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A Systematic Review on Rapid Transit or Fixed
Route Capacity Bus Integration with Paratransit or
Feeder Services in the Global South

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INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective To identify existing models on integrating Bus Rapid Transit with paratransit or feeder services.

Rationale As the world evolves, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system has transformed into a contemporary solution to ease traffic congestion, driven by population growth and increased vehicle usage. This evolution has created mobility challenges in developing cities.

Condition being studied Integration of Bus Rapid Transit.

METHODS

Search strategy PICO Framework.

Participant or population Bus Rapid Transit.

Intervention Integration.

Comparator Paratransit or Feeder services.

Study designs to be included The review included different indicators such as autonomous vehicle, ride hailing, structured survey etc.

Eligibility criteria
Articles published from 2000 to 2024
All articles with topics relating to Bus Rapid Transit Integration
All articles with topics relating to strategies of integration
Peer-reviewed articles
English Language.

Information sources
ScienceDirect
Taylor and Francis
Transportation Research International Documentation (TRID).

Main outcome(s) The key themes in the quality of service in public transportation have transitioned from efficiency to user satisfaction and perceptions. However, there is limited literature on public transport integration in the global south, especially in Africa. The review aimed to identify existing models on integrating BRT with informal public transport.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Two reviewers independently carried out the screening process to ensure a reliable and transparent selection. These reviewers worked separately to minimize potential biases and confirm that the final selection process was appropriate for the synthesized studies on integrating BRT with paratransit or feeder services.

Strategy of data synthesis The reviewers screen the articles by reading the title, abstract, and the full text.

Subgroup analysis The review is on qualitative synthesis.

Sensitivity analysis The review combine previous findings on paratransit or feeder services integration with BRT.

Language restriction Articles written in English language were included.

Country(ies) involved Ghana.

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