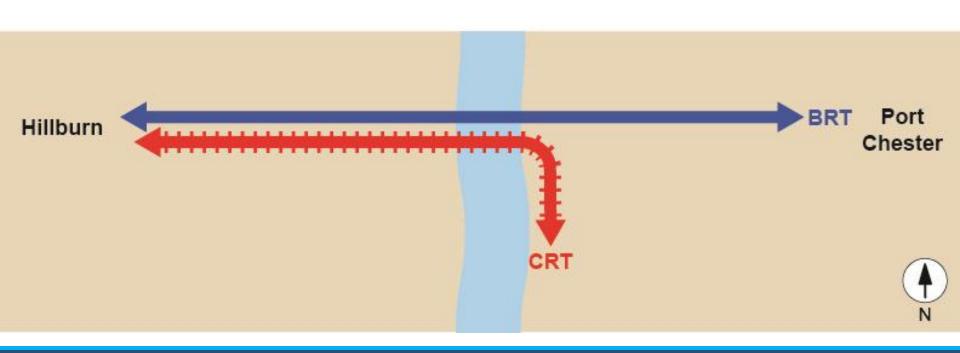


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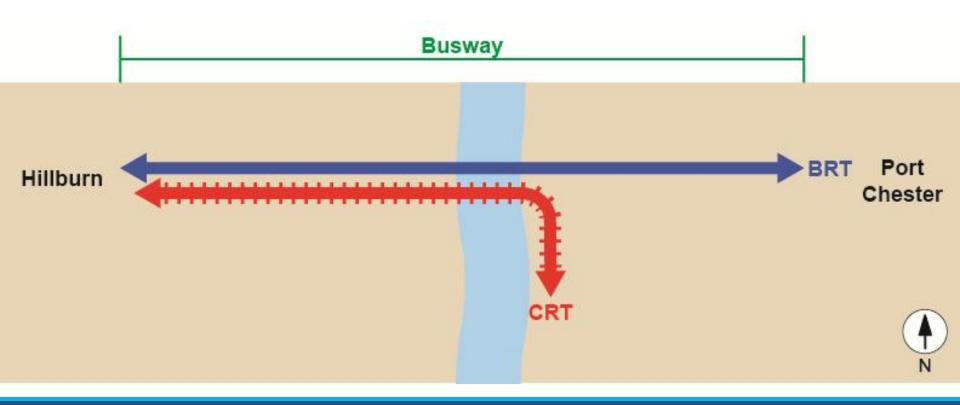


- Recommends 4 build alternatives for further study in the EIS
- All alternatives include a replacement bridge, Rockland CRT and full-corridor BRT



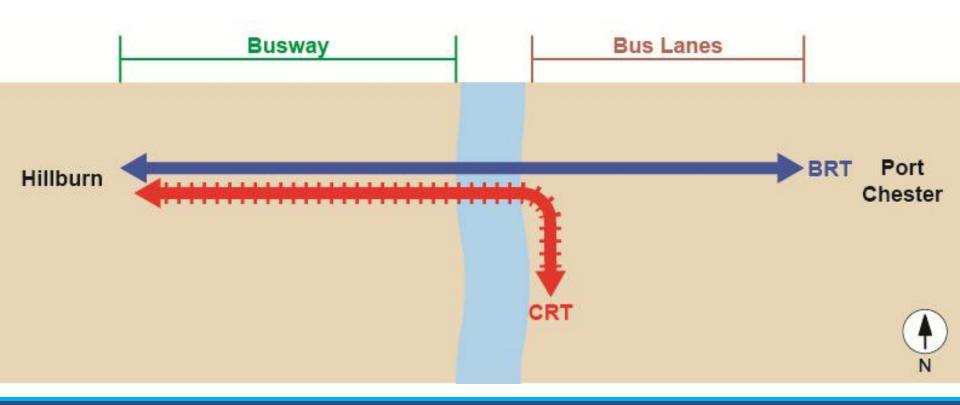


#### **Alternative B**



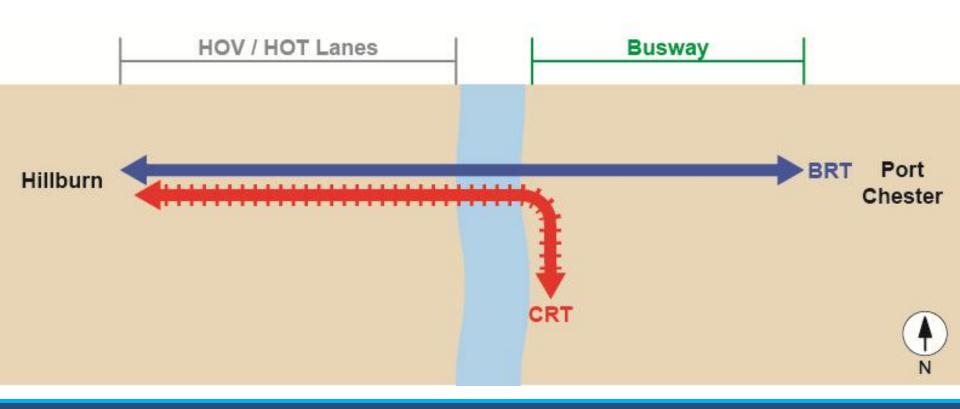


#### **Alternative C**



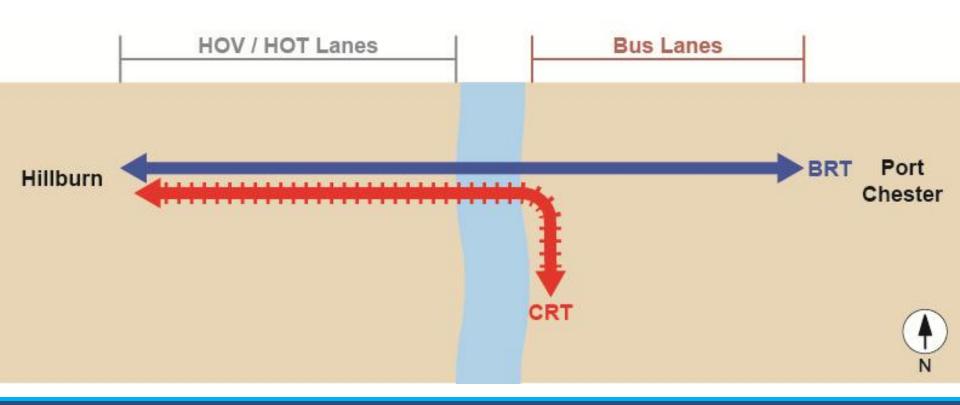


#### **Alternative D**





#### **Alternative E**

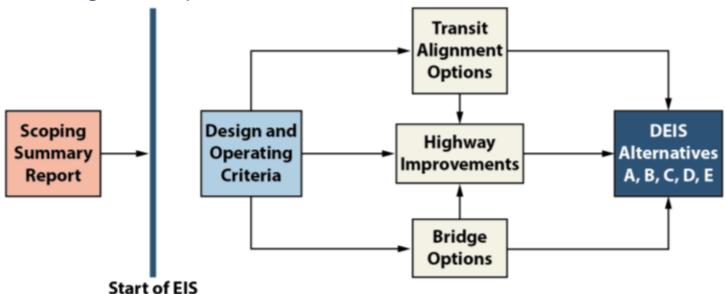


## Highway Improvements Report (2010)



#### Proposes highway improvements to be studied in EIS

- Climbing lanes
- Collector/distributor roads at Interchange 13
- Interchange 10 improvements
- Interchange 11 improvements





# Moving Forward 2011 - 2013

## **Project Pivot**



#### Tappan Zee Bridge / I-287 Corridor Project

- December 2002 October 2011
- Includes transit

#### The New NY Bridge

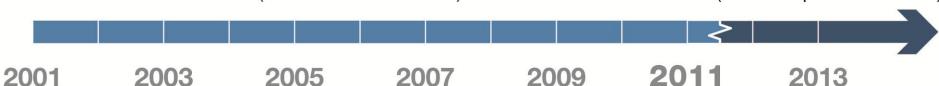
- October 2011 present
- Does not preclude transit

# THE NEW NY BRIDGE

Tappan Zee / I-287 Corridor Project

(accommodates transit)

(does not preclude transit)



#### Mass Transit Task Force



#### **Call for Mass Transit**

- Advocacy groups & community leaders
- Petition
- Website
- Comments on DEIS
- Local resolutions passed
- Letters to the Governor and representatives

#### **Mass Transit Task Force Formed by Governor**

- Identify short-, medium- and long-term transit options
- Develop funding strategies to implement & sustain transit operations
- Submit a final recommendation for a comprehensive transit plan





# Discussion

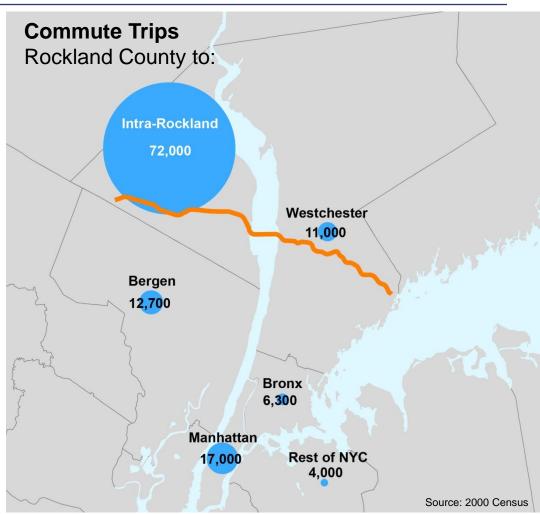


# **Transit Needs**

# Top Travel Markets – Rockland



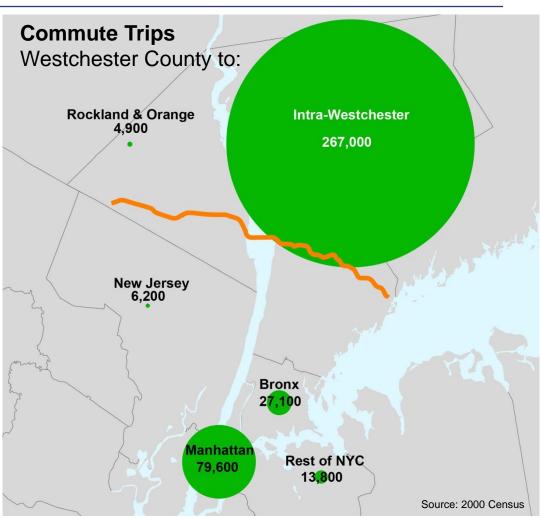
- Intra-Rockland
- 2. Manhattan
- Midtown West (4,250)
- Midtown East (3,400)
- Uptown (3,900)
- Lower Manhattan (3,400)
- 3. Bergen
- Westchester
- 5. Bronx
- 6. Rest of NYC
- 7. Other NY, NJ, and CT
- Less than 2,000 trips



# Top Travel Markets – Westchester

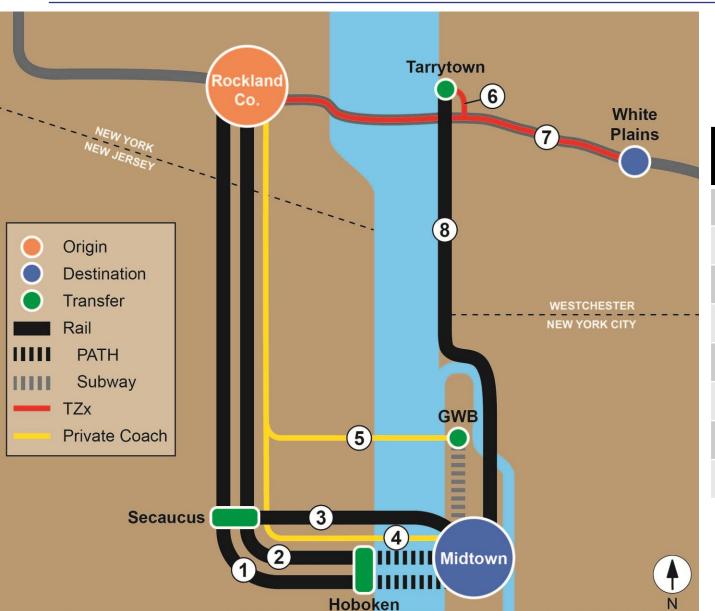


- Intra-Westchester
- 2. Manhattan
- Midtown East (24,700)
- Midtown West (20,700)
- Uptown (12,700)
- Lower Manhattan (12,000)
- 3. Bronx
- Rest of NYC
- 5. New Jersey
- 6. Rockland & Orange
- 7. Other NY and CT
- Less than 2,000 trips



# **Existing Transit**





Route	Travel Times (Auto / Transit)
1	0:50 / 1:30
2	0:50 / 1:20
3	0:50 / 1:10
4	0:50 / 1:20
5	0:50 / 1:10
6	0:25 / 0:50
7	0:35 / 1:15
8	0:50 / 1:45

All times approximate



# Discussion



# Potential Transit Solutions

# Agenda



- Land use typologies
  - Suburbs
  - Corridors
  - Centers
  - Cities
- Transit options
  - Local bus
  - Bus rapid transit (BRT)
  - Express bus
  - Commuter rail transit (CRT)
- U.S. case studies

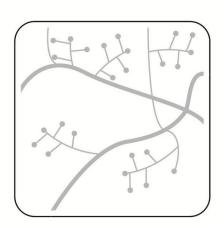
## Suburbs



- Curvilinear street pattern
- Large block sizes
- Dispersed development patterns
- Mainly residential
- Few transit options
- Difficult to serve with fixed route transit
- Origin zones

#### Regional Examples:

- Airmont
- Ardsley



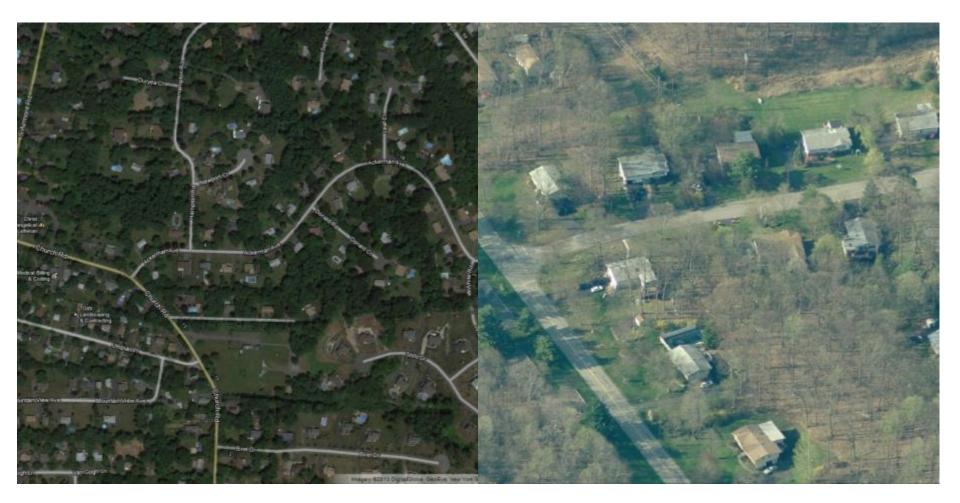






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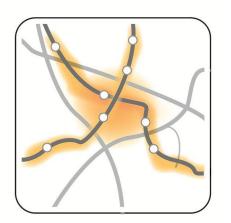




## Corridors



- Mixed curvilinear/grid street pattern
- Large block sizes
- Employment focused: retail, office parks
- Mostly peak period bus ridership
- Mainly a destination



#### Regional Examples:

- White Plains Rd / Route 119
- Westchester Ave / Platinum Mile



## Corridors

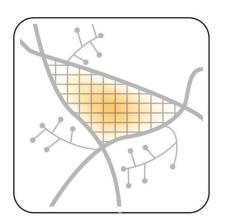




### Centers



- Gridded street pattern
- Integrated pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Clustered, mixed-use development
- Multiple transit connections
- Both an origin and destination



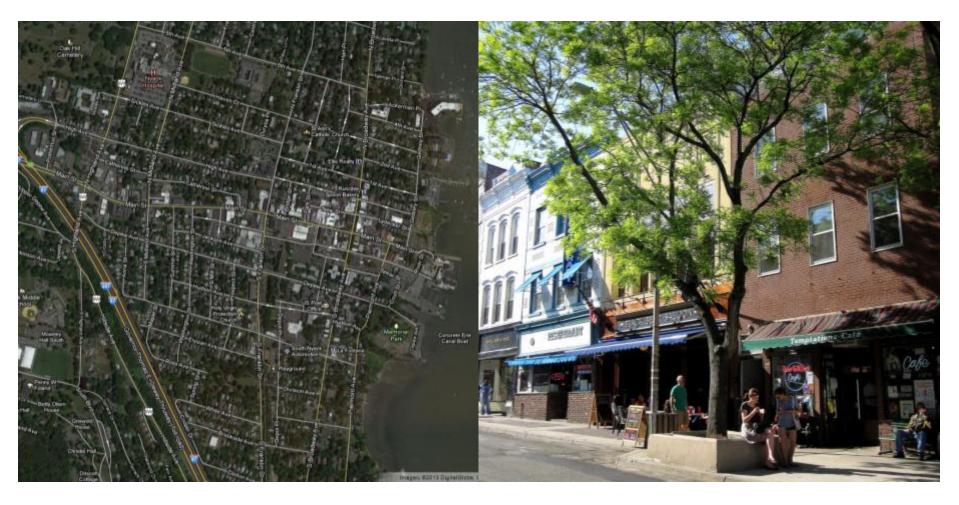
### Regional Examples:

- Nyack
- Tarrytown



## Centers





### Cities

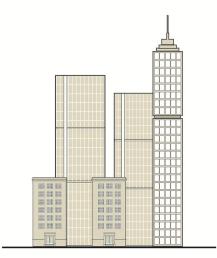


- Fully connected street system
- Pedestrian and bicycle networks
- Clustered, mixed-use, transit-oriented development
- Multi-layered transit options
- Origin and destination

#### Regional Examples:

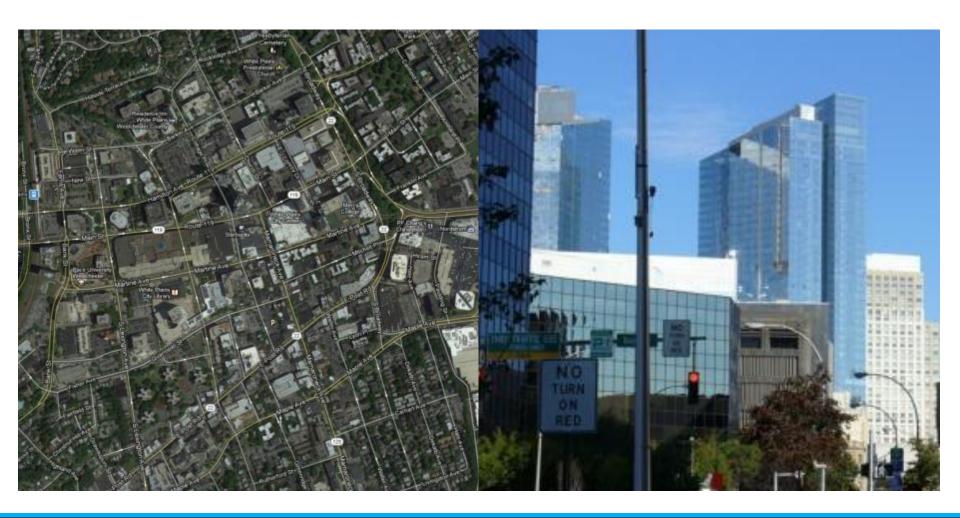
- White Plains
- New York





# Cities





# **Transit Options**











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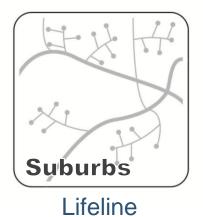
- Service Qualities
  - Local access
  - Frequent stops
  - Headway-based schedules
  - Feeder systems to other modes
  - Flexible routing
  - Mixed-traffic

- Passenger Experience
  - Short trips
  - Corner stops
  - Low ride comfort
  - Lowest fares
  - On-board fare payment

### **Local Bus Characteristics**



Operational Environment



service



Connects destinations



Local circulation



Local circulation

## **BRT Characteristics**





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- Service Qualities
  - Fixed routing
  - Exclusive running ways
  - Technology enhancements
  - Headway based schedules
  - Short waiting times
  - Integration with other modes

#### Passenger Experience

- Branding
- High-capacity, rail-like vehicles
- High quality stations
- Pre-board fare payment
- Real-time bus arrival information

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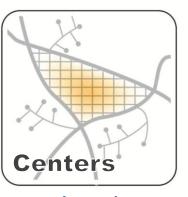


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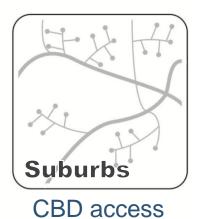
- Service Qualities
  - Regional access
  - Peak-hour service
  - Timetable based schedules
  - Runs on highways
  - Collects in origins and distributes in major destinations
  - Serves commuters/special events

- Passenger Experience
  - Park-and-ride facilities
  - Passenger amenities
  - Comfortable vehicles
  - Higher fares

## **Express Bus Characteristics**

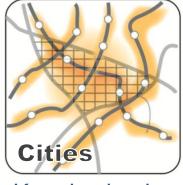


Operational Environment









Key destination access

## **CRT Characteristics**





### **CRT Characteristics**



- Service Qualities
  - Regional access
  - Service to urban core
  - Timetable based schedules
  - Exclusive rights-of-way
  - Infrequent stops, with some express service
  - Integration with other modes

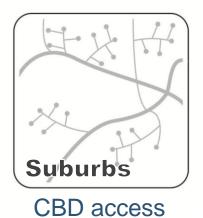
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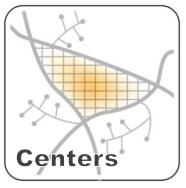
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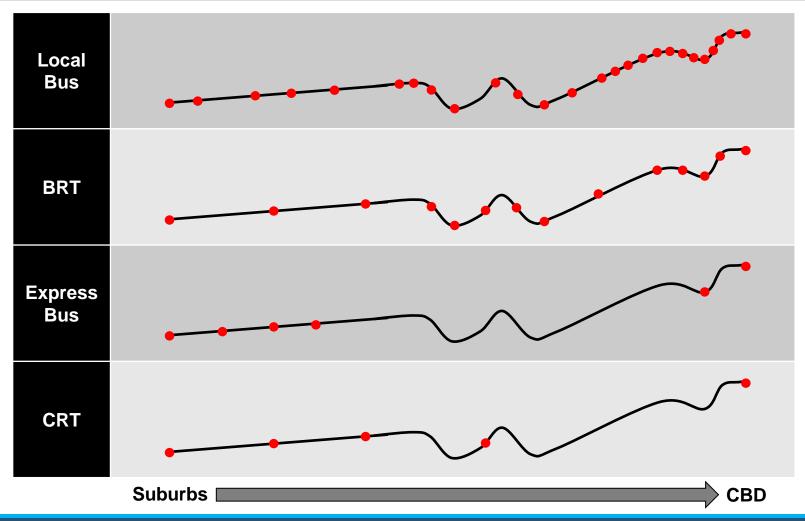
# Transit Mode Comparison



	Land Use Relation	Stop Spacing	Operations	Schedule	Fare Payment	Amenities	Brand Differentiation
Local Bus	Responds	500-1,000 feet	Mixed traffic	Headway based	On-board	Few	No
BRT	Influences	0.25 - 2 miles	Mixed traffic, exclusive ROW	Headway based	Off-board	High- quality stations	Yes
Express Bus	Responds	1 - 5 miles	Mixed traffic, HOV	Timetable based	On/Off- board	WiFi, personal lights, air control, stations	Yes
CRT	Shapes	1 - 5 miles	Exclusive ROW	Timetable based	Off-board	WiFi, on- board restrooms, stations	No

## **Transit Routing**



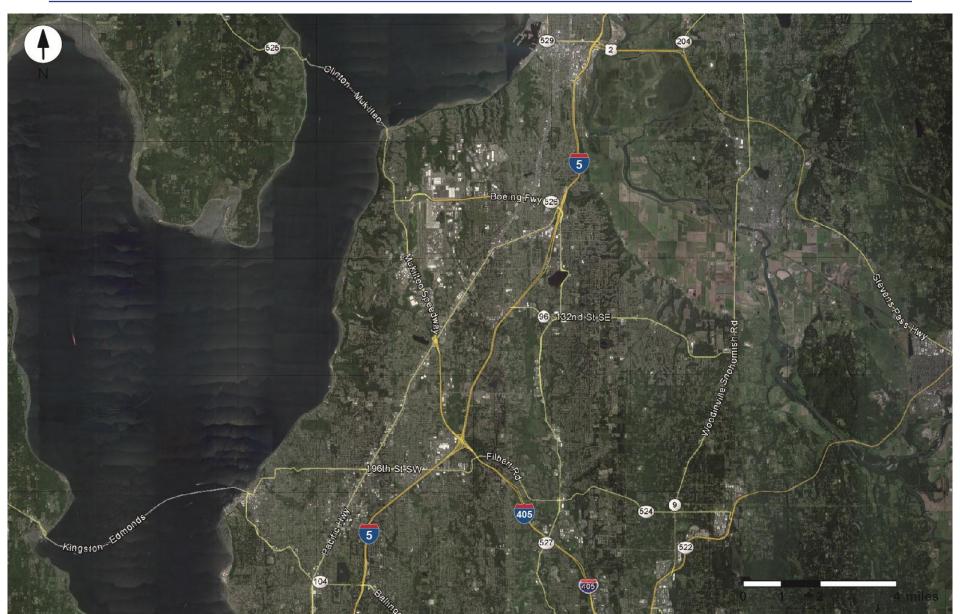




## Case Studies

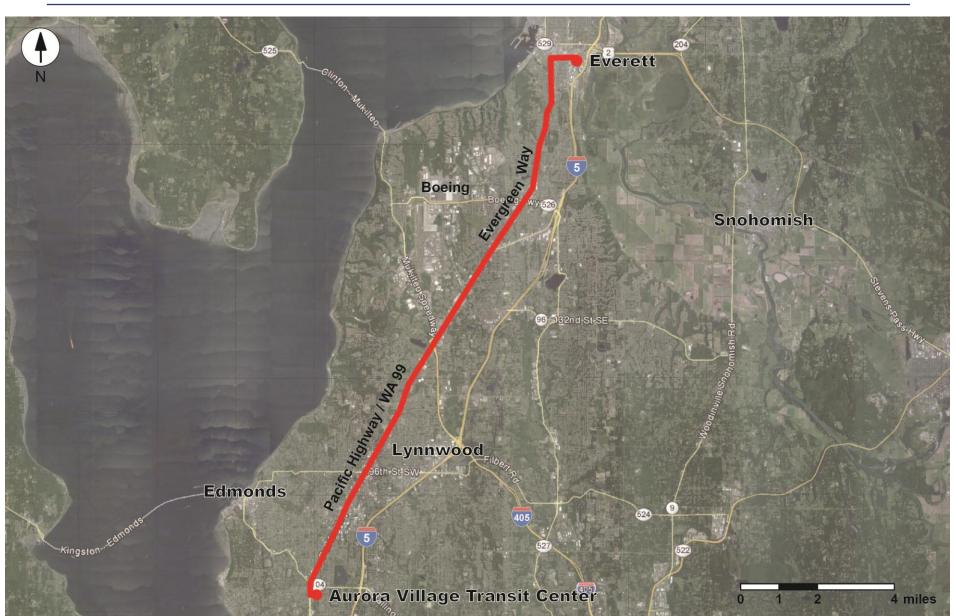
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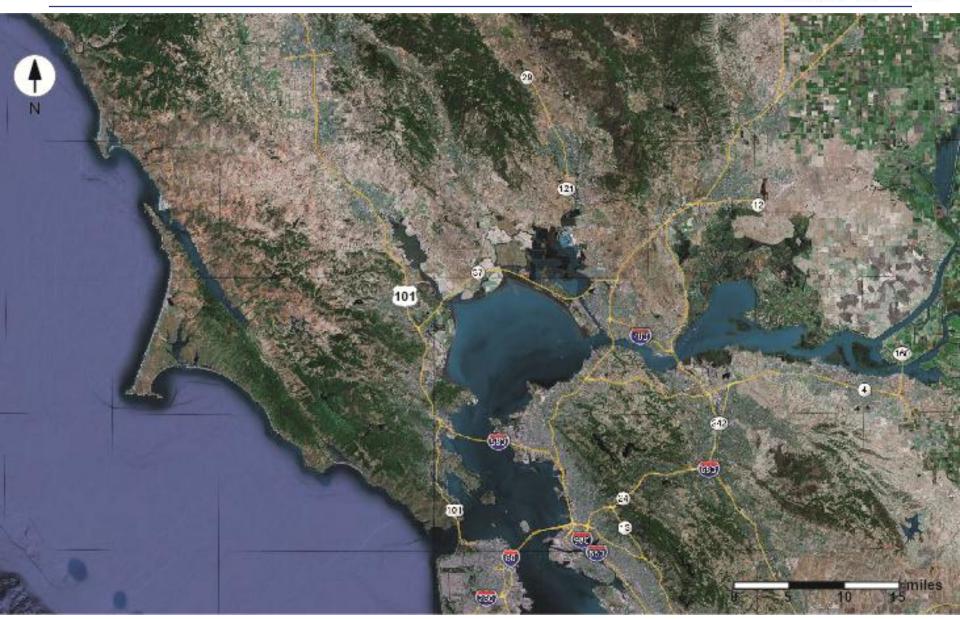
Type of Transit	BRT		
Year Built	2009		
Operations	Mixed traffic, bus lanes		
Number of Routes	1		
Length	17 miles		
Stations	28 (both ways)		
Daily Ridership	3,500 (2010)		
Service frequency	12 minutes (peak hour)		
Fare	\$2 (off-board payment)		
Farebox Recovery	28% (Bus & Commuter Bus)		
Capital Cost	\$29 million		
Funding Sources	State, federal, grants		





## GGT 101 Routes, San Francisco, CA





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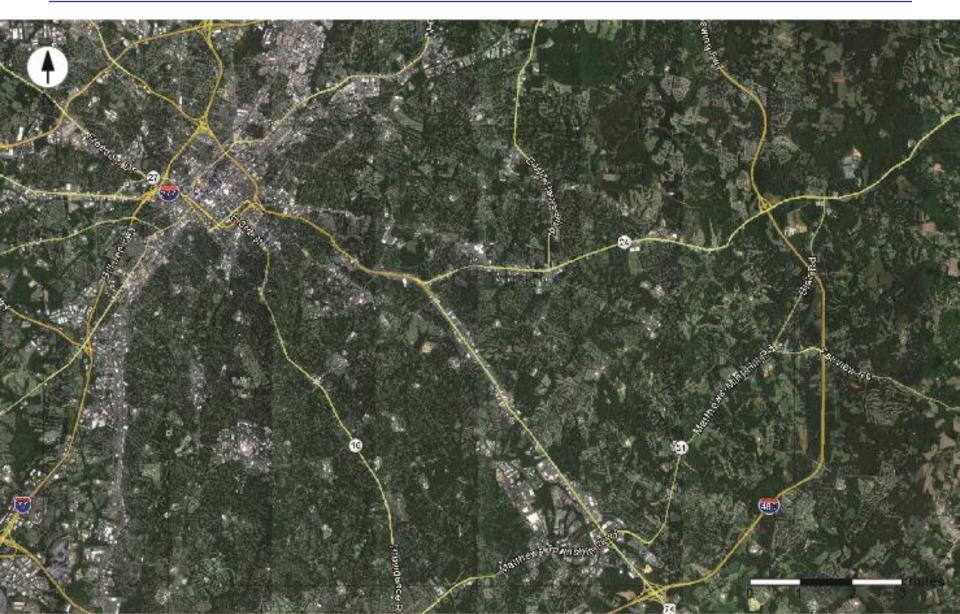


Type of Transit	Local and express buses		
Year Introduced	1970		
Operations	Mixed-traffic, HOV lanes		
Number of Routes	22 GGT bus routes travel across Golden Gate Bridge/Highway 101		
Length	20-60 miles		
Stops	NA		
Daily Ridership	NA		
Service frequency	30-60 minutes (Each route); 45 buses an hour across bridge		
Service frequency Fare	``		
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Fare	45 buses an hour across bridge \$4 - \$10.75 (Zone based)		



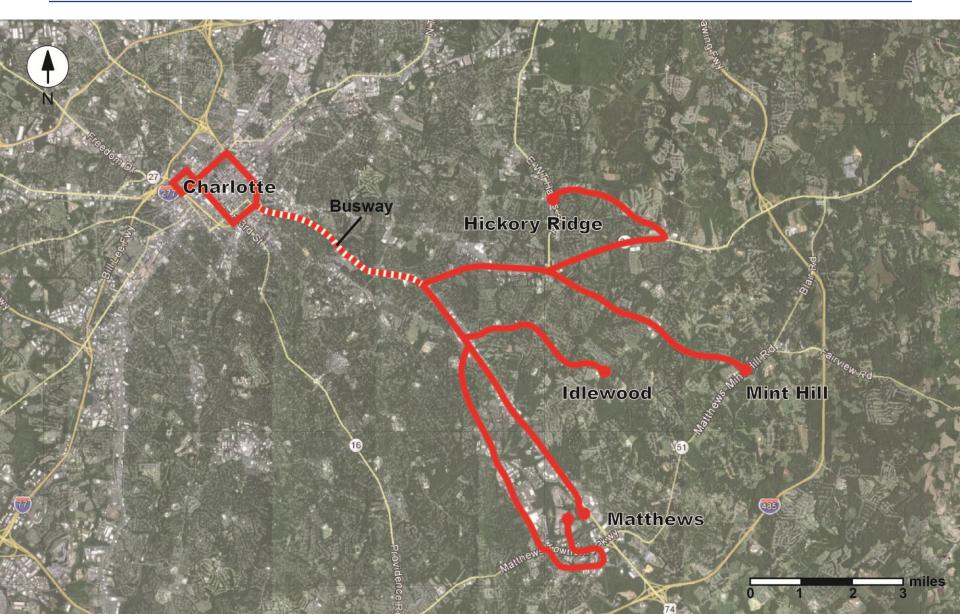
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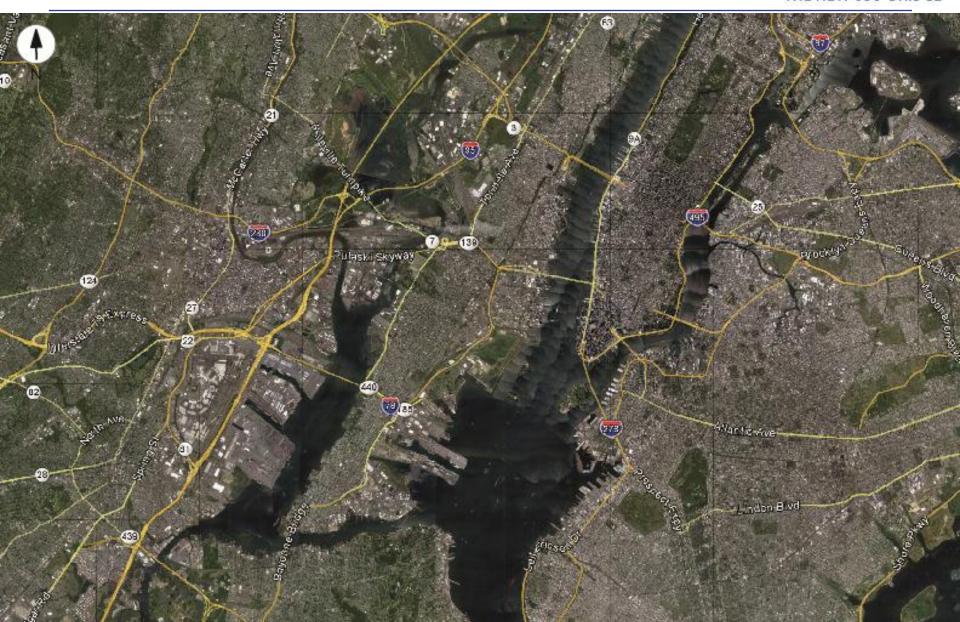
Type of Transit	Express bus	
Year Built	2000	
Operations	Busway, mixed traffic	
Number of Routes	18 (5 use busway)	
Length	3.9 miles of busway	
Stations	637	
Daily Ridership	4,600 (Express)	
Service frequency	15-20 minutes (Peak periods)	
Fare	\$2 (Local) 2.75 (Express)	
Farebox Recovery	24% (All CATS buses)	
Capital Cost	NA	
Funding Sources	Federal, CMAQ grants	





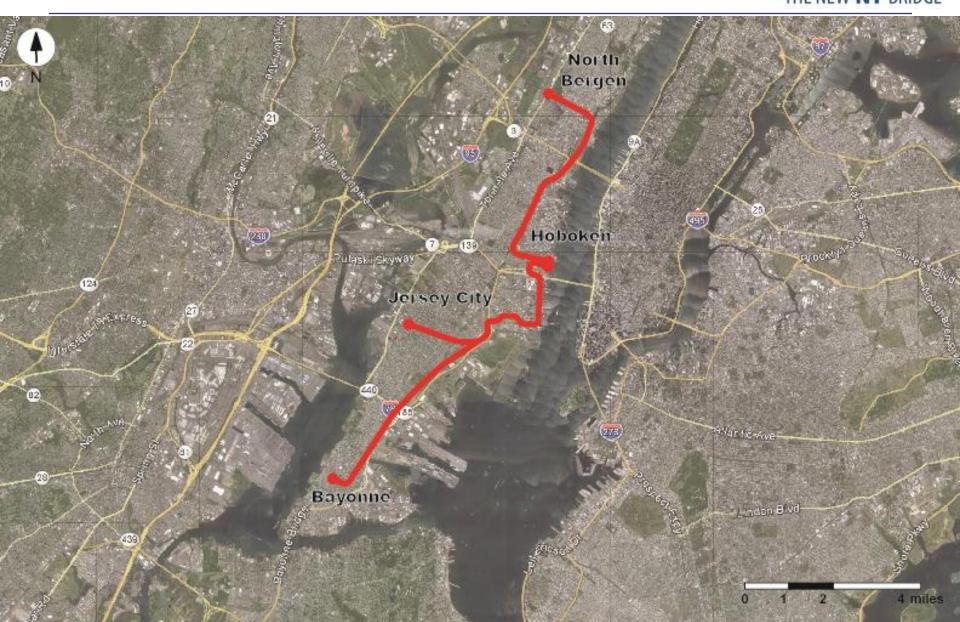
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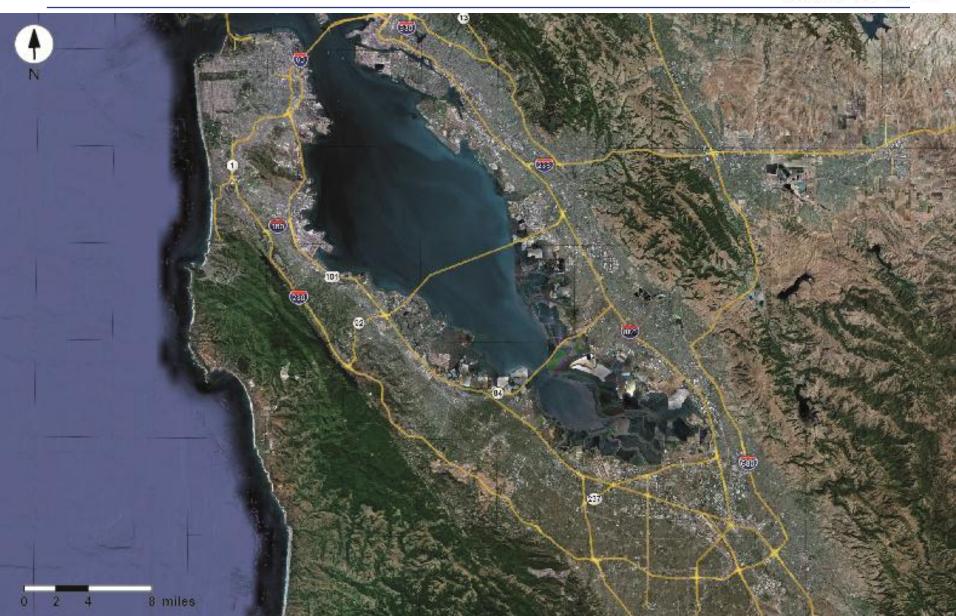
Type of Transit	Light Rail	
Year Built	2000 - 2011	
Operations	Exclusive right of way, mixed traffic	
Number of Routes	3	
Length	21 miles	
Stations	24	
Daily Ridership	44,000 (FY?)	
Service frequency	6-15 minutes (Peak period)	
Fare	\$2.10, off-board	
Farebox Recovery	NA	
Capital Cost	\$2.2 billion	
Funding Sources	Federal and state	





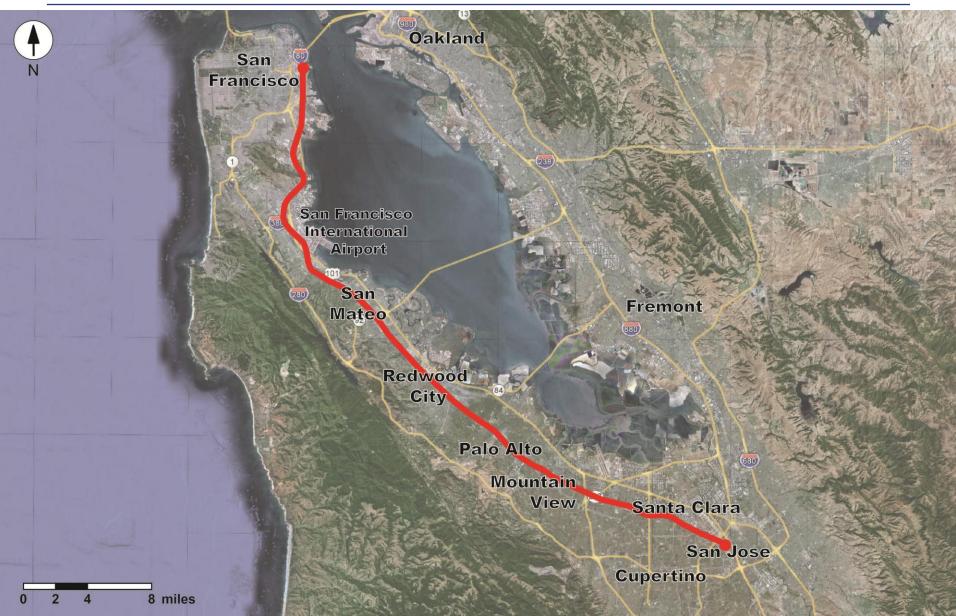
## Caltrain, West/South Bay, CA





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Type of Transit	Commuter rail	
Year Built	1992	
Operations	Exclusive right of way	
Number of Routes	1	
Length	77 miles	
Stations	32	
Daily Ridership	42,350 (2012)	
Service frequency	6-21 minutes (Peak period)	
Fares	\$2 to \$3 per zone (6 zones)	
Farebox Recovery	58% (2012)	
Capital Costs	NA	
Funding Sources	Federal, state grants	







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