

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: 1) For a disabled person, bus shelters and/or benches need to be positioned such that there is ample room for users of bus ramps to be able to turn onto sidewalks without being blocked by passing pedestrians. 2) Bus stops and shelters need to be positioned such that the height of the sidewalk does not create too-steep entry and exits from buses, including especially for ramp placement.

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Name: Yolanda Davis-Overstreet

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting a comment to request the investment in the bus benches, areas surrounding the bus benches, and trash containers to be consistently sanitized and cleaned on a monthly basis in the WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DISTRICT. With the exception of the trash containers, I am requesting that they are emptied weekly. I am requesting that the corridors of Adams Blvd, La Brea Blvd, Crenshaw Blvd, Hauser Blvd. and Redondo Blvd begin to be cleaned aka street cleaning on a weekly basis, no less than a biweekly basis. It is an extreme inequity to ignore and not address the existing sanitation issues, which also are recognized as community neglect that has been in existence for over four decades. I am requesting that all damaged and crumbling sidewalks be fixed so that our disabled, elders, parents with strollers, and the community at large can equitably move around in the West Adams Community safely. I am requesting that our sidewalks that are filled with grease and decades of dirt and bacteria be sanitized and consistently cleaned. It is imperative that this equitable work is finally addressed after decades of infrastructure and street neglect. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Eli Lipmen

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Comments for Public Posting: Attached is a letter from Move LA, Climate Resolve, and Streets For All on the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP). Specifically, we urge that the City provide safety, shelter, shade, comfort, and multi-modal use of our streets and direct StreetsLA to: 1. Go beyond the minimum to achieve 3,000 shelters in the first three years and another 1,000 in the next 3 years until 100% of all riders waiting for buses throughout the City of LA have a shelter; 2. Prioritize equity by shading stops with high ridership and high heat exposure first, rather than letting advertising revenue dictate locations for shelters; 3. Utilize the next generation of bus shelters to deliver real-time arrival information that will make bus service more accessible and predictable than it is today; 4. Ensure any digital displays deliver important public service announcements and community resilience-enhancing messages; 5. Direct the City to reinvest all program revenues into street and sidewalk improvements that further the City's efforts to provide safety, shelter, shade, comfort, and multi-modal use of our streets; 6. Provide public toilets beyond the expiration of the Coordinated Street Furniture Program on December 31, 2021. Thank you for your time.



May 26, 2021

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Councilmember John S. Lee
Councilmember Kevin De Leon
Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
Councilmember Paul Koretz
Los Angeles City Council Public Works Committee
200 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Councilmembers,

We write to support a Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) that furthers the City's efforts to provide safety, shelter, shade, comfort, and multi-modal use of our streets. For our organizations, this is a matter of accessibility and sustainability and ensuring that the City provides a critical piece of infrastructure for hundreds of thousands of riders who rely on buses as a lifeline and who require protection from the public health risk caused by climate change.

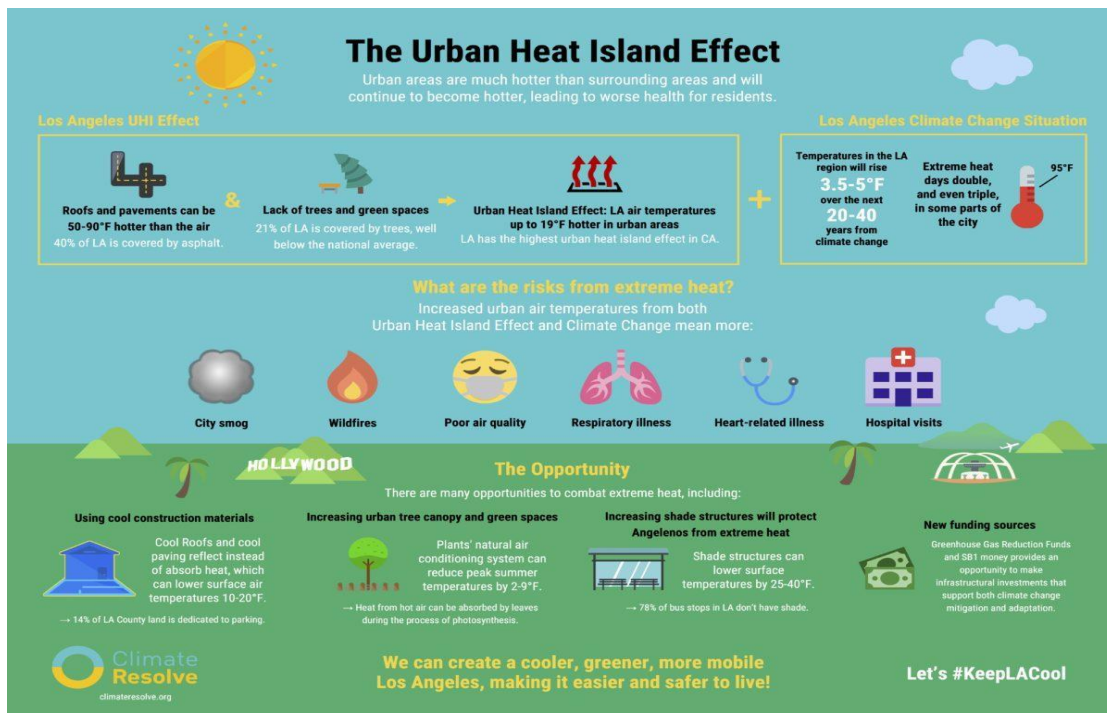
Bus riders in the City of Los Angeles face a crisis, exacerbated by the very vehicles that their trips are meant to displace, that you can help to solve by providing shaded structures where passengers can sit and wait comfortably for their ride. According to StreetsLA and analysis conducted by Investing in Place, less than 25% of bus stops in the city of Los Angeles are covered¹ and days with temperatures above 95 degrees expected to triple in Los Angeles by 2050, according to a UCLA study.²

This is a public health concern caused by rising temperatures, exacerbating the heat-island effects of paved surfaces, and borne out by the scarcity of shade in the City of Los Angeles. The New York Times argued '[Why Shade is a Mark of Privilege in Los Angeles](#)', noting that bus riders in South LA and East LA are disproportionately exposed to rain, sun, and excessive heat. The City's own Chief Design Officer, Christopher Hawthorne, said: "shade is an equity issue in a warming Los Angeles."³

¹ https://investinginplace.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/lacity_citywide_onepage.pdf

² <https://journals.ametsoc.org/view/journals/clim/28/12/jcli-d-14-00197.1.xml>

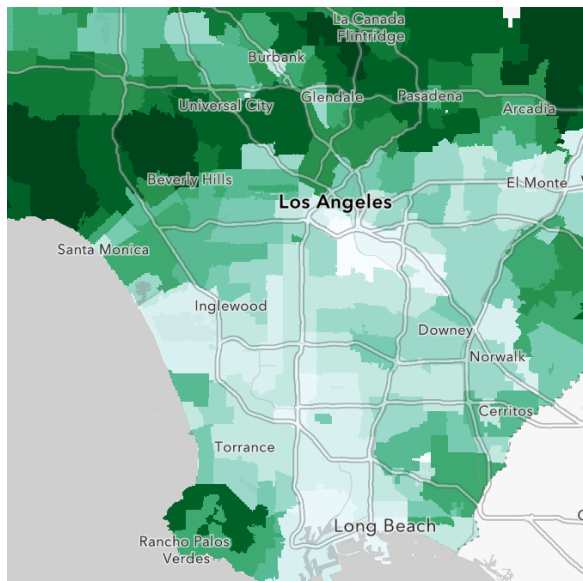
³ <https://la.curbed.com/2019/8/21/20802678/los-angeles-heat-metro-bus-stops-shade>



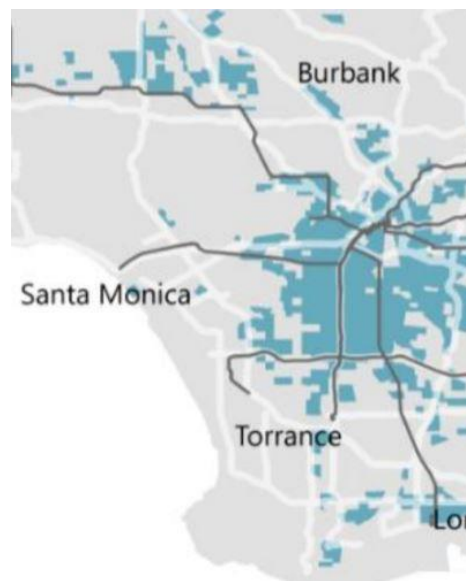
Graphic provided by Climate Resolve: <https://www.climateresolve.org/climate-resolve-troubleshoots-to-pilot-hydration-stations-at-bus-stops/>

When comparing a map of tree cover in Los Angeles developed by TreePeople⁴ with Metro's map of "Equity-Focused Communities" (census tracts that are predominantly non-white with low levels of car ownership and high levels of poverty), they overlay almost exactly.

TreePeople's Tree Cover Map



Metro's Equity Focused Communities Map



⁴ <https://www.treepeople.org/los-angeles-county-tree-canopy-map-viewer/>

When EnviroMetro—a coalition of environmental organizations supporting high-quality and sustainable transit in LA—surveyed Angelenos, they found seventy-two percent identified shaded structures at stops and a place to sit down as gaps in bus infrastructure.⁵

We hope that you will approve this program and direct StreetsLA to go beyond the minimum to achieve 3,000 shelters in the first three years and another 1,000 in the next 3 years until 100% of all riders waiting for buses throughout the City of LA have shelter. This program is structured to prioritize equity by shading stops with high ridership and high heat exposure first, rather than letting advertising revenue dictate locations for shelters. We are excited about this next generation of bus shelters' promise to deliver real-time arrival information that will make bus service more accessible and predictable than it is today, and we see real opportunity for digital displays to deliver other important public service announcements and community resilience-enhancing messages. We also believe that the City should reinvest all program revenues into street and sidewalk improvements that further the City's efforts to provide safety, shelter, shade, comfort, and multi-modal use of our streets and provide public toilets beyond the expiration of the Coordinated Street Furniture Program on December 31, 2021.

As members of the City Council, you have all spoken passionately about the need to address climate change. Several of you have championed legislation on de-carbonization, including Councilmember De Leon's landmark SB 100; Councilmember Koretz called for "World War-II mobilization in order to keep our City safe and our planet habitable and resilient"⁶. This is your opportunity to honor those commitments to frontline communities and the protection of workers against the very harm caused by driving single passenger vehicles.

Yours,

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Move LA

Bryn Lindblad
Climate Resolve

Michael Schneider
Streets For All

⁵ <https://www.climateresolve.org/climate-resolve-troubleshoots-to-pilot-hydration-stations-at-bus-stops/>

⁶ <https://bikinginla.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Koretz-WWII-Climate-Change-PR.pdf>

Communication from Public

Name: Cynde Soto

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Comments for Public Posting: I represent CAL LIFE independent living center. We are in support of the STAP. The next generation of bus shelters' will be a great opportunity to further equity and true accessibility for our elders and people with disabilities. Given the state of our broken and missing sidewalks we need the City to reinvest the program revenues into sidewalk improvements which will further your efforts to provide safety, shelter and shade for those of us with health conditions that prevent us from riding Metro without the bus stop amenities described in STAP. We are disappointed however that restrooms are not part of the program. Self cleaning facilities are desperately needed in many parts of the city.