

BRT QUARTERLY

Special TRB Issue

BRT at TRB!

Bus Rapid Transit presentations at the 83rd Annual TRB Conference

Eight sessions on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and its applications will be presented at the 2004 TRB Annual Conference, including five on BRT practices and three on related topics. All sessions will be at the Hilton Hotel.

“Automated Bus Rapid Transit” (Session 261), Monday, January 12, 10:15 am, Hilton

Topics include operations, planning, policy and process. Panel participants include representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique of France, the National BRT Institute at the Center for Urban Transportation Research, Regional Transportation Commission, Utah Transit Authority.

“A Bus Named Desire: Fundamentals of Sustainable Bus Rapid Transit” (Session 340), Monday, January 12, 3:45 pm, Hilton

Topics include BRT in Europe over the past 30 years, the level of service and sustainability of BRT, and practices relating to the environment and energy, such as propulsion and fuel options for vehicles.

“Bus Rapid Transit” (Session 428), Tuesday, January 13, 8:00 am, Hilton

Topics include accessibility benefits of Bogotá’s BRT system, BRT funding issues, recent efforts of Mexico City to strengthen their system through the use of advanced bus technology and BRT cor-

ridors, and the use of BRT on a congested urban travel corridor with roadway value.

“Cost Benefits of Transit Technology” (Session 466), Tuesday, January 13, 10:15 am, Hilton

Topics include the development of FTA’s BRT decision-making matrix, implementation of Los Angeles’ Metro Rapid and Boston’s Silver Line, and information on choosing the best vehicle for a BRT system.

“Bus Rapid Transit Theory and Practice” (Session 503), Tuesday, January 13, 1:30 p.m., Hilton

Includes updates on the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) BRT Demonstration Initiative and research conducted by CUTR’s National BRT Institute, the TCRP A-23 Project on BRT, and the planning and operations of BRT. Panel includes representatives from FTA, the National BRT Institute, the Capital District Transportation Authority, and DMJM & Harris.

Session	Title	Time
261	Automated Bus Rapid Transit	Monday, 10:15 am – 12:00 pm
340	A Bus Named Desire: Fundamentals of Sustainable Bus Rapid Transit	Monday, 3:45 pm – 5:30 pm
428	Bus Rapid Transit	Tuesday, 8:00 am – 9:45 am
466	Cost Benefits of Transit Technology	Tuesday, 10:15 am – 12:00 pm
503	Bus Rapid Transit Theory and Practice	Tuesday, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
498	Bus Transit-Oriented Development	Tuesday, 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm
517 (poster)	Transit Research Innovations	Tuesday, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
636 (poster)	Modeling of Transportation Networks, Part 3	Wednesday, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm



“Bus Transit-Oriented Development”

(Session 498), Tuesday, January 13, 1:30 pm, Hilton

Includes discussions of the market for BRT and transit-oriented development, and LA Metro Rapid.

“Transit Research Innovations” (Session 517, poster),

•Tuesday, January 13, 2:30 pm, Hilton

Includes a poster on “Selecting Corridors for Bus Rapid Transit Using Multicriteria Method” from the Chicago CTA

“Modeling of Transportation Networks, Part 3”

(Session 636, poster), Wednesday, January 14, 9:30 a.m.

Includes information on the selection of BRT corridors and evaluation of BRT operations.

TCRP Releases BRT Report

TCRP Report 90: Bus Rapid Transit is a two-volume report designed to serve as a reference for policy makers, chief executive officers, and senior managers interested in applications relating to BRT. The report includes case studies of BRT systems worldwide and discusses planning and implementation guidelines for BRT as well as its applications.

Volume 1: Case Studies in Bus Rapid Transit presents 26 case studies, providing a narrative of each system, including operations and performance elements. The planning and implementation background of each case study are also presented, along with a description of BRT applications at each site.

Volume 2: Implementation Guidelines for Bus Rapid Transit provides an overview of system types and discusses planning, the development process, BRT concepts and components, and desirable conditions for system implementation.

A CD ROM of the case studies accompanies Volume 1. Both volumes can be accessed through the TRB website at www.nationalacademies.org/trb.

Visit the National BRT Institute Website

The National Bus Rapid Transit Institute’s website (www.nbrti.org) provides comprehensive information for individuals interested in BRT. Recently published reports are accessible through the homepage, as are links to BRT systems and projects throughout the world. Contact information for individuals at FTA’s BRT Consortium sites is available as well.

News articles covering BRT issues, which are also archived for future reference, are available through the “News” and “Media” links. The “Media” link also provides access to photographs, video footage, and presentations. Information on planned BRT conferences, workshops, and activities, and current research conducted at both the University of South Florida’s National Bus Rapid Transit Institute and the University of California at Berkeley may be viewed through the “Events” link.

Individuals subscribed to the BRT Listerv receive emails regularly listing new postings to the website. If you are interested in joining the Listerv, you may subscribe from the NBRTI’s homepage.



BRT Conference Scheduled During APTA’s Bus and Paratransit Conference

The Transportation Research Board and the American Public Transportation Association will be hosting a Bus Rapid Transit Conference in May 2003 in conjunction with the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference in Denver. In two all-day sessions on May 5th and 6th, speakers from the Federal Transit Administration, BRT Consortium properties, and others will present a wide-range of topics related to the planning, design, and implementation of Bus Rapid Transit. Included will be information on the latest in

BRT research related to TCRP’s A-23 project on Bus Rapid Transit including BRT Case Studies, BRT Planning and Implementation Guidelines, and the cost effectiveness of BRT system characteristics. A lunchtime tour of the planned Denver BRT system, poster sessions from BRT projects in the U.S. and Canada, and highlights of BRT-related ITS, fare policy, and vehicle technologies will be presented.

We look forward to seeing you in Denver!