

## Designing Services as per End User Expectations

**Case of City Bus System** 

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### **Setting Context**

#### **Current Scenario**

Low / decreasing ridership for city bus services



#### The Context

**Exploring the extent of fulfilment of end user expectation in City Bus Services in Indian Cities.** 

#### The Issue

The Services offered are falling short of end user expectation leading to lack of user base and subsequent impact on ROI.

#### Some insights - Bus Service

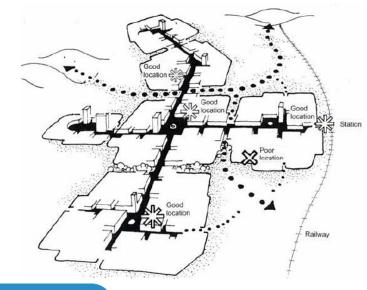
- 1. Metros rails getting developed in Indian cities are going to depend on feeder buses for their feasibility in initial phase.
- 2. Bus services have been successful where it meets citizen expectation of punctuality, travel time saving and comfortable travel.
- 3. Citizen are willing to pay for services at times a premium depending on quality of service.

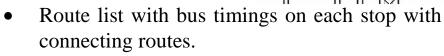


### **End User Expectation**

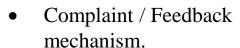
#### **Voice of Customer**

- Travel Card
- Weekly/monthly/daily pass.
- Ability to order pass online.





- Location of bus stops with timetable for routes covered from the point
- Bus stops with provision of seating, roof, dust bins etc.
- Fare information chart.
- Proactive Bus delay information



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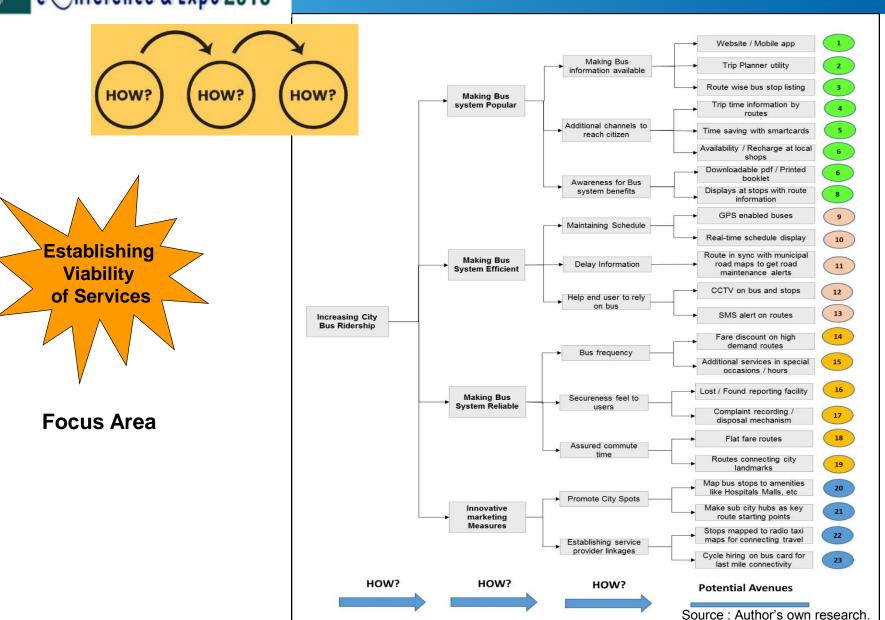
 Preventive measures for thefts / crimes on bus routes

- Information on crowded routes.
- Delay Information & real-time update.
- Need for fast commute routes linking city landmarks / office places / Central business districts

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#### **Voice of Business**

#### **Exploring Potential Solutions**

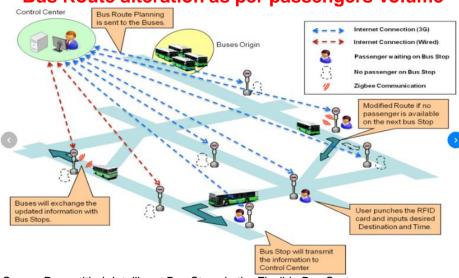


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### **Voice of Technology**

#### **Solution Landscape**

#### Bus Route alteration as per passengers Volume



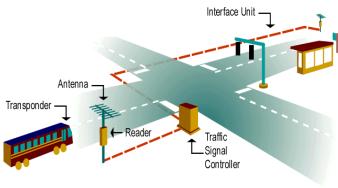
Source Paper titled -Intelligent Bus Stops in the Flexible Bus Systems By :Razi Iqbal\* and Muhammad Usman Ghani



MEXT BUS 8 MIM.



**Bus Stops with Information on Services** 





Source: Product information Literature & Illustrative Images



# Mapping & Prioritizing End user requirements to Potential Solutions

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	Importance Ratings 5 - High 3 - Medium 1 - Low  What's - How Relationship 9 - Strong 6 - Moderate 3 - Weak 0 - No relationship			Interavtive website / Mobile app/Sms Updates	Trip Planner Utilities	Displays at bus stops / Downloadable Pdf document	Route lists with bus stop mentioning timings / delays	CCTV on Buses	GPS enabled on buses for real time location mapping	Online ordering of smartcard pass	Sevice catalouge for information dissimination	Card pass sale / Recharge points in local shops / onboard buses / over internet	Routes mapped to Municipality road network for synchronizaton of road works	MIS for key indicators like highly in demand route identification.	Busstop mapping to linkradio taxi as connecting option	Special routes for offices / enroute city ameneties like Malls , Hospitals, Tourist places	Customer services like - complaint logging facility , Lost & Found reporting etc.			
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Sou	Source : Author's own research.								How	Impo	rtant									

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# **Extent of Fulfilment of End user Requirements in Existing Systems**

Rating of Measures  Mature  Evolving  Infancy  Yet to start  City Ranking on Initiatives  Low  Medium  High	Interactive Map / Mobile App / Website	Trip Planner Utility	Displays at busstops / Downloadable pdf document	Route lists with bus stops mentioning timings / delays	CCTV on buses / bus stops	GPS enabled buses for location mapping	Online ordering of smartcard pass	Service catalouge for information dissicimination	Card pass sale / recharge at local shops / onboard buses / over internet	Routes mapped to municipal roads network for synchronization with repair works	MIS for key indicators like highly in demand route identification	Busstop mapping to link radio taxi as connecting options	Mapping enroute city amenetied like malls, hospitals, tourist places etc	Customer services like - complaint logging facility , lost & found etc.	Over All Ranking
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#### **Inferences of Study**



For Effective Service Delivery - Equilibrium is needed amongst

- Customer Needs
- **Business Needs**
- Optimal Technology Usage



## Thank You

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