P² ICONIC BUS DESIGN

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The process of making mass transit a viable solution for an entire community has as much to do with design as with routes and time schedules. Creating a bus shelter that is symbolic but repeatable in various neighborhoods and satisfies the need for economy requires a well-designed solution. In the development for a prototype shelter for 3500 South we looked at all these factors for our design proposal in order to create a simple elegant solution.

Steel members cantilever above creating a shelter, as vertical members anchor into the ground. The simple clean lines of the rectilinear form create an aesthetic for those who would encounter the stop. A vertical rectangular pod at the end of structure holds the practical functions, (ticket machine, trash, and telephone), and provides an anchor for horizontal bracing. Finally, the materials attached to the structure are designed to be interchangeable depending on the local, expressing the character of the surrounding environment.

Our bus shelter becomes a symbol for the community, becoming a catalyst that encourages greater participation in mass transit while providing a place for the patrons to rest and escape the elements. Design is essential to lift our community towards achieving its environmental and social goals.