Bus Rapid Transit-Oriented Development (BRTOD) has been emerging in the last 15 years as several smaller communities have scoped, planned, and implemented BRT. This memo highlights three national and two local examples of Transit-oriented Development (TOD) in smaller communities:

1) Cleveland Health Line in Cleveland, Ohio;
2) Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
3) Uptown-Oakland BRT in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and
4) Rapid Bus A-Line BRT in Saint Paul, Minnesota
5) METRO Gold Line in St. Paul, Minnesota

These communities are noted in the report “BRTOD-State of the Practice in the United States” but highlighted in this memo primarily due to their comparable population profiles. Highlighted examples include:

Cleveland’s has an estimated population of 390,000 and the metro area population of 2.1 million.

Pittsburgh is estimated to be home to 306,500 people, with a metro area that has a population of 2.36 million.

St. Paul’s population is 306,621 while the greater Twin Cities is 3.5M.

There are more than 20 true BRT lines operating in the United States today, with many more in various stages of planning. In the Twin Cities, there is currently one operational BRT line, two more lines in the planning phase, as well as 5 rapid bus lines with some BRT features in operation or planning. One of the draws of BRT is its ability to provide a level of travel benefits comparable to that of LRT for smaller ridership corridors.

The references below are drawn from the References section of BRTOD – State of the Practice in the United States. Topics including scoping, planning, and implementation of BRT can be found in the resources listed below:

**Cleveland Health Line** (Cleveland, OH)


Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway (Pittsburg, PA)


Uptown-Oakland BRT (Pittsburgh, PA)


A-Line BRT and METRO Gold Line (Minneapolis – St. Paul, MN)


NOTE: The Metropolitan Council has developed a TOD Guide for local communities in the Twin Cities to use in local comprehensive planning. The section on “Roles & Support,” and “Planning Fundamentals” provide useful information for appointed and elected officials. For local transit and land use planners, the resource fact sheets, case studies and best practices have been developed and are available. The Guide also provides in-depth information on markets, equity, and implementation.
General planning and implementation sources:


