

<b>To:</b>	<b>Washington County, Sara Allen, Manager of FTA TOD Pilot Program Grant/Gold Line</b>
<b>From:</b>	Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit
<b>RE:</b>	<b>BRTOD - Planning and Implementation Best Practices</b>

There are several useful and interesting examples of Bus Rapid Transit Oriented Development (BRTOD) planning and implementation best practices around the nation. As BRTOD is still a relatively new type of TOD, best practices are still emerging; this memo should be only a starting point for others who are interested; the reader should follow up with links below as well as other transportation planning sources.

Below is a list of topics and sites found in smaller metropolitan areas that are useful and worth reviewing; they are good examples of best practices or are web sites that have foundational background on TOD, BRTOD, and specifics on development in BRT corridors and station area development (hot links included as available):

- For policy makers early in the process or as part of an educational “on boarding” for newly elected/appointed policy makers as a good, “how to” and early stage thinking, see the [five year Strategic Plan](#) for Valley Regional Transit (Boise, Idaho).
- In the “Ecoinnovation District” in Pittsburgh PA, a comprehensive discussion on early concept inventory/research to public outreach, and all planning stages to implementation, [Final EcoInnovation Plan](#).
- Also, see [www.EcoinnovationDistrict.org](http://www.EcoinnovationDistrict.org).
- Compilation of TOD planning for Bus corridors including housing, market conditions, and real estate feasibility analysis in the “Knowledge Corridor” of Massachusetts and Connecticut. This includes a TOD typology and opportunities and strategies for implementing BRTOD [Making It Happen: Opportunities and Strategies for Transit-Oriented Development in the Knowledge Corridor A Market Analysis for Transit-Oriented Development in the Region’s Bus Rapid Transit and Rail Corridors](#). September 2013
- Breakdown of capital and operational costs: Regional Transit Authority of Southwest Michigan. See the “Woodward Avenue” corridor’s [Locally Preferred Alternative Report](#) – October 2014 and the [Purpose and Need Statement](#) – March 2014
- Public Engagement: [Engaging the Public](#): Southwest Michigan Planning Commission. 2014
- Good background of Federal Government funding and grant opportunities: [FTA TOD planning](#).
- Feasibility, see the City of Albuquerque – [Central Avenue Corridor BRT](#) final report.
- Overview including planning and environmental documents can be found for [Utah Transit Authority including](#) the Provo and Utah Valley Express BRT
- Center Running BRT: how it works including goal formation, conceptual designs, and scheduling examples, see the RTD (Denver, CO) [East Colfax Avenue Corridor](#)
- UMN.edu CTS: search for recent studies
- [Center for Transit Oriented Development](#) (CTOD).
- Metro Transit (Minneapolis and St. Paul): *BRTOD – State of the Practice in the United States* document [PDF], [web link]
- An example of [form-based codes and street/utility design BRT and TOD](#), see example in Lansing/East Lansing/Meridian Township.