

A rethinking bus system

The mark of a great city is “not where the poor have cars. It’s where the rich use public transportation.” – *Gustavo Petro, President of Columbia*

Rethinking the goal of transit

The goal of transit is for everyone to use it and to use it a lot. In an ideal world, people have mobility and can move around as much as they want – for commerce, activities, exercise, enjoyment, health, community, friendship, and pleasure. Cities have a vested interest in maximizing bus usage, and a measurable metric for cities can be to maximize bus riderships and rides (as opposed to car trips, or people opting out of commerce, healthy activities and community building.)

Tried and True Solutions to Create a Safe and Pleasant Experience: Bus Shelters

Bus shelters are a key way to create a safe, pleasant and dignified experience for transit users.

Using examples from around the world, cities can create good or even great experiences. A highly-regarded model is from Paris:

Amenities – Must Haves: roof, seating, shade, heat, cooling, wifi, charging, real time info

Nice to Haves: food cart, lending library, swings, solar, green roof





Resources:

[Paris bus stops](#)

[SolarStop Solar Powered Transit Shelter](#)

[How to heat bus shelters](#)

[The most hated bus shelter in America](#)

