

Curitiba's Bus Rapid Transit — the Original Model Exported to 160+ Cities Worldwide

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Brazil

Quality score: 86/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Curitiba's 1974 Rede Integrada de Transporte, the world's first true Bus Rapid Transit system, now carries roughly 2 million passenger trips a day and has been adapted in an estimated 160+ cities worldwide, including Bogotá's TransMilenio.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[IPPUC \(Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano de Curitiba\) & URBS](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[TCRP Curitiba, Brazil BRT Case Study \(Transportation Research Board\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[UNFCCC: The Buses of Brasil — Connectivity Intelligent Transport Solution](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

[Curitiba, the Cradle of Bus Rapid Transit \(ResearchGate\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

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