



## Which Transit Modes will be Used?

A variety of transit vehicle types exist, each with its own set of benefits and weaknesses. Some vehicles have the capacity to move a dozen passengers, while others carry several hundred passengers at a time. Of course, these different vehicle types also have significantly different costs. These costs, both up-front and operational in nature, must be considered when selecting appropriate vehicles for High Performance Transit (HPT) Service. Mode selection is often

part of an “alternatives analysis” conducted in a way to make the corridor project eligible for federal New Starts/ Small Starts funding.

If such funding is not sought, it may be appropriate to scale the mode selection process to take less time while still providing for public input. This may mean limiting

the number of modes to be considered in a particular corridor. The graphic below illustrates which modes will be considered for each service type.

