



Better Streets for Buses

Chicago's public bus system is an essential, affordable travel mode that reaches all neighborhoods throughout the entire city. However, bus travel can be impacted by traffic delays, making some trips slow and inconvenient, and causing gaps between buses.

Chicago's bus riders deserve better.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) have partnered to develop the Better Streets for Buses Plan in order to:

- Establish a citywide framework that guides how CTA and CDOT utilize infrastructure to achieve faster and more reliable bus service, improved access to bus stops, and better bus stops.
- Prioritize bus performance and access to transit for people and in places with the highest needs.
- Improve the bus experience for current riders and make it more attractive to prospective bus riders.

When streets work better for buses, buses work better for people.

Every year, the CTA system supplies hundreds of millions of rides, providing vital connections to Chicagoans of all income levels.

Bus service is a critical tool for providing equitable access to resources and opportunities in Chicago. It is also key to creating a more sustainable transportation system, making efficient use of our street space, and helps mitigate traffic congestion.

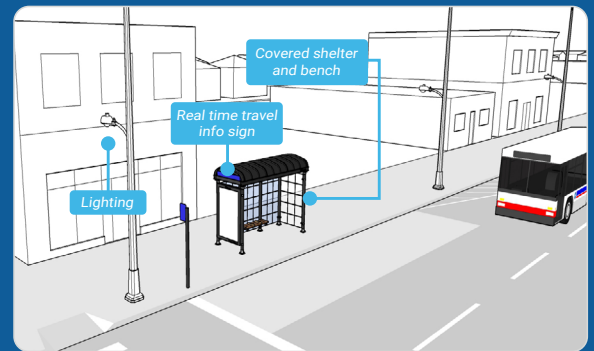
In collaboration with Chicago residents, CTA and CDOT have identified priority corridors to improve for buses and developed a toolbox of street treatments to streamline bus movement and improve the bus passenger experience. **The network of corridors and the toolbox of street treatments are the two main components of the Better Streets for Buses Plan.**

Better Streets for Buses Toolbox

The Better Streets for Buses Toolbox includes 19 street treatments that can help improve the experience of accessing the bus, reduce bus travel times, and/or make bus trips more reliable and comfortable. The Toolbox is organized into three infrastructure categories that improve the transit experience. More information about the full set of tools and the considerations and tradeoffs involved with each one is available at betterstreetsforbuses.com and in the Better Streets for Buses Plan.

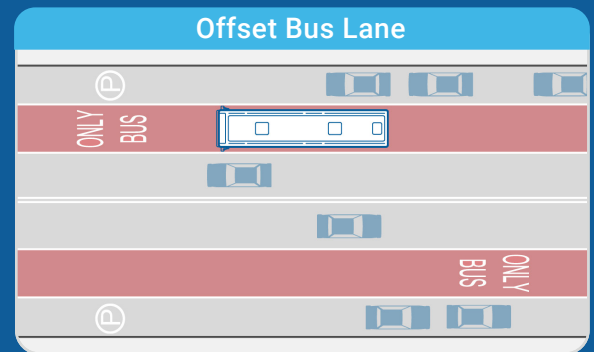
Bus Stop Treatments

Tools in this category help improve bus stop waiting areas and nearby sidewalks and crossings that are used to access the bus stops.



Bus-Friendly Streets

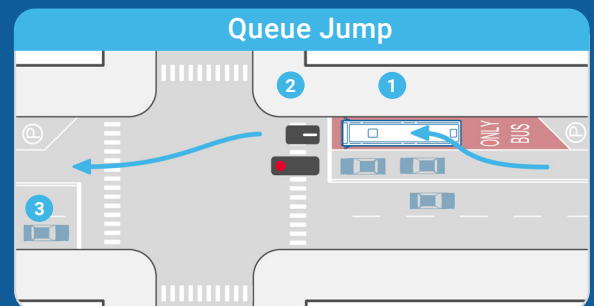
Tools in this category include bus lanes and other changes to street configurations that help keep buses out of traffic, in order to reduce delays or conflicts with other modes.



Bus uses the lane next to the parking lane.

Bus-Friendly Intersections

Tools in this category generally relate to the signals and signs that control traffic movements through intersections.



1. The bus enters queue jump lane to bypass general traffic. 2. Separate, bus-only signal phase gives the bus a head start at the light. 3. The bus "jumps" ahead of traffic and rejoins general traffic lane.



What's **next** ?

The Better Streets for Buses Plan does not assign specific bus priority treatments to each corridor in the network, but it will guide future improvements citywide. CDOT and CTA will work together to identify bus priority projects and strategically pursue funding opportunities to implement improvements. This process will be shaped by the public feedback we have already received, as well as what we hear going forward. Equity considerations will have a primary role in determining how resources are directed.

To receive updates, please sign up for the project email list by sending an email to betterstreetsforbuses@transitchicago.com. If you are not able or prefer not to use the internet, you can also call 888-YOUR-CTA (888-968-7282) to be connected with someone from the Better Streets for Buses project team.

Learn more at
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Materiały są dostępne w języku polskim na stronie internetowej projektu.

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