



Boston Program Consultant- Boston, MA

Organization

The Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) promotes sustainable and equitable transport worldwide. ITDP is a nonprofit organization headquartered in New York City with offices in China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, and the United States. ITDP's programs focus on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), non-motorized transport, travel demand management, parking, transport policy, and urban development. ITDP is comprised of some of the world's leading experts in sustainable urban transportation and has extensive experience confronting problems of congestion, pollution, and social exclusion in numerous cities worldwide through policy reform and project implementation. All of ITDP's work seeks to balance low-carbon growth and planning with strategies that are socially equitable and economically efficient. More information about ITDP can be found at www.itdp.org.

ITDP has been working in Boston since 2012 with the goal of getting the first Gold-Standard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in the United States opened in Boston. ITDP plans to: build on previous years' work in BRT planning and move into the design phase; and help build support for transit within Boston broadly and for BRT specifically. These efforts will raise the visibility of Boston's plans for BRT and begin to place Boston back in the pantheon of cities with great transit systems.

POSITION

The Boston Program Consultant will be based in Boston on a 12 month consultancy. S/he will work on a range of projects and initiatives pertinent to expanding ITDP's presence in the Boston region, advising on the piloting of BRT elements in 2-3 municipalities in the greater region, pushing government stakeholders to focus on selecting a Phase 1 corridor for Gold-Standard BRT in Boston, working toward better bus service and advancing capacity building of transit advocates and leaders. These efforts will require working with MassDOT, Boston Transportation Department and other related city and state agencies to assure BRT is a top priority within long-term plans involving bus network redesign - especially as outlined in efforts such as Focus40 and GoBoston2030.

The Boston Program Consultant will report to the Director, Global and U.S. Initiatives. S/he will be expected to work flexibly and creatively with the Global and U.S. Initiatives (GUSI) Team, drawing on ITDP's Global and U.S. Initiatives Team as needed. S/he will also work directly with city partners and consultants.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Identify opportunities and challenges to BRT implementation in Boston, and develop strategies to address those issues, working with larger GUSI team
- Develop and deepen relationships to build campaign for BRT in Boston
- Attend public transit coalition meetings to keep abreast of local bus, land use and planning issues w/ report backs to the GUSI Team
- Represent ITDP at BostonBRT Core Planning group meetings, when needed
- Liaise with MassDOT/MBTA and other relevant government stakeholders to assure BRT is included in bus network redesigns and plans
- Conduct landscape analysis to identify new advocates for BRT, especially who will push for Phase One implementation
- Assure advocates, communities and elected officials in Massachusetts are better informed about the benefits of Gold Standard BRT and actively support BRT implementation
- Help cultivate transport leaders in Massachusetts to connect them with other cities focusing on improving bus-based transit
- Maintain and circulate weekly news articles about transit issues in Boston
- Provide bi-monthly updates about project work in Boston, or as quick-paced developments arise.
- Schedule meetings and arrange check-ins to keep up momentum of the BRT campaign
- Coordinate events related to public outreach and capacity building in Boston
- Contribute to @ITDPUS twitter about Boston related news
- Draft memos and blog posts about Boston transport issues
- Meet with local city partners and consultants, as needed

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's degree in transportation, urban planning, civil engineering, or a related field.
- Knowledge of transit policy and planning issues in Boston and Massachusetts generally.
- Understanding of bus rapid transit and bus planning issues, or at least a strong willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently with a remote team and take initiative
- Strong communicator with excellent written, oral and interpersonal skills
- Self-motivator who can manage high priority work

- Strong policy analysis aptitude
- Some travel in the greater Boston area and beyond may be required
- Ability to commit to a 12 month consultancy
- Fluency in Spanish or another language is desirable

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs@itdp.org with “Boston Program Consultant” in the subject line. No phone calls, please.