Glossary

Area in Need of Redevelopment: An area within a municipality that is determined need significant redevelopment and improvements, consistent with the community's development objectives. Must meet the requirements of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Brownfield: Former industrial or commercial facilities abandoned partly because of its environmental contamination. More information

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): High-capacity buses that operate on dedicated bus lanes or roads to maximize speed and efficiency. Cheaper and more flexible than rail, and faster than conventional bus service. More information

Business Improvement District (BID) or Special Improvement District (SID): An area of a municipality, typically in the downtown, within which the businesses pay an additional tax that goes toward funding improvements within the district. Improvements can include improving the pedestrian and streetscape environment, marketing, and making capital improvements. More information

Charrette: A short, intensive planning or design session (typically over the course of a few days) during which citizens offer input on the plan(s) planners and designers have created to come up with a final vision for development. Citizens are able to give real-time feedback and participate in the planning process.