

# Planning Assistance Program: Policies and Evaluation Criteria

## Federal Transit Administration Transit Nexus Guidelines

### Appendix 1

#### FTA C 7050.1

Transportation as defined by:

A physical or functional nexus to a public transportation project.

(a) Physically Related. A plan/project is physically related to public transportation if there is a direct physical connection to public transportation services or facilities. Some examples of physical relationships are:

- Projects built within or adjacent to public transportation facilities
- Avenues of access that connect directly to public transportation, e.g., bicycle paths, pedestrian paths, or parking facilities
- Connections between public transportation and airports, train stations, and other transportation facilities
- Projects using air rights over public transportation facilities

Establishes New or Enhanced Coordination between Public Transportation and Other Transportation. BMPO will accept reasonably supported judgments of new or enhanced coordination from the plan/project applicant.

(a) "Public transportation" is defined as "regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation services that are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income," and it does not include school bus, charter, sightseeing, intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, intercity bus transportation, or intercity passenger rail transportation provided by Amtrak. FTA interprets the term "other transportation" to mean all forms of transportation that are not public transportation, including, but not limited to, airplane, school bus, charter bus, sightseeing vehicle, intercity bus and rail, automobile, taxicab, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation.

(b) Connections that can establish new or enhanced coordination between public transportation and other transportation may include proximate or shared ticket counters, termini, park-and-ride lots, taxicab bays, passenger drop-off points, waiting areas, shared or coordinated signage, schedules, ticketing, and bicycle paths and sidewalks that connect public transportation to other transportation facilities. Projects that shorten the distance between public transportation termini and other transportation shall be presumed to enhance coordination. Pedestrian and bicycle improvements that are physically located outside the structural envelope of a public transportation facility may nonetheless be functionally related to the public transportation.