Transitional Words and Phrases

*Transitional words and phrases are signposts that show a reader the way your thinking is going. They help connect ideas, distinguish conditions or exceptions, or point out new directions of thought. Simple words like therefore, thus, similarly, and unfortunately eliminate ambiguity by helping a reader interpret your information. So if you neglect transitions in your writing you create noise, since your reader might miss some important connection. [...] While facts are important, it is often the relationships between the facts that create the whole picture. — (Beer and McMurrey 1997, 56-57)*

**Transitional Words**
- accordingly
- actually
- afterward
- again
- also
- and
- before
- beforehand
- besides
- but
- consequently
- eventually
- finally
- first
- further
- furthermore
- gradually
- hence
- here
- however
- indeed

**Transitional Phrases**
- last
- later
- likewise
- meanwhile
- moreover
- nonetheless
- next
- nonetheless
- notwithstanding
- nor
- now
- otherwise
- second
- similarly
- soon
- still
- then
- therefore
- thereupon
- this
- too
- after all
- all in all
- all things considered
- and yet
- as a result
- at length
- at the same time
- by the same token
- even so
- for example
- for the most part
- for instance
- for this purpose
- generally speaking
- in addition
- in any event
- in brief
- in contrast
- in fact
- in like manner
- in other words
- in short
- in spite of (the)
- in sum
- in the first place
- in the meantime
- in the past
- on the contrary
- on the other hand
- on the whole
- to be sure
- to sum up
- to this end

**Works Cited**