Tired of waiting around for a bus stop for your neighborhood? We were too. In 2017, we worked with artists to fabricate temporary bus stops with a bench to sit on and a shelter to protect from the elements. The easiest way to do a bus stop is simply building a bench next to the bus stop. You can drop this bench guerilla-style. Make sure it is SAFE, weather-proof, and wind-proof.

If you want to build a bus stop, you can! How? You will need:

● A contractor willing to help you (and pull the permit)
● A design
● Sign off from a structural engineer
● A bus stop location that has private property near it and a private property owner willing to allow the area to be used for a structure and/or bench

The steps are the following:

1. Ensure your bus stop design and location is handicap accessible and meets the guidelines for accessibility standards
2. Before you build or dig, be sure to call the local utility companies and have them mark for all utilities first
3. Artist, architect or designer creates design that neighborhood or organization agrees on
4. Get permission from private property to fabricate temporary bus stop in writing (see location agreement in FREE RESOURCES as basis)
5. Create technical drawings which includes fixtures to ground, roof, weight bearings, and material list
6. Have reviewed and stamped by structural engineer
7. Contractor pulls permit with technical drawings from City of Charleston permit office
8. Procure materials
9. Set schedule for building
10. Build (remember: safety first!) - take lots of pictures during this process for documentation
11. Have City inspect and sign off on temporary structure
12. Check in with structure every month and maintain it as needed

Examples of Community Made Bus Stops: