

**Recent Madison Area Bus Advocates Facebook Group Posts About Fare Free Transit (FFT)**  
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**2020**

**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/A5mw1bOfykqS9JdY6vXNIJ/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=IwAR0on1hFYCrmVcuhsXm4RyMrBFxBx\\_J820p0I4kDSviKViq4rUIVxM3L6A](https://usa.streetsblog.org/2020/01/08/bus-rapid-transit-should-be-built-more-rapidly/?fbclid=IwAR0on1hFYCrmVcuhsXm4RyMrBFxBx_J820p0I4kDSviKViq4rUIVxM3L6A)

**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\\_NNRYYJIEm4pBjFnHjtZrAJ-RIGq5ppfKdMdqTRuloXRiaQ\\_rTNmRsU](https://www.commondreams.org/news/2020/01/09/move-olympia-washington-create-zero-fare-public-transit-called-beautiful-thing?fbclid=IwAR3C_NNRYYJIEm4pBjFnHjtZrAJ-RIGq5ppfKdMdqTRuloXRiaQ_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=IwAR2TQX9XHyfgOgBqAFBCt5fJPLjEUWBcKv6NkbVuYij6ED8\\_48ZE0xpfd7o](https://newbostonpost.com/2020/01/06/use-gas-tax-increase-to-make-mbta-bus-rides-free-new-boston-city-council-president-says/?fbclid=IwAR2TQX9XHyfgOgBqAFBCt5fJPLjEUWBcKv6NkbVuYij6ED8_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=IwAR0mR2MuSSQawTuQjC0342R3hHjWzJtayK34KZ2VIPgLxr5cbqQrbaO698>

**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=IwAR0mMuxAFCpnrsTSKYATe2471T7e2TVTXUKC0O7KJ5H4twh7e4Gf1ihxljU>

**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=IwAR2XDHATr2xMTtIAc62Xy4P04srybikg0AYW4cSMUx6ZlIDdfNQS76iVWA>

**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](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=IwAR1m3Bg5C\\_z8ps\\_hxLCzrxBivIfvUkB4677tXFKRMG911oDgrBleY60aI](https://www.vox.com/the-goods/2019/12/17/21026425/kansas-city-free-bus-system?fbclid=IwAR1m3Bg5C_z8ps_hxLCzrxBivIfvUkB4677tXFKRMG911oDgrBleY60aI)

**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-nLSHq5VTJbQDrub1YgjZQBP3FhlvOyLquUM>

**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=IwAR0KewII0nSvM2b09lqzV9mJ1jKfgJVpW7dCz\\_w95\\_37DQoGx3QD602Bmw](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/mbta-free-transit_n_5dd2e1d6e4b01f982f06b00c?se5&fbclid=IwAR0KewII0nSvM2b09lqzV9mJ1jKfgJVpW7dCz_w95_37DQoGx3QD602Bmw)

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

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article231975432.html?fbclid=IwAR3o8Hzg74vpx-pVvePbKS3doWrrYYlcKft0FFMOdV6SeEWojxGtLGaTqQ#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=IwAR24an79YR7pTWX8NVn9LwbBa0XF1SIX1E\\_62CiRpQ458DWF\\_Az\\_pT2U5E](https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2019/11/14/mta-will-spend-249m-on-new-cops-to-save-200m-on-fare-evasion/?fbclid=IwAR24an79YR7pTWX8NVn9LwbBa0XF1SIX1E_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\\_zaTn8RCZDvKzXwj1oFDIHGOYTp\\_DZccDU5VqVRx54VPaQa2mPc](https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/editorials/article237321984.html?fbclid=IwAR2baAXO_zaTn8RCZDvKzXwj1oFDIHGOYTp_DZccDU5VqVRx54VPaQa2mPc)

**Free the Transit System!**  
**No, seriously. Like, actually make it free. A rust belt guide to increasing ridership.**  
<https://reasonstobecherful.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](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=IwAR0xpW7uNmCdgo\\_ZBIqq07cLTkDmTNRfcI9lpekkVP-dGtfBLICGsS3utnc](https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/kansas-city-considers-doing-away-with-transit-fares-citywide?fbclid=IwAR0xpW7uNmCdgo_ZBIqq07cLTkDmTNRfcI9lpekkVP-dGtfBLICGsS3utnc)

**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=IwAR1EJvgwRezn1QLTx6hS5cVGYeulNqa2xfjnNogK605qQQUaW5H5M5kp40TI>

**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](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=IwAR1gWksYUGmo4I6GO3xLHDQksTXAgyB4oas9Kvq5q3eIB4MLmNW-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\\_Vkd9YhLPAYzUb4vTOhg](https://cleantechnica.com/2019/07/17/rock-hill-sc-installs-a-new-free-to-ride-fully-electric-transit-bus-system/?fbclid=IwAR0MHe1aSAMg5FeZVBfxASkoZgX2Kz2UJwy-hO_Vkd9YhLPAYzUb4vTOhg)

**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=IwAR1dsiXzmYtayIfJ69sxa2IOrfakG1Ql6xHQe7A2F74WtC\\_Bj629vDphIE](https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article231484098.html?fbclid=IwAR1dsiXzmYtayIfJ69sxa2IOrfakG1Ql6xHQe7A2F74WtC_Bj629vDphIE)

**Denver to offer teens a free transit pass on their smartphones**  
[https://www.coloradolitics.com/news/denver-to-offer-teens-a-free-transit-pass-on-their/article\\_da8b075e-7e52-11e9-be6a-a7f33e5ed449.html?fbclid=IwAR2Bjpdhpoxe-ONZ\\_KjwdCd-ikgyVXLtCXi5LqcmzjGIGC8U2ANWLHE9hVU](https://www.coloradolitics.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.sfexaminer.com/the-city/report-make-muni-free-to-offset-ride-hail-impacts/?fbclid=IwAR0XL28ydiHii8ki8RGNhEAJdvVR72bbDctJ5XoeDTpDZiSCP8z4orq2J9w>

**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=IwAR2aAGjzShHSa5f8rUSyDyXZ8gX0JaQa6DTp-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-FNu7aibM04cdCL8EiCTRaitzn2PNECvhqryQiCrmHe7dmIAfpug>

**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=IwAR3poSzT6R9XLpSQcuNPnyPsa9xShoMRde5jrvfCTeob31tqSsaY7fj3yc](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=IwAR3poSzT6R9XLpSQcuNPnyPsa9xShoMRde5jrvfCTeob31tqSsaY7fj3yc)

**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=IwAR2mifb0zfcQGteD75jIruts0oK8m9EvRJvoIFxrIgAZHG6GdAzZtFdvCM&referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2F>