

Recent Madison Area Bus Advocates Facebook Group Posts About Fare Free Transit (FFT)
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The wild idea of making MBTA buses free is gaining traction [Boston]

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2020/01/06/the-wild-idea-making-mbta-buses-free-gaining-traction/A5mw1bOfykqS9JdY6vXNlI/story.html?fbclid=IwAR26h1qzGzYJ3qD3LZnHjBqmV0Wzy1axCKesW0zF-YqRJNd9AxzEv5-aIw4>

Bus Rapid Transit Should Be Built More Rapidly

Cities are taking years to build bus lane infrastructure when temporary pilots can bring bus-only lanes to a region more quickly.

https://usa.streetsblog.org/2020/01/08/bus-rapid-transit-should-be-built-more-rapidly/?fbclid=IwAR0nIhFYCrMvCuh1sXm4RyMrBXFBx_J820p0I4kDSviKViqrUIVxM3L6A

Move by Olympia, Washington to Create 'Zero Fare' Public Transit Called a 'Beautiful Thing'

City is latest in the country to offer publicly-funded transportation for residents and visitors.
https://www.commondreams.org/news/2020/01/09/move-olympia-washington-create-zero-fare-public-transit-called-beautiful-thing?fbclid=IwAR3C_NNRYJIE4m4pBjFnHjtZrAJ-RlGq5ppfKdMdqTRuloXRlAQ_rTNmRsU

Use Gas Tax Increase To Make MBTA Bus Rides Free, New Boston City Council President Says

https://newbostonpost.com/2020/01/06/use-gas-tax-increase-to-make-mbta-bus-rides-free-new-boston-city-council-president-says/?fbclid=IwAR2TQX9XHyfgOgBqAFBct5fJlJEUWBckv6NkbVuYij6ED8_48ZE0xpfd7o

2019

After Kansas City made transit free, what about the Twin Cities?

Riders help fund Metro Transit's large system.

<http://www.startribune.com/after-kansas-city-made-transit-free-what-about-the-twin-cities/566721742/?fbclid=IwAR0mRmMuxAFcPnsrTSKYATe2471T7e2TVTXUKC007KJ5H4twh7e4Gf1ihxIjU>

Kansas City Tries A Radical Way To Get More People On Buses

<https://www.npr.org/2019/12/23/790687307/kansas-city-tries-a-radical-way-to-get-more-people-on-buses>

Free transit isn't enough. Transportation needs to be a right.

Guaranteeing Americans universal access to opportunity would be transformative

<https://www.curbed.com/2019/12/20/21031126/free-transit-universal-transportation-access?fbclid=IwAR0mMuxAFcPnsrTSKYATe2471T7e2TVTXUKC007KJ5H4twh7e4Gf1ihxIjU>

All-free Miami-Dade transit is answer, Xavier Suarez says

<https://www.miamitodaynews.com/2019/12/17/all-free-miami-dade-transit-is-answer-xavier-suarez-says/?fbclid=IwAR2XDHATr2xMTtAc62Xy4P04srybikg0AYW4cSMUx6ZliDdifNQ576iVWA>

Free public transit is gaining popularity in European cities

https://qz.com/1442882/free-public-transit-is-gaining-popularity-in-european-cities/?fbclid=IwAR1d-PHvr_Y-pBc3LppRogAc5PokN9AD5RRJiWPG2mZG2m_jTv5bF6Mak3g

Kansas City is making its bus system fare-free. Will other cities do the same?

Smaller cities have experimented with free public transit, but it hasn't been implemented yet on a larger scale.

https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2019/12/17/21026425/kansas-city-free-bus-system?fbclid=IwAR1m3B-g5C_z8ps_hxLCxzxrbivIfvUkB4677tXFKRMG911oDgrBleY60aI

Free transit is just the beginning

<https://farefreenz.blogspot.com/2019/?m=0&fbclid=IwAR1JmnkOA2dKaYf7Vz76Xy8TvFke4d0V0-m7j4NAs-YvqpLd1XqDknc1iWQ>

Kansas City Moves Ahead with Free Buses

The Missouri metropolis is set to provide free bus service for residents but state and local governments take more steps to ensure transit thrives in the region.

<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2019/12/09/kansas-city-moves-ahead-with-free-buses/?fbclid=IwAR21LZCtLsdJ387sCVSXgu1AIj7nezw-oSjZrbnS9I0TT0ANOpHgcPnLjrA>

Kansas City becomes first major American city with universal fare-free public transit

<https://www.kansascitymag.com/kansas-city-becomes-first-major-american-city-with-universal-fare-free-public-transit/?fbclid=IwAR3zgqk5L-9GRK44E-T5mrs-nLSHq5VTJbQDrub1YgjZQBp3FhIvOyLquUM>

As New York Cracks Down On Fare Evasion, Another City Weighs Free Transit

A newly elected socialist city councilman in Cambridge, Massachusetts, wants to make the bus and train system his city shares with Boston free for its residents.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mbta-free-transit_n_5dd2e1d6e4b01f982f06b00c?se5&fbclid=IwAR0KewII0nSvM2b09IzqV9m1JkfgJVpW7dCz_w95_37DQoGxX3QD602Bmw

Kansas City bus service should be free for everyone. In the future, it could be

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article231975432.html?fbclid=IwAR3o8HZg74vprx-pVvePbKS3doWrrYYlckFt0FFM0dV6SeEWOJxGtLGaTqQ#storylink=cpy>

Luxembourg Becomes First Country to Make All Public Transit Free

<https://www.archdaily.com/908252/luxembourg-becomes-first-country-to-make-all-public-transit-free?fbclid=IwAR20uTq3PHpdzvCZK8JJsc2ZNTS9WJf5YyEDiQYfap5Ra1nNYB5HeQYDdIs>

MTA Will Spend \$249M On New Cops to Save \$200M on Fare Evasion [New York City]

https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2019/11/14/mta-will-spend-249m-on-new-cops-to-save-200m-on-fare-evasion/?fbclid=IwAR24an79YR7pTWXE8VNv9LwbBa0XF1SIX1E_62CiRpQ458DWf_Az_pT2U5E

Kansas City Council gives OK to free bus service. Here's why that's a good idea

https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article237321984.html?fbclid=IwAR2baAXO_zaN8RCZDvKzXwj1oFDIHGOYTp_DZccDU5VqVRx54VPaQa2mPc

Free the Transit System!

No, seriously. Like, actually make it free. A rust belt guide to increasing ridership.

<https://reasonstobecheerful.world/free-the-transit-system/?fbclid=IwAR19hN3zYmJ1dKwnbL6y3y4Ao382K75WvxsXY6mmnrezNDLF4XkiB7rAlko>

Sacramento Region to Launch Free Transit Pass for Youth

https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/sacramento-region-to-launch-free-transit-pass-for-youth?fbclid=IwAR2W9p3SHVY-1yXH9DYab7wvIj1dnH8KxIWztU4tg9sGXZ94prsQ1HkHm_k

Kansas City Considers Doing Away with Transit Fares Citywide

https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/kansas-city-considers-doing-away-with-transit-fares-citywide?fbclid=IwAR0xpW7uNmCdg0_ZBIqoQ7cLTkDmTNRfcL9IpekkVP-dGTfBLClGsS3utnc

By 3-1 margin, Salt Lake City residents favor converting to a free bus system

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2019/08/06/by-margin-salt-lake/?fbclid=IwAR1EJvgwRezn1QLTx6hS5cVGyEuNqa2xfjnNogK605qQQUaW5H5M5kp40TI>

Salt Lake City May Create Free-Fare Transit

https://usa.streetsblog.org/2019/08/08/salt-lake-city-may-create-free-fare-transit/?fbclid=IwAR2-Hf7VHNKUQTPUjXq070F_uebRlrStAekY3Xh6sfXVeGN544Dt42z3h_A

Berlin makes public transport free for all schoolchildren

<https://www.thelocal.de/20190801/berlin-makes-public-transport-free-for-all-students?fbclid=IwAR1gWksYUGmo416GO3xLHDQksTXAgyB4oas9Kvq5q3eIB4MLmNW-PqcYoa8>

A French Town's Green Policies Aim to Win Over the Working Class

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/25/world/europe/france-greens-social-policy.html?fbclid=IwAR0wnENZdNPvTcQFiMo9RVsjANxg8zp-J9MFa7pp2f9zEGSBRGjHZgm148c>

Rock Hill, SC Installs A New Free-To-Ride Fully Electric Transit Bus System

https://cleantechnica.com/2019/07/17/rock-hill-sc-installs-a-new-free-to-ride-fully-electric-transit-bus-system/?fbclid=IwAR0MHe1aSAMg5FeZVBfXASkoZgX2Kz2UJwy-hO_Vkd9YhLPAYzUb4vTOHhg

Sacramento students will get free transit rides for one year. Here's how to get your pass

https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article231484098.html?fbclid=IwAR1dsiXZmYtayIfJ69sxae2IOFakG1Ql6xHQe7A2F74WtC_Bj629vDphIE

Denver to offer teens a free transit pass on their smartphones

https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/denver-to-offer-teens-a-free-transit-pass-on-their/article_da8b075e-7e52-11e9-be6a-a7f33e5ed449.html?fbclid=IwAR2BJpdhpoXe-ONZ_KjwdCd-ikgyVXLtCXi5LqcmzjGIGC8U2ANWLHE9hVU

Report: Make Muni free to offset ride hail impacts

Study suggests best response to influx of Uber drivers is expanding access to public transit

<https://www.sfoxaminer.com/the-city/report-make-muni-free-to-offset-ride-hail-impacts/?fbclid=IwAR0XL28ydiHii8ki8RGNhEADvdvVR72bbDctJ5XoeDTpDZiSCP8z4orq2J9w>

Could a New Mayor Bring New Transit to Tampa Bay? (Hint: She'd Better!)

Residents are hopeful as the region's transit authority unveils its 'Envision 2030' plan.

<https://usa.streetsblog.org/2019/05/14/could-a-new-mayor-bring-new-transit-to-tampa-bay-hint-hed-better/?fbclid=IwAR2aAGjzShH5a5f8rUSyDyXZ8gX0JaQa6DTp-Gkx54I6pW72I9oyl6fQwIk>

My Transportation Wish List for the City of Madison

<https://medium.com/@philipcrawford/my-transportation-wish-list-for-the-city-of-madison-b3f8eb51bf90>

The Case for Making Transit Free (and How to Pay for It)

<https://www.theurbanist.org/2018/12/27/the-case-for-making-transit-free-and-how-to-pay-for-it/?fbclid=IwAR0Dx6-FNu7aibM04cdCL8EICTRtzn2PNECvhqyQiCcmHe7dmIAfpug>

Washington Will Decriminalize Fare Evasion. Better Idea: Free Transit

Evidence of discrimination in enforcement drove D.C.'s City Council to decriminalize transit fare evasion. But cities should consider abolishing fares entirely.

https://www.citylab.com/perspective/2019/02/washington-fare-evasion-free-public-transport-train-ticket/582160/?utm_source=newsletter&silverid=%25%25RECIPIENT_ID%25%25&utm_campaign=citylab-daily-newsletter&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR3poSzT6R9XLpSQcuNPnyPsa9xShoMNRde5jrvfCTeob31tqSsaY7fj3yc

The cost of Luxembourg's free public transport plan

<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20190128-the-cost-of-luxembourgs-free-public-transport-plan?fbclid=IwAR2mifb0zfCqGteD75Jlruts0oK8m9EvRjvouiFxrIgAZHG6GdAzZtFdvCM&referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2F>