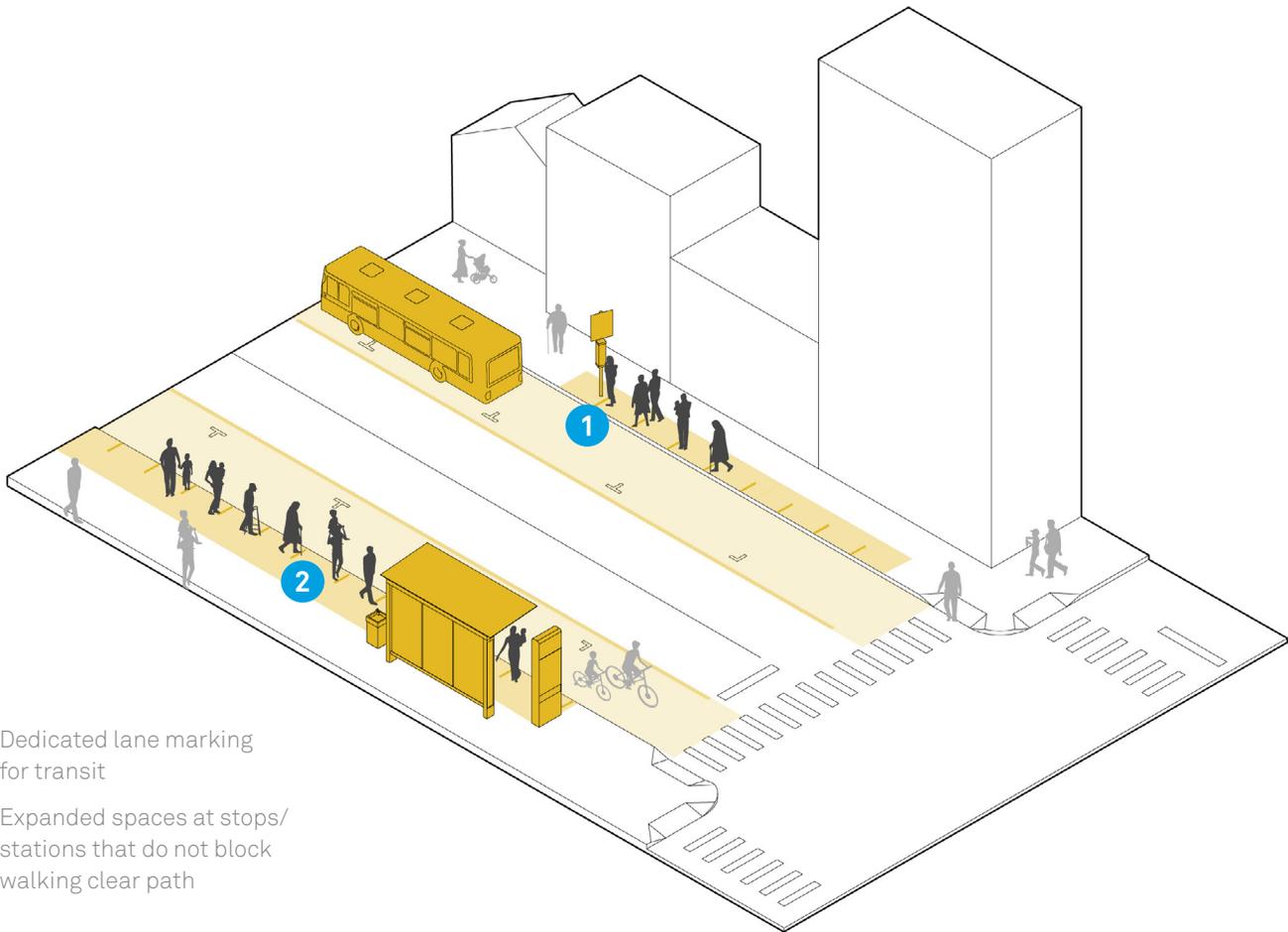


TRANSIT LANES



- 1 Dedicated lane marking for transit
- 2 Expanded spaces at stops/stations that do not block walking clear path

Provide or expand transit-only/transit-priority lanes to ensure that surface-level transit can continue to be a reliable and efficient form of transportation for the people who need it most.

CONTEXT

- High-ridership transit corridors and routes that serve transit-dependent communities and essential businesses/services

KEY STEPS

- Convert curbside parking or motor vehicle lanes to surface transit lanes
- Designate the transit lane with paint and striping, signage (static or VMS), or barriers (cones)

TIMELINE: Weeks to plan, days/weeks to implement

DURATION: Several months to 2-3 years



Credit: Secretary of Transportation and Public Works of Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Buenos Aires used paint and icons to indicate appropriate spacing for passengers at public transit stations, waiting areas, and queues.

Planning

- Prioritize routes in transit dependent communities and routes leading to essential locations with higher ridership or demand.
- Identify locations for relief vehicles if riders are frequently passed up because loads are too high.
- Change signs, signals, and markings to mitigate significant turning conflicts where necessary.
- Study impacts of removing parking, curb access, or loading zones, especially where they impact essential businesses.
- Determine most critical segments based on speed and delay; lanes can be as short as a block or as long as several miles.

Engagement

- Leverage existing communications networks and social media channels, such as transit advocacy groups, neighborhood associations, and large employers.
- Post notices in vehicles, on-board, at stops, online, and in newsletters to publicize changes and solicit feedback.
- Message goals from the outset to align with current performance and signal future changes to traffic conditions and transit ridership.

Design + Implementation

- Measure and mark locations and add signage to indicate hours of operations.
- Install cones and/or barrels, delineator posts, or paint with “Bus Only” markings.
- Signage may be static or VMS, depending on availability and resources.
- At existing stops and hubs, power wash and disinfect high-touch surfaces like shelters, benches, kiosks, and ticket machines. For new sites, ensure sufficient space for customers to maintain physical distance. Where possible, install sanitizer dispensers or portable sinks.
- For recovery planning, upgrade from temporary to permanent materials.

Monitoring

- Key criteria: collect ridership, crowding, and travel time data; adjust for operational performance as well as public health guidance.
- Coordinate with police to prevent private vehicles from stopping, parking, or traveling in lanes; focus attention as implementation begins.



Credit: @LockdownInUK



Credit: Miami-Dade Transportation & Public Works

London, UK

Transport for London launched an informational campaign to promote physical distancing at bus stations.

Miami, FL, USA

Miami marked appropriate spacing for physical distancing at public transit stations.