

Jarrett Walker

Founder + Principal Consultant

Jarrett Walker is an international consultant in public transport planning and policy, including the links between transport and all aspects of community planning and urban structure. His clients include transport authorities, cities, developers, and non-profits—anyone who wants to make better use of public transport to support their goals.

In 30+ years of consulting, Jarrett has been the lead planner on more than 100 public transport planning projects in North America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. Jarrett is also known for his work educating stakeholders about the choices that public transport requires, building clear public consultation processes, and helping organizations form coherent and implementable transport goals.

Transit Network Design Studies

Since 1993 Jarrett has led the planning on about 100 bus network redesigns, most of them successfully implemented, including recent ones in Houston (2013–2015); Dublin (2017–2020); San Jose and Silicon Valley (2018–2020); Auckland, New Zealand (2015–2021), Cleveland (2019–2022), Dallas (2018–2022), Miami (2022) and many others.

Transit Expansion Programs

Jarrett has led the transit planning behind many successful funding proposals for transit expansions, including Raleigh, North Carolina (2016) and Indianapolis, Indiana (2016).

Transit Infrastructure + Land Use

Jarrett has worked on many projects integrating transit infrastructure with land use—including major transit station projects in Vancouver and Surrey, BC, and Edmonton, Alberta. He frequently provides input on the design of transit facilities to improve transit service performance.

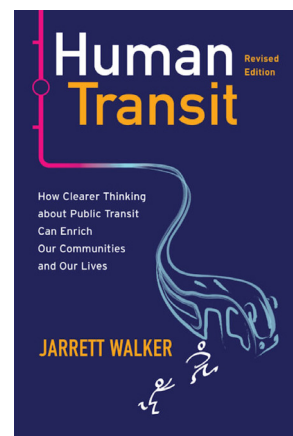
Publications

Book: Human Transit: How Clearer Thinking about Public Transit Can Enrich Our Communities and Our Lives. 2011 (first edition), 2024 (revised edition).

Scholarly Papers:

2008. “Purpose-driven public transport: creating a clear conversation about public transport goals.” *Journal of Transport Geography*, 16 (6): 436-432.

2018. “To Predict with Confidence, Plan for Freedom,” *Journal of Public Transportation*, 21 (1): 119-127.



Education

Ph.D., Humanities + Theatre Arts, Stanford University, 1996

Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), Mathematics + Computer Science, Pomona College, 1984

Positions Held

2011–present
Founded Jarrett Walker + Associates (Portland, OR)

2006–2011
Senior Consultant, MR Cagney Consultants (Sydney + Brisbane, Australia)

2005–2006
Policy + Planning Specialist, TransLink (Vancouver, British Columbia)

1991–2005
Partner at Nelson/ Nygaard (San Francisco, CA + Portland, OR)