Pre-Approved Shelter Enhancements
Shelters are provided as an amenity for RTA patrons in locations where there are 50 boardings a day or more. RTA offers a standard shelter that delivers superior weather protection and a comfortable waiting environment. However, through community partnership investments, RTA welcomes and facilitates enhanced shelters that also integrate into varied streetscape designs and community branding initiatives. RTA has developed a list of preferred, pre-approved shelter enhancements for community investment including shelter retrofits and new shelters. The Enhanced Shelter Price List provides costs for pre-approved enhancements. Standard shelter sizes are extra small (3’x9’ with 5’x9’ roof), small (5’x9’) and medium (6’x12).

Agreements: Existing Shelter Locations
For pre-approved shelter enhancements installed at an existing shelter location, RTA will retain maintenance responsibilities for the shelter. RTA will also consider approval of unique shelter designs proposed by community partners if the partners agree to take on maintenance responsibilities.

Agreements: Locations Without Shelters
At bus stops which do not meet RTA’s threshold of 50 boardings per day for installation of a standard shelter, community partners may enter into an agreement with RTA for the community partner to purchase and maintain new shelters, concrete shelter and landing pads, and benches.

Shelter Retrofits
RTA is able to refurbish and improve its existing Brasco brand shelter stock to like-new conditions. We can paint shelters black or silver (photo 2), and install several different pre-approved Brasco roof options (photos 3-8) that are compatible with our standard shelters and offer similar weather protection. Solar lighting packages can also be purchased and maintained by partners.
Pre-Approved New Shelters
As an alternate to retrofitting an existing shelter, community groups can purchase new shelters in the RTA standard style with the different pre-approved roof options in a variety of colors. RTA has also developed tailored specifications for the Brasco Eclipse Flat Roof Shelter (*figure 8*), an affordable and more modern appearing alternative to our standard shelter. This shelter retains RTA’s standard glass panel sizes for easy maintenance and includes weather protection inserts. The Transit Zone Shelter (*photo 9*) is a more expensive shelter that is also available.

Additional Community Opportunities
Other opportunities for community partners to support enhanced transit waiting environments (*photos 10-12*) include
- Adopting a shelter to supplement RTA’s regular maintenance
- Planting and maintaining trees and other landscaping at bus stops
- Installing other amenities such as public art elements, bike racks and partner-maintained trash cans
- Providing pedestrian safety improvements such as crosswalks, pedestrian signals, lighting, and bus stop bumpouts
- Renting advertising space on shelters through our advertising agency directly supports RTA.

All community initiatives to improve transit waiting environments should be coordinated with RTA in the early stages of planning to complement bus operations.

For information on standard bus shelters and stop placement, please refer to the [GCRTA Bus Stop Guidelines](#). For more ideas on transit waiting environment elements, see [GCRTA’s Transit Waiting Environment Ideabook for Making Better Bus Stops](#).