



## Princeton Transit Study



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## Project Goals



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1. Improve Transit Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility
2. Provide Cost Effective and Efficient Transportation Services
3. Encourage Sustainable Economic Development
4. Maintain/Enhance Livability and Quality of life

# Improve Transit Mobility, Connectivity and Accessibility

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- Provide connections to existing and future transit services.
- Increase transit demand.
- Accommodate future transit demand.
- Maintain existing commuter level of service.
- Maintain existing comfort of service.
- Minimize transfers within the transportation system.
- Improve operating speed.
- Maintain bicycle friendly atmosphere.

# Provide Cost Effective & Efficient Transportation Services

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- Implement within a reasonable time frame.
- Implement at a reasonable capital cost.
- Minimize operating and maintenance costs per passenger mile.
- Consistent with NJT or Princeton University operating technologies.
- Maintain emergency vehicles access to system.
- Maintain access to arterial roadways.
- Maintain access to existing and future users.
- Minimize property acquisition.
- Ability to phase construction.
- Minimize turning radii that meet current alignments.

# Encourage Sustainable Economic Development

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- Stimulate economic development
- Improve connection between residential/commercial/educational destinations.

# Maintain/Enhance Livability and Quality of Life

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- Minimize/avoid impacts on historic resources.
- Minimize encroachment on view corridors.
- Minimize construction impacts.
- Reduce vehicle congestion emissions and noise.
- Reduce system congestion emissions and noise.
- Improve energy efficiency.









# LRT (Light Rail Transit)



# LRT

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- Single Cars/Short Trains
- Generally in Exclusive or Separated Right of Way
- Occasionally in Streets
- Higher Capacity and Speeds (up to 60 mph)
- Larger Curves (min 82 feet)











**Streetcar**





# Streetcar

- Single Cars
- Generally in Streets with traffic
- Moderate Capacity
- Speeds up to 40/45 mph
- Tight Curves possible (min 50 feet)
- Rolling Stock available includes:
  - Modern Cars
  - Heritage Cars
  - New Replica Cars



















# PRT (Personal Rapid Transit)

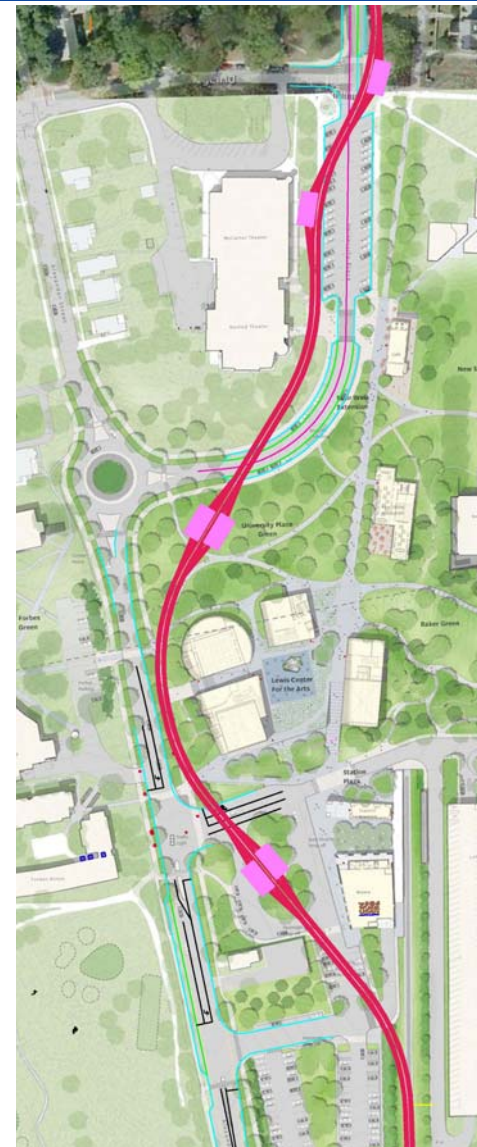
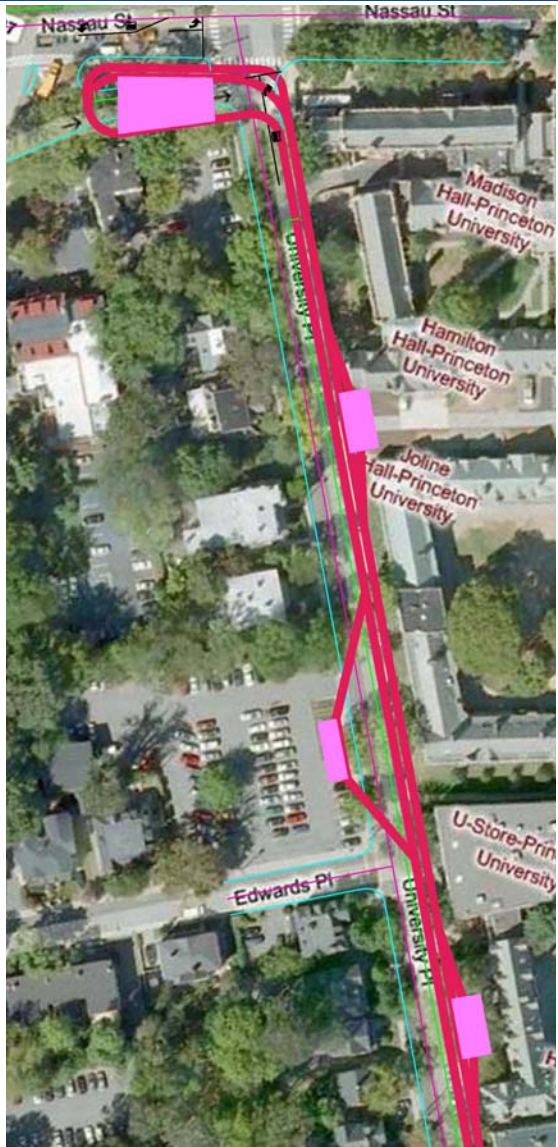


# PRT

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- Single Cars
- Separated Guideway Required
- Low Capacity:
  - 4-6 Persons (PRT)
  - 20+ Persons (GRT)
- Speeds up to 25 mph
- Generally Demand Responsive
- Broad Curves needed at speed;  
Tight Turns possible for  
Maneuvering







## **BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)**



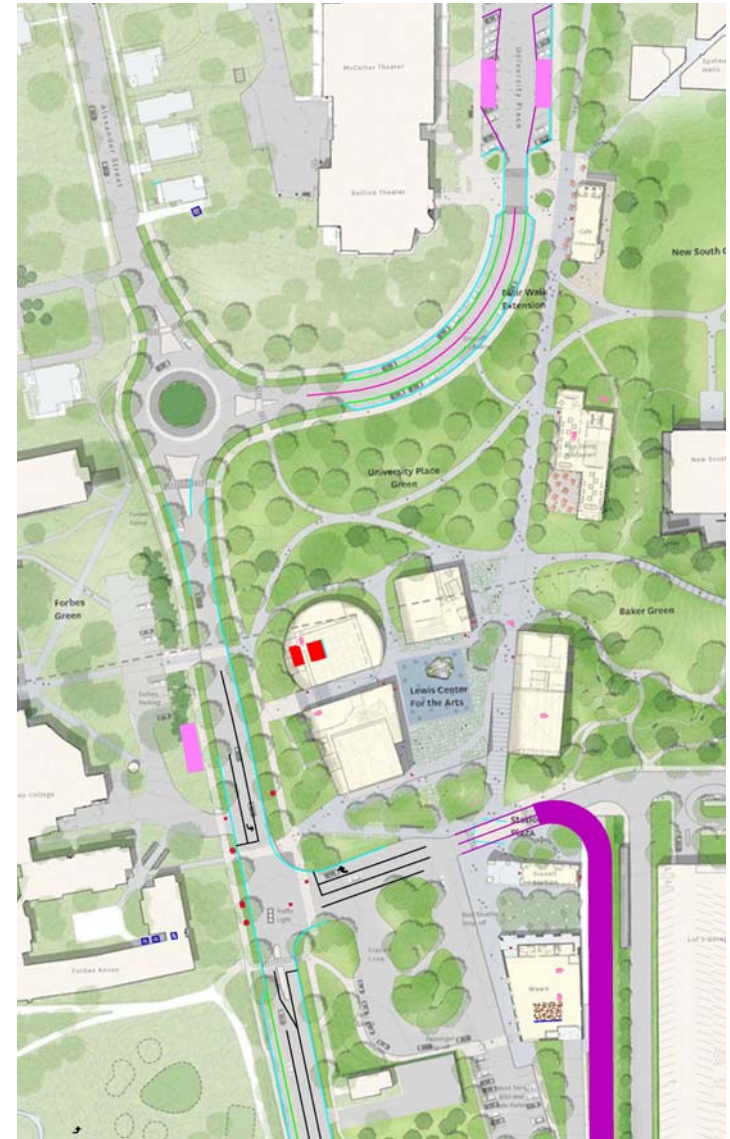
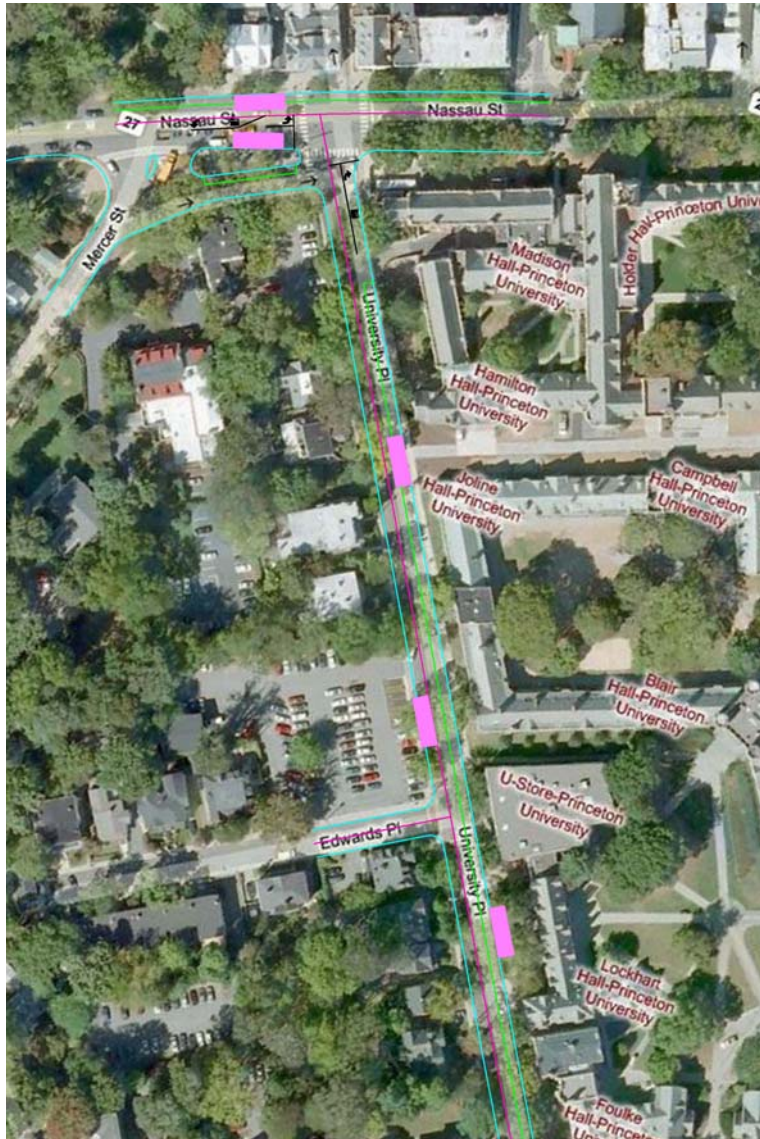
# BRT

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- Standard Bus or special vehicles available
- Separated Guideway Typical, but Street operations possible
- Moderate Capacity
- Highway Speeds
- Normal street geometry acceptable

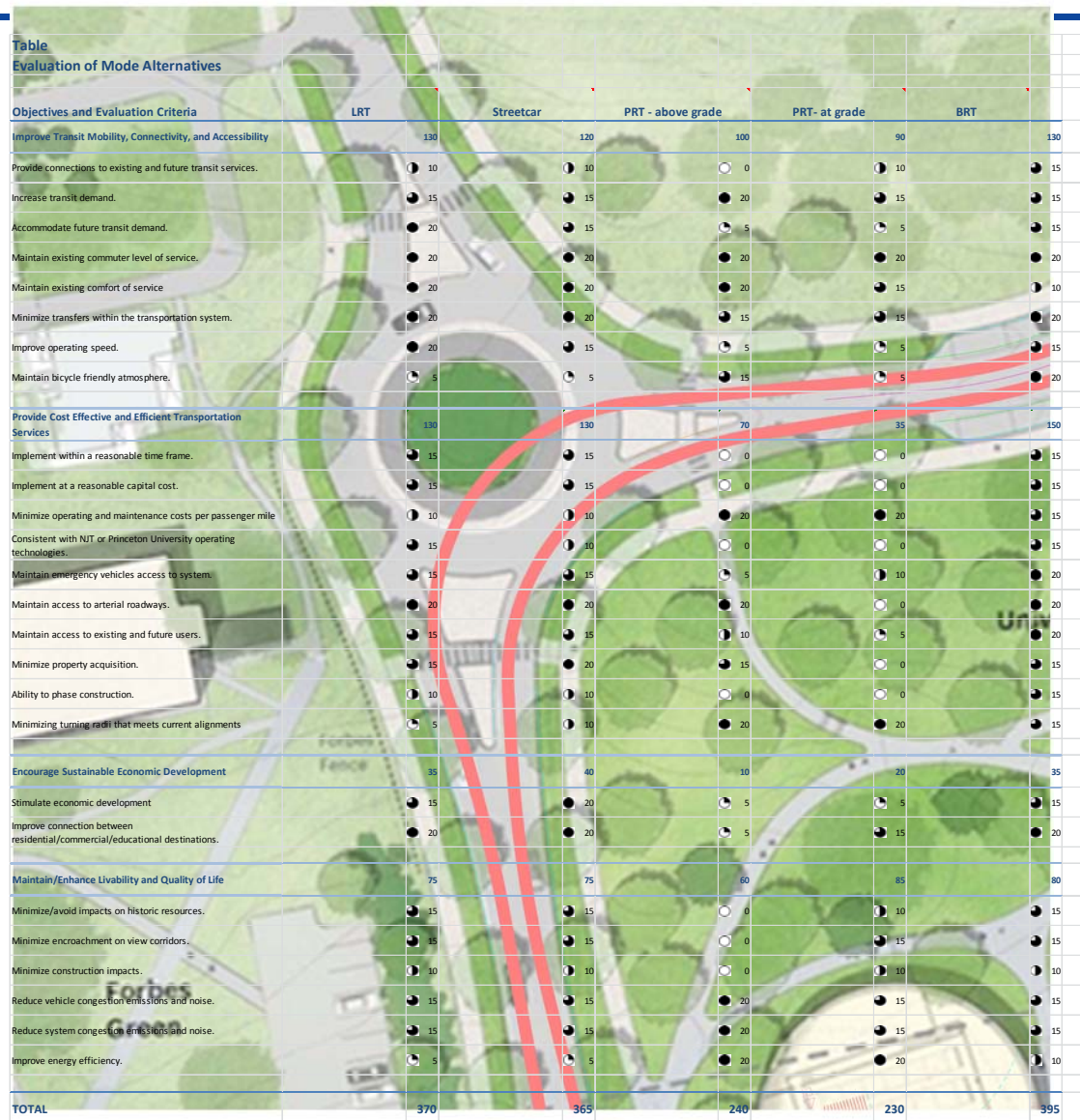






# Preliminary

**Table**  
**Evaluation of Mode Alternatives**



Objectives and Evaluation Criteria	LRT	Streetcar	PRT - above grade	PRT - at grade	BRT
<b>Improve Transit Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility</b>	130	120	100	90	130
Provide connections to existing and future transit services.	10	10	0	10	15
Increase transit demand.	15	15	20	15	15
Accommodate future transit demand.	20	15	5	5	15
Maintain existing commuter level of service.	20	20	20	20	20
Maintain existing comfort of service	20	20	20	15	10
Minimize transfers within the transportation system.	20	20	15	15	20
Improve operating speed.	20	15	5	5	15
Maintain bicycle friendly atmosphere.	5	5	15	5	20
<b>Provide Cost Effective and Efficient Transportation Services</b>	130	130	70	35	150
Implement within a reasonable time frame.	15	15	0	0	15
Implement at a reasonable capital cost.	15	15	0	0	15
Minimize operating and maintenance costs per passenger mile	10	10	20	20	15
Consistent with NJT or Princeton University operating technologies.	15	10	0	0	15
Maintain emergency vehicles access to system.	15	15	5	10	20
Maintain access to arterial roadways.	20	20	20	0	20
Maintain access to existing and future users.	15	15	10	5	20
Minimize property acquisition.	15	20	15	0	15
Ability to phase construction.	10	10	0	0	15
Minimizing turning radii that meets current alignments	5	10	20	20	15
<b>Encourage Sustainable Economic Development</b>	35	40	10	20	35
Stimulate economic development	15	20	5	5	15
Improve connection between residential/commercial/educational destinations.	20	20	5	15	20
<b>Maintain/Enhance Livability and Quality of Life</b>	75	75	60	85	80
Minimize/avoid impacts on historic resources.	15	15	0	10	15
Minimize encroachment on view corridors.	15	15	0	15	15
Minimize construction impacts.	10	10	0	10	10
Reduce vehicle congestion emissions and noise.	15	15	20	15	15
Reduce system congestion emissions and noise.	15	15	20	15	15
Improve energy efficiency.	5	5	20	20	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>395</b>