Bus Rapid Transit: A Public Transport Renaissance

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Delivering good quality, cost-effective public transport has been largely unrealized in the vast majority of the world’s urban areas. A reasonably affordable technology that provided quality customer experience seemed beyond the reach of transport planners until a small group of innovative policy and design professionals in a relatively unknown Brazilian city reinvented the sector. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was created to deliver metro-like capacity and quality but at an affordable price. This issue of Built Environment traces both the history of and the current trends in BRT across the globe, providing a regional perspective on progress and challenges.

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