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**Subject:** Fixed guideway BRT vs. corridor-based BRT

Hello all,

I've been wrong on a crucial point, and I apologize for muddying the issues. A BRT project does not need to have any dedicated lanes to qualify for Small Starts funding; it only needs to have >50% dedicated lanes to qualify for New Starts funding.

"Corridor-Based BRT" projects qualify for Small Starts and are not required to have dedicated lanes. From the Federal Register <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-09/pdf/2012-31540.pdf> ):

### **§ 611.301 Small Starts eligibility.**

(a) To be eligible for a project development grant under this part for a new fixed guideway, an extension to a fixed guideway, or a corridor-based bus rapid transit system, a project must:

- (1) Be a Small Starts project as defined in § . 611.105; and
- (2) Be approved into project development by FTA pursuant to § 611.309.

(b) To be eligible for a construction grant under this part for a new fixed guideway, an extension to a fixed guideway, *or a corridor-based bus rapid system*, a project must:

- (1) Be a Small Starts project as defined in § 611.105;
- (2) Receive a "medium" or better rating on project justification pursuant to § 611.303;
- (3) Receive a "medium" or better rating on local financial commitment pursuant to Sec. 611.305; and
- (4) Meet the other requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309.

### **§ 611.105 Definitions.**

*Corridor-based bus rapid transit project* means a bus capital project where the project represents a substantial investment in a defined