



Gender Equality on Public Transportation



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Background Information

Major concerns considering Gender Inequalities in Transportation





UNSDG: Gender Equality

- ◇ Target 5.2: *“Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation”*
 - Sexual violence on transportation occurs in the public field
 - Gender needs to be taken into consideration when designing public transportation





Background on Gender Equality in Transportation:

Safety:

- ◇ Transport users predominantly male-surrounded by men, sometimes unsafe
- ◇ Women transport users are uncomfortable
- ◇ 2006 survey of U.S. transit agencies

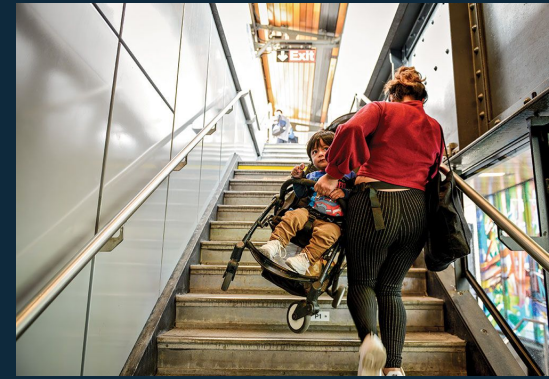
Inclusive Planning:

Women are underrepresented in the transport sector, which leads to less of an understanding of their needs concerning public transport.

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Policy Ideas:

Initiatives to promote gender equality on public transportation





Our Goals

- ◇ Special initiatives such as buttons for instances of sexual assault as a safety measure
- ◇ Seats specifically for those who are pregnant and/or with young children
- ◇ Include the parties that these changes are made for so that their insight is brought along the design process





1. Pink Seats for Pregnant Women

- ◇ Health factors affect women when they're pregnant yet
- ◇ Need to recognize these effects and prioritize their health
 - Pink seats on buses and trains have worked in other places






2. Button for Assault

- ◇ Sexual harassment and assault occurs often on public transportation
- ◇ People of all genders should feel comfortable and safe
 - This threatens their safety
- ◇ Button could alert conductor or other staff and activate a camera near the area





3. Represent those of all genders

- ◇ Transportation is catered to men and their migration habits
 - Made for how they move
- ◇ Solution: provide and promote more inclusivity in transportation departments



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Action Plan

What steps can we take to accomplish these goals





How to Create Change:

- ◇ Best way to address disparities in the transportation industry is through legislations
- ◇ Small steps we can take:
 - Contact policy makers
 - Ask for feedback on these plans
 - Address issues and make changes to our plans





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Community Impact:

Effects of such policies on the community





Positive Impacts:

- ◇ People feel safer in an environment they know they and their loved ones are protected
- ◇ More people would be able to travel to a possible job efficiently
- ◇ More money would go into the city as more people use public transport
- ◇ This would also help with carbon emissions by having less people use their personal vehicles





Sources

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