Bus Rapid Transit Types

Characteristics

All bus rapid transit types share frequent service, improved stations and customer information technology, signal priority, maintenance, dedicated fleet, and specialized branding distinct from buses

Arterial bus rapid transit

Mixed traffic, bus shoulders

- Local Examples: A Line (opened 2016), C Line (opened 2019)
- 11 additional lines planned
- Capital Cost: \$30 to \$75 million
- Dense urban corridors with constrained right of way
- Typical ¹/₂-mile stop spacing

Highway BRT

Managed lanes or bus shoulders

- Local examples: Red Line (opened 2013), Orange Line
- Capital Cost: \$100-150 million
- Developed freeway or expressway corridors
- Typical 2-mile stop spacing

Dedicated Guideway BRT Separate bus-only roadway

- Local examples: Gold Line, Rush Line
- Capital Cost: \$400-460 million
- Varies, wide arterial streets, rail right of way, or other contexts
- Typical 1-mile stop spacing





