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Introduction of fare-free public bus transport scheme for women and transgenders in the all state, city and municipal run buses in Maharashtra

- A fare-free public bus transport scheme should be announced for women in the state. This scheme should be applicable in all state, city and municipal run buses in Maharashtra.
- Dedicated funds should be allocated for the implementation of fare-free bus transport scheme for women in the state.
- A fare-free public bus transportation policy should be announced for transgender people in the state where all state government, city and municipal run buses should be free for transgender people. Delhi has already a dedicated fare-free bus transport scheme for transgenders.
- At least two seats should be reserved for transgender people in all state and city run buses in Maharashtra.

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Introduction of women only buses/ladies special buses in different cities/towns of Maharashtra

- Women only buses should be introduced in different parts of the state especially in major cities of the state.
- Introduction of women only paratransit facility in areas where ladies special buses cannot go.
- Increase in the number of ladies special buses in Mumbai.



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Increase the number of buses in the state of Maharashtra. This should include increasing the number of buses in major cities of Maharashtra like Mumbai, Pune etc as well

- Increase in the number of state transport buses run by MSRTC.
- According to the Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs' benchmark, Cities need 60 buses per one lakh population. Major cities in Maharashtra like Mumbai and Pune fall way below this line. The number of buses in Mumbai and Pune and other cities in Maharashtra should be increased in proportion to the population to at least meet the MoHUA benchmark.
- According to the Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs benchmark Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) requires at least 13000 buses to meet the ridership demand.
- State and city transport corporations should procure and run more buses rather than leasing out public buses to private companies.
- Introduce mini buses for first and last mile connectivity.

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Improve public bus transportation infrastructure in the state.

- Dedicated funds should be allocated to improve bus stops, bus depots and buses running in different parts of the state as well as in cities.
- Provide sufficient budget to ensure bus stops have proper shelters with amenities like toilets, public announcement and information display system and CCTV cameras.
- Bus depots in major cities of Maharashtra like Mumbai should be protected, infrastructure facilities in these depots should be enhanced rather selling these depots to private companies or builders. Further, discontinued routes should be relooked at and reconsidered.



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Implement recommendations by Comprehensive Mobility Plans of different cities of Maharashtra

- Non Motorised Transport Policy and Parking Policies should be prepared and implemented in Mumbai, Pune and other cities of Maharashtra.
- Exclusive Bus Lanes (EBL)/ BRT should be introduced especially in major cities of Maharashtra like Mumbai.
- Integrated fare structure and Common Ticketing among existing public transport systems in the state.
- A Comprehensive transport plan for all the major cities of Maharashtra.
- A Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) to facilitate coordinated planning and implementation of urban transport programmes and projects and an integrated management of the urban transport systems should be formed and given legal and binding authority/powers.



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Employee welfare

- Bus drivers and conductors should be well paid, provided permanent employment including all welfare and service benefits in state and city run buses in Maharashtra.



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Dedicated Sustainable Public Transportation Fund

- Separate urban transport fund to ensure an efficient transportation system.
- Introduce polluters pay principle and add additional sales tax/cess on fossil fuel, additional registration fee on four wheelers, annual taxes on private cars, congestion tax, green tax, advertising revenue on transit corridors etc.
- Levy road charges for big cars (SUVs) with less than 3 passengers.
- Provide tax concessions to all public transport systems including waving off annual taxes levied on public buses.



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Mumbai Suburban Railway

- Introduction of fare-free/subsidized tickets or pass in Mumbai suburban railway for women passengers, physically challenged and transgender people.