

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

EDR Group is a national leader in developing methods, guides and studies of the economic impacts and benefits of public transportation systems, lines and facilities – both evaluation of existing projects and analysis of proposed new projects.

Economic Impacts of Public Transportation. For APTA, EDR Group authored the national report on measuring economic Impacts of public transportation investment. The report addressed the impact of public transportation investment on jobs, income flows, and wider effects on car use, traffic congestion, labor market access and resulting changes in household costs and business productivity. A follow-on study is developing a local impact guide and web tool for APTA membership (local transit authorities).

Hampton Roads (VA) Transit Authority. EDR Group is assessing the current economic impact of the transit authority's operations, and the impact of proposed future transit investments, as well as case studies on town center, high-tech, education access and tourism impacts.

Fairbanks (AK) Transit. For the Fairbanks/North Star Borough, EDR group conducted an impact study assessing the size and economic role of local transit services, the impact of transportation efficiencies achieved by those services and ways it affects community quality of life and economic development.

The Role of Transit in Support of High Tech Clusters. For APTA, EDR Group conducted a study of the role of public transit in supporting the growth of high tech "business clusters." The report included eight local case studies showing roles of transit in supporting high tech workforce access and productivity growth.

Colorado Investment Toolkit and Transit Case Studies. For Colorado DOT, EDR Group developed a toolkit for assessing economic costs, benefits and impacts in the prioritization of new projects, and studies of the economic impact of transit services for the smaller communities of Grand Junction and Colorado Springs.

Salt Lake City. EDR Group performed an analysis of the economic benefits and impacts of multi-modal investment, public return on investment and the economic impacts of light rail in the Salt Lake region.

Atlanta Multimodal Passenger Terminal. For Central Atlanta Progress, EDR Group (under subcontract to Bleakly Advisory Group) conducted economic impact and benefit-cost analysis for the proposed downtown Green Line Vision Plan and Multi-Modal Passenger Terminal (MMPT).

Durham LRT and Bus Alternatives. For Durham (Ontario), EDR Group and iTRANS Consulting conducted economic impact and benefit-cost analysis for alternative bus and light rail options linking to Toronto.

Sydney Strategic Public Transport Plan and BRT Study. For TfNSW (Transport for New South Wales), EDR Group and the University of Sydney assessed the wider economic benefits of five alternatives for bus rapid transit north of Sydney. Both benefit-cost analysis and economic impact analysis was conducted.