Picking the Right Transit Mode

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Urban Transit Mode Considerations

- Community vision and values
- Passengers (people & jobs) and urban form
- Ridership - Ability to serve the most people
- Access - Integration with other modes (esp. transit, walking, bicycling)
- TOD catalyst - Place-making capability
- Right-of-way availability
- Cost and funding ability – capital, operations & maintenance
Transit Modes Spectrum

- **Bus** (variable service types…)
- **Arterial/Adapted Bus Rapid Transit** (“BRT Light”)
- **BRT** (predominantly or exclusively dedicated lane)
- **Modern Streetcar** (in-street rail - mixed traffic)
- **Light Rail Transit** (predominantly or exclusively dedicated pathway)
- **Commuter Rail**
- **Rapid Rail**
- **Intercity Passenger Rail**
- **High Speed Rail**