



Removing Bus Obstructions

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Bus-Mounted Parking Enforcement Programs: A Best Practice for Transit



MTA New York
City Transit



WMATA
(Washington, D.C.)



SEPTA
(Philadelphia)



CTA
(Chicago)



Los Angeles Metro



Sacramento



AC Transit
(Oakland, CA)



Big Blue Bus
(Santa Monica)



Culver City, CA



UC San Diego



MBTA (Boston)
(In procurement)

Blocked bus stops are safety hazards

Automated enforcement:

- Ensures that people with disabilities can safely board and alight
- Keeps bus stops clear so that wheelchair ramps can be safely deployed
- Prevents passengers from having to step into active travel lanes or squeeze between parked vehicles
- Leaves no passenger behind



Automated bus enforcement delivers results in New York City

- Increase in bus speeds
- 40% reduction in Bus Stop violations
- 20% fewer collisions on enforced routes
- 91% of violators only receive one ticket, indicating that this technology effectively changes driver behavior



Clear Lanes Washington, DC

- Program began in DC in late 2023
- **Faster Buses:** bus speeds in Clear Lanes enforced bus lanes were 13% higher; bus speeds outside of enforced lanes fell 11%
- **Decreased Violations:** 41% decreased bus lane violations, 30% decrease in bus stop violations
- **Increased Disability Access:** 10% increase in wheelchair ramp deployments -- more than 1,000 times per day for disabled riders



Privacy by Design

- The bill conforms to existing Minnesota data privacy requirements for speed and red light programs.
- The bill bans the use of biometric tools such as facial recognition.
- Images can only be used for parking and transit purposes, and may not be used for other law enforcement purposes.
- The technology only captures ~10 second videos or images of violations; other footage is deleted.
- Includes strict data retention and destruction requirements.
- Requires review by trained parking enforcement agent before any citation is issued.