



## DEFINITIONS

**Bicycle Lane** – Bicycle lanes are marked and signed bicycle-specific travel lanes located between the outside automobile travel lane and the curb or shoulder of a road. Bicycle lanes adjacent to on-street parking are typically slightly wider than bicycle lanes next to a curb to encourage bicyclists to avoid the door zone and conflicts with motor vehicle drivers or passengers.

**Bicycle Route** – A bicycle route is a signed roadway. A shared lane or “sharrow” is a treatment, or pavement marking on a bicycle route.

**Brownfield Site** – Brownfield sites are properties that are contaminated, or thought to be contaminated, by a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Cleanup of these sites is usually controlled by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Bus Rapid Transit** – Bus rapid transit, or BRT, is a broad term and may include limited stops, easy boarding and fare payment, signal priority treatments and other elements to make the service more convenient and distinctive. The highest form of BRT involves dedicated lanes exclusive for transit vehicles.

**Catalyst Area** – Catalyst areas are places where redevelopment and/or revitalization activities create economic benefits, spur additional surrounding development and open up opportunities for creating sustainable long term prosperity.

**Commuter Rail Transit** – Commuter rail transit is passenger train service that operates on main line railroad tracks to carry riders to and from work in city centers. In some cases service is offered only in rush hours. In other cases, service is operated throughout the day, but less frequently.

**Complete Street** – Complete streets are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. They allow buses to run on time and make it safe for people to walk to and from transit stations.



*Bicycle Lane*



*Catalyst Area*



*Streetscape*



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**Livability** - Livability is the sum of the factors that add up to a community's quality of life, including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, and cultural, entertainment and recreation possibilities.

**Light Rail Transit** – Light Rail Transit, or LRT, has more frequent stops and is slower than commuter rail service. LRT can operate with a street, adjacent to auto traffic, and is powered by an overhead electric line. LRT is often the successor term to street cars, trolleys, and trams.

**Multimodal Transportation**– Multimodal transportation generally means planning for the integration of all types of travel, including walking, bicycling, automobile and transit, as well as the facilities needed for each type of use.

**Placemaking** – Placemaking is a people-centered approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces. Put simply, it involves looking at, listening to, and asking questions of the people who live, work and play in a particular space, to discover their needs and aspirations.

**Shared Use Path** – A shared use path, or multi-use trail, is physically separated from roadways and allow only non-motorized travel, such as bicycles, walkers, joggers, and skaters.

**Streetscape** – Streetscape is the general area between a curb and building where pedestrian activity is concentrated. The streetscape character is defined by the elements placed within that space, including trees, lights, signage, seating, bike racks, kiosks, enhanced paving, public art, planter pots, transit shelters and shading devices.

**Transit Oriented Development** – Transit-oriented development, or TOD, is a type of community development that includes a mixture of housing, office, retail and/or other amenities integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a half-mile of public transportation. It generally has a high level of connectivity; small blocks; and streetscape, buildings and uses that cater to the pedestrian.



*Shared Use Path*



*Placemaking*



*Transit Oriented Development*