



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE (RPTS)

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
12:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Ron F. Kirby Training Center (Hybrid)

Chair: Melissa Kim, WMATA

BUS STOP DESIGN FORUM

AGENDA

12:00 P.M. 1. LUNCH

12:15 P.M. 2. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Melissa Kim, RPTS Chair

Charles Dingboom, WMATA Planning Manager

12:25 P.M. 3. CURRENT ISSUES IN BUS STOP DESIGN

Charles Dingboom, WMATA Planning Manager

Matthew Johnson, MCDOT Bikeways Coordinator

Customer experience has evolved alongside the evolution of bus stop designs and a reimagining of the curbside, particularly in urban environments. Unintended consequence of some design changes include new hazards for customers and other users of the right of way/curbside, such as cyclists and pedestrians. We will discuss these issues as well as review the goals for today's meeting.

12:55 P.M. 4. ISLAND "FLOATING" STOPS

Roundtable Discussion with Panelists

A discussion of island bus stop design, also known as "floating" bus stops which are located apart from the sidewalk and typically require customers to cross a bike lane or shared path. We'll review comments from WMATA's Accessibility Advisory Committee and other stakeholders, examine wayfinding and signage around such stops, including audible announcements, and discuss additional ADA/safety concerns.

1:55 P.M. BREAK – 5 MINUTES

2:00 P.M. 5. SHARED "BULB-OUTS" STOPS

Roundtable Discussion with Panelists

Shared "bulb-out" bus stops are an extension of the sidewalk/pedestrian infrastructure and are not split off by a bike lane like island stops. At these stops,

transit vehicles do not need to switch lanes to pick-up or drop-off customers. During this discussion, we'll cover signage, guardrail, and wayfinding issues that arise in these contexts, as well as audible announcements from buses to customers.

2:30 P.M. 6. SIGNAGE/STOP FLAG STANDARDS

Roundtable Discussion with Panelists

A short conversation regarding secondary stop flags on sidewalks (ex. pole type/flag type) and related “tactical” amenities, such as bolt-in seating and shading features (ex. L.A.’s sombritas).

2:50 P.M. 7. NEXT STEPS

Charles Dingboom, WMATA Planning Manager

Looking ahead, WMATA will continue to develop its guidance for regional bus stop design. In addition, the Bus Stop and Amenities Subcommittee of the National Capitol Region Bus Leaders Committee convenes transit agencies on a quarterly basis to discuss related issues and concerns.

3:00 P.M. 8. ADJOURN

Melissa Kim, RPTS Chair

The next regular meeting of the RPTS is scheduled for June 25, 2024 and is virtual.

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