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11	Manuskrip terbit	27 September 2023	Penulis mendapat email pemberitahuan bahwa manuskrip telah diterbitkan.

Original research article: Public Transport Policy and Public Participation in Indonesia

8 messages

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Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 7:01 PM

Dear Editor,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled "Public Transport Policy and Public Participation in Indonesia: a Sustainable Transportation Perspective" for consideration by The International Journal of Transport Development and Integration.

Please find attached cover letter, manuscripts in PDF and Word format, and publishing agreement.

Best regards,

Victor Imanuel W. Nalle

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Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 8:49 AM

Dear author,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to inform you that International Journal on Transport Development and Integration (IJTDI) has recently transferred from WIT Press to Iieta, and the journal is now being managed by Iieta.

As part of the transfer process, Iieta will be implementing a new fee structure for publication in IJTDI. An article processing charge (APC) of US \$ 650 is applied to any paper submitted after January 1st, 2023 and accepted after peer review.

Assuming you have no objections, we would like to proceed with the submission of your article to IJTDI. We believe that your research would make a valuable contribution to the journal, and we would be honored to have your work published in IJTDI.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 10:51 AM

Dear editor,

Thank you for the information. I agree with the article processing charge if my article is accepted.

Victor

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revise your manuscript submitted to IJTDI

3 messages

ijtdi editor <editor.ijtdi@iieta.org>
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Sat, May 20, 2023 at 10:15 PM

Dear author(s),

Thank you for contributing your paper to INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ON TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION!

1. Revise your paper "Public Transport Policy and Public Participation in Indonesia: A Sustainable Transportation Perspective", according to attached Comments. Please **highlight** any change you make.
2. Response to reviewers is also required, make a point-to-point response to reviewer comments.
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Tue, Aug 8, 2023 at 4:43 PM

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the review which really helped us. We have finished completing the revision. Please find attached the revised manuscript and point-by-point responses to the reviewer's comments.

Regards,

Victor Imanuel W. Nalle

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Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 9:09 AM

Well received.

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Title, abstract and keywords

1. The title is concise but lacks specificity. Adding more details on the case location, public transportation mode, or policy examined would help readers better understand the study's scope and focus. For example, "Public Participation in Bus Transit Policymaking in Semarang, Indonesia: A Sustainable Transportation Perspective".
2. The abstract provides a high-level overview of the study but requires additional context and details. For example:
 - Elaborating on what "criticizes" entails and what specific aspects of public participation in Semarang's policies are analyzed would clarify the methodology and scope.
 - Explaining why Semarang was chosen as a case study and what makes its experience in pioneering bus transit systems relevant would help justify and frame the work.
 - Discussing the study's key findings and conclusions around the dominance of private operators and need for inclusive participation spaces would strengthen the abstract by highlighting the work's significance and impact.
 - Noting any limitations to the study's scope or generalizability would provide appropriate context around findings and conclusions.
3. Additional keywords related to bus transit, transportation policymaking, and the case location (Semarang) would help index the article and allow for easier searching. For example, adding "bus rapid transit", "policy formulation", and "Indonesia" as keywords.
4. The subtitle "A Sustainable Transportation Perspective" is somewhat misleading as sustainability is mentioned only briefly in the abstract. Either incorporating additional details on how sustainability relates to public participation in transit policymaking or revising the subtitle would better match the content.

In summary, the title, abstract, and keywords provide a high-level sense of the study's topic and aims but require additional context and specificity for readers to fully understand the article's scope, methodology, and significance. Adding further details on the policies, participation approaches, and case examined with mention of key findings and limitations would strengthen the abstract. The title and keywords also have room for improvement to more precisely capture the article's focus and content.

Introduction and literature review

1. The introduction requires additional context on the case study location, Semarang, to properly frame the study. More details on Semarang's public transit system, key transportation challenges, and past policy approaches would help readers understand why it was selected as a case study. The introduction should make a clear, compelling case for why analyzing public participation in Semarang's transit policymaking is an important issue to examine.
2. A more robust explanation of the study's methodology and analysis is needed in the introduction. Elaborating on what a "socio-legal research oriented towards legal reform" entails, what types of data were collected in Semarang and how they were analyzed would strengthen the introduction by clarifying the study's research approach before diving into the literature review.
3. The literature review lacks sufficient discussion of the existing literature on public participation in transportation policymaking and planning. More analysis of the themes, gaps, weaknesses, and implications from prior studies on this topic is needed to properly frame the research questions and significance of this work. The authors note what other studies have not addressed but do little to

actually review and synthesize the literature.

4. Additional context on the policy and regulatory frameworks governing public transit in Indonesia and Semarang should be discussed, especially given the study's legal perspective. For example, describing relevant laws, institutions involved in policymaking and planning, their responsibilities, challenges, recent reforms, etc. The literature review reads more as a restatement of the introduction rather than providing a firm grounding in the literature and policy contexts around the research issue.

5. A clear set of research questions or hypotheses emerging from the gaps in existing literature should be articulated at the end of the literature review to specify what this study aimed to analyze or determine related to public participation in Semarang's transit policymaking. The significance and contributions of the study should also be revisited in closing the literature review to tie findings back to identified weaknesses from prior research.

In summary, strengthening the framing of the issue by elaborating on the case study context and policy frameworks, improving and expanding the literature review to properly discuss relevant prior studies, and articulating a clear set of research questions would significantly improve the introduction and literature review. Greater coherence and flow between sections, revisiting the study's significance, and explaining the methodological approach in more depth from the outset would also aid the overall structure and clarity.

Public transportation regulation in national and local context

1. The section provides a good high-level overview of the policy and regulatory frameworks governing public transit at the national and local levels in Indonesia and Semarang. However, additional details and analysis on specific laws, institutions, plans, and policies related to public participation in decision making would strengthen the section by more directly framing the study. Discussing relevant requirements, procedures or mechanisms for participation within the existing frameworks would provide useful context.

2. The discussion of Semarang's priorities, transportation challenges, environmental concerns, and efforts to advance public transit requires elaboration with concrete examples and evidence to sufficiently justify why examining participation in Trans Semarang's planning is important and policy-relevant. Additional details on Trans Semarang's services, stages of development, accomplishments and ongoing challenges would also help readers understand the case study.

3. The section would benefit from explicitly discussing the extent to which existing policy and regulatory frameworks require or encourage public participation in transportation planning and decision making, identify any limitations or weaknesses in this regard. Analyzing the implications of largely sectoral laws and lack of comprehensive regulations specifically mandating participation in Semarang's transit policy process helps frame the significance of this study's aims. Additional discussion of these issues is needed.

4. A clear tie-back to the lack of regulations on public participation in transit policymaking that the study aims to address, as noted at the end of the section, is needed to create coherence and flow. Restating the research questions, aims or hypotheses to analyze the dynamics of participation in planning Trans Semarang at the end of this section would provide context for the case study details and analysis in subsequent sections. A brief preview of the next section would also help with overall flow and structure.

5. The level of details provided on relevant regulations, laws and policies varies significantly throughout the section, with much greater attention given to national-level frameworks versus local

policies in Semarang. Ensuring even depth of details at both levels, and consistent analysis of their implications for public participation in transit policymaking, would strengthen this section.

In summary, this section provides a good starting point for framing the policy context around the case study, but requires additional details, examples, analysis, and coherence for a compelling discussion of the regulatory and legal dynamics influencing public participation in transit policymaking and planning in Semarang. Discussing specific mechanisms for participation within the existing frameworks, elaborating on Semarang's priorities and efforts related to Trans Semarang, analyzing limitations in current policies, and improving flow and tie-backs to the study's aims would significantly improve the section.

The dynamics of public transportation governance in semarang

1. The section provides a helpful overview of the development, governance, and key challenges of Trans Semarang. However, additional details on the specific mechanisms of participation incorporated at each stage, or lack thereof, would strengthen the section by directly framing it around the study's focus. Discussing how and which stakeholders were engaged, at what points in the process and with what effects would provide useful analysis.

2. The discussion of protests against Trans Semarang upon its launch and expansion requires expansion with more specific examples and evidence on the nature of concerns raised and how they were addressed. Analyzing the effectiveness of the city's strategies to accommodate protesters by bringing them into the Trans Semarang consortium and workforce would provide a compelling discussion of the dynamics around participation. Additional details on the sub feeder system and its aims are also needed.

3. The section would benefit from explicitly discussing the extent to which the existing governance frameworks and management strategies for Trans Semarang encouraged or incorporated public participation, identify any limitations in this regard. Analyzing the implications and challenges arising from largely reactive and accommodation-based approaches to participation helps frame the significance of promoting more proactive engagement. Discussion of these issues should be expanded.

4. Additional context on the political leadership and priorities shaping Trans Semarang's development and sustainability would help in understanding the case study. For example, discussing Mayor Prihadi's motivations, commitments and influence in securing funding and advancing the system provides useful background for then analyzing the potential obstacles arising from reliance on individual political will. Analysis of these dynamics and their implications for long term participation and support requires expansion.

5. The discussion of financial governance and budget challenges focuses primarily on operational costs associated with absorbing protesters into the Trans Semarang workforce. Analyzing the budgetary implications of the city's subsidized fare policy, lack of regulations limiting private vehicle use (as noted), and strategies for securing sustainable funding through proactively engaging stakeholders would provide a more comprehensive understanding of the issues at play. Additional details and analysis on these elements are needed.

In summary, this section provides a helpful starting point for discussing the governance and socio-political dynamics influencing Trans Semarang, but requires additional details, examples and analysis to critically discuss the extent, nature and implications of public participation. Expanding discussions around accommodating protesters, political leadership, budgetary challenges and

sustainable funding strategies with a view to stakeholder participation and support would significantly strengthen the section. Analysis of the existing frameworks and their ability to promote proactive engagement should also be developed further.

Citizen involvement and decision-making in public transportation policy of Semarang

1. Provide more specific details and data to support some of the broad claims. For example, what exactly indicates that "the scope of stakeholders is very limited to those whose economic interests are affected by the bus transit system"? Provide some examples of stakeholders that were included or excluded.
2. Clarify whether public participation has actually increased or decreased under the current mayor. Some parts suggest it has remained limited, while other parts suggest the mayor has engaged groups that were previously resistant.
3. Discuss potential reasons why public transportation is not seen as a populist issue for Semarang residents. The analysis could be strengthened by considering factors like socioeconomic status, car ownership rates, etc.
4. The arguments regarding new media and inclusivity could be further developed. Provide more specific examples of how new media could be leveraged to engage underrepresented groups in Semarang.
5. Discuss the limitations of comparing Trans Semarang and Trans Jakarta. There may be important contextual factors that differentiate the two cases.
6. Consider discussing COVID-19's potential impacts on public participation and transportation planning. The pandemic is briefly mentioned but could have wider implications worth analyzing.

Conclusion

1. Clearly summarize the key findings of the study. The current conclusion restates some points from the previous sections but does not clearly summarize the main takeaways.
2. Discuss the limitations of the study and directions for future research. This will strengthen the conclusions and show a thorough reflection on the research.
3. Consider reframing some of the recommendations. Simply "making regulations" and "ensuring budget availability" are vague recommendations. Suggest specific policy actions the government could take to improve public participation and transportation planning.
4. Connect the findings back to the broader literature on public participation and transportation governance. Show how the Semarang case contributes new insights or confirms existing knowledge in the field.
5. Avoid repeating points that have already been made in the paper. The conclusion should synthesize the key arguments and findings, not simply restate them.

To summarize, I would recommend:

- More clearly outlining the study's key findings
- Discussing limitations and areas for future research
- Reframing broad recommendations into concrete policy suggestions
- Connecting the findings to the wider literature
- Avoiding repetition by synthesizing rather than reiterating arguments

Language

Need for Language Editing: Yes

Final decision: Major revision is needed

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the review which really helped us. We have finished completing the revision and made the changes that Reviewer suggested.

No.	Comment	Response
Title, abstract and keywords		
1	<p>The title is concise but lacks specificity. Adding more details on the case location, public transportation mode, or policy examined would help readers better understand the study's scope and focus. For example, "Public Participation in Bus Transit Policymaking in Semarang, Indonesia: A Sustainable Transportation Perspective".</p>	<p>We have revised the title: "Public Participation in Bus Transit Policymaking: The case of Semarang, Indonesia".</p>
2	<p>The abstract provides a high-level overview of the study but requires additional context and details. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Elaborating on what "criticizes" entails and what specific aspects of public participation in Semarang's policies are analyzed would clarify the methodology and scope.▪ Explaining why Semarang was chosen as a case study and what makes its experience in pioneering bus transit systems relevant would help justify and frame the work.▪ Discussing the study's key findings and conclusions around the dominance of private operators and need for inclusive participation spaces would strengthen the abstract by highlighting the work's significance and impact.	<p>We have revised the abstract (but not exceeding the 200 words limit) to be as follows:</p> <p>This study examines the role of public participation in public transportation policies in Semarang, Indonesia, a city facing congestion and the adoption of the bus rapid transit (Trans Semarang) system. The study identifies a gap in Indonesian transportation regulations that lack public participation in decision-making processes, limiting public engagement. Mayors play a crucial role in shaping transportation development, especially in the absence of inclusive participation from outside entities. To foster interactive community engagement, the City Government of Semarang must enact regulations that include the general public, transportation entities, and other relevant groups. Strategies include robust budgetary</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noting any limitations to the study's scope or generalizability would provide appropriate context around findings and conclusions. 	<p>allotments and enforcement of local regulations to provide transport subsidies. Encouraging a more inclusive paradigm and transparent regulations can lead to the effective and sustainable execution of public transport, addressing the community's demands and aspirations. The findings pertaining to the mayor's role, as identified in this study, should be interpreted within the specific context of Semarang and may not be universally applicable across all regions in Indonesia. The extent to which the mayor assumes such a role is contingent upon their individual perspective on public transportation as a populist cause warranting dedicated efforts.</p>
3	<p>Additional keywords related to bus transit, transportation policymaking, and the case location (Semarang) would help index the article and allow for easier searching. For example, adding "bus rapid transit", "policy formulation", and "Indonesia" as keywords.</p>	<p>We have added the keywords.</p>
4	<p>The subtitle "A Sustainable Transportation Perspective" is somewhat misleading as sustainability is mentioned only briefly in the abstract. Either incorporating additional details on how sustainability relates to public participation in transit policymaking or revising the subtitle would better match the content.</p>	<p>We have revised the subtitle to "The case of Semarang, Indonesia".</p>
<p>Introduction and literature review</p>		
1	<p>The introduction requires additional context on the case study location, Semarang, to properly frame the study. More details on Semarang's public transit system, key transportation challenges, and past policy approaches would help</p>	<p>We have added the explanation that Semarang is chosen as a case study due to its significant congestion issues and its pioneering role in implementing a bus rapid transit system in 2009. This study provides valuable insights into the</p>

	<p>readers understand why it was selected as a case study. The introduction should make a clear, compelling case for why analyzing public participation in Semarang's transit policymaking is an important issue to examine.</p>	<p>implementation, challenges, and impacts of the system beyond Jakarta. In 2017, Semarang experienced a significant increase in public transportation usage. However, a significant portion of the population in Semarang exhibits hesitancy in adopting the bus rapid transit system due to the lack of favorable initial experiences and lack of comprehensive supporting amenities and infrastructure. Therefore, public participation has become a crucial topic in local government decision-making processes, and this study aims to assess the extent to which public participation influences the dynamics of formulating public transportation policies in Semarang. By examining the role of public participation in this context, the research aims to shed light on its impact on decision-making processes related to public transportation policies in Semarang.</p>
2	<p>A more robust explanation of the study's methodology and analysis is needed in the introduction. Elaborating on what a "socio-legal research oriented towards legal reform" entails, what types of data were collected in Semarang and how they were analyzed would strengthen the introduction by clarifying the study's research approach before diving into the literature review.</p>	<p>We have added an explanation of the research method on page 2.</p>
3	<p>The literature review lacks sufficient discussion of the existing literature on public participation in transportation policymaking and planning. More analysis of the themes, gaps, weaknesses, and implications from prior studies on this topic is needed to properly frame the research questions and significance of this work. The authors note what other</p>	<p>We have added a Literature Review section on pages 2 to 4.</p>

	studies have not addressed but do little to actually review and synthesize the literature	
4	Additional context on the policy and regulatory frameworks governing public transit in Indonesia and Semarang should be discussed, especially given the study's legal perspective. For example, describing relevant laws, institutions involved in policy making and planning, their responsibilities, challenges, recent reforms, etc. The literature review reads more as a restatement of the introduction rather than providing a firm grounding in the literature and policy contexts around the research issue.	We have added an explanation of the regulations that form the basis of public transportation policies at the regional level, including laws and ministerial regulations. Additional explanations are on page 3.
5	<p>A clear set of research questions or hypotheses emerging from the gaps in existing literature should be articulated at the end of the literature review to specify what this study aimed to analyze or determine related to public participation in Semarang's transit policy making. The significance and contributions of the study should also be revisited in closing the literature review to tie findings back to identified weaknesses from prior research.</p> <p>In summary, strengthening the framing of the issue by elaborating on the case study context and policy frameworks, improving and expanding the literature review to properly discuss relevant prior studies, and articulating a clear set of research questions would significantly improve the introduction and literature review. Greater coherence and flow between sections, revisiting the study's significance, and explaining the methodological approach in more depth from the outset would also aid the overall</p>	We have added at the end of the Literature Review (page 4) that by looking at the interplay between regulation, development planning, and community participation, this study aims to highlight the efficacy of the current framework in facilitating meaningful citizen engagement in shaping public transport policy.

	structure and clarity.	
Public transportation regulation in national and local context		
1	The section provides a good high-level overview of the policy and regulatory frameworks governing public transit at the national and local levels in Indonesia and Semarang. However, additional details and analysis on specific laws, institutions, plans, and policies related to public participation in decision making would strengthen the section by more directly framing the study. Discussing relevant requirements, procedures or mechanisms for participation within the existing frameworks would provide useful context.	We have added detailed explanations and additional analysis of certain laws, institutions, plans and policies related to public participation (page 5).
2	The discussion of Semarang's priorities, transportation challenges, environmental concerns, and efforts to advance public transit requires elaboration with concrete examples and evidence to sufficiently justify why examining participation in Trans Semarang's planning is important and policy-relevant. Additional details on Trans Semarang's services, stages of development, accomplishments and ongoing challenges would also help readers understand the case study.	An explanation of Trans Semarang services is in section 4 (The Dynamics of Public Transportation Governance in Semarang).
3	The section would benefit from explicitly discussing the extent to which existing policy and regulatory frameworks require or encourage public participation in transportation planning and decision making, identify any limitations or weaknesses in this regard. Analyzing the implications of largely sectoral laws and lack of comprehensive regulations specifically mandating participation in Semarang's transit policy process helps frame the significance of this study's aims. Additional discussion of these	In our opinion, the explanation for this is the same as the explanation for responding to note number 1, namely regulations related to public participation. We have added an explanation of this on page 5.

	issues is needed.	
4	<p>A clear tie-back to the lack of regulations on public participation in transit policymaking that the study aims to address, as noted at the end of the section, is needed to create coherence and flow. Restating the research questions, aims or hypotheses to analyze the dynamics of participation in planning Trans Semarang at the end of this section would provide context for the case study details and analysis in subsequent sections. A brief preview of the next section would also help with overall flow and structure.</p>	<p>We added a paragraph explaining this at the end of section 3 (page 5).</p>
5	<p>The level of details provided on relevant regulations, laws and policies varies significantly throughout the section, with much greater attention given to national-level frameworks versus local policies in Semarang. Ensuring even depth of details at both levels, and consistent analysis of their implications for public participation in transit policymaking, would strengthen this section.</p> <p>In summary, this section provides a good starting point for framing the policy context around the case study, but requires additional details, examples, analysis, and coherence for a compelling discussion of the regulatory and legal dynamics influencing public participation in transit policymaking and planning in Semarang. Discussing specific mechanisms for participation within the existing frameworks, elaborating on Semarang's priorities and efforts related to Trans Semarang, analyzing limitations in current policies, and improving flow and tie-backs to the study's aims would significantly improve the section.</p>	<p>We have added the things suggested in section 3.</p>

The dynamics of public transportation governance in semarang

1	<p>The section provides a helpful overview of the development, governance, and key challenges of Trans Semarang. However, additional details on the specific mechanisms of participation incorporated at each stage, or lack thereof, would strengthen the section by directly framing it around the study's focus. Discussing how and which stakeholders were engaged, at what points in the process and with what effects would provide useful analysis.</p>	<p>We have added an explanation about stakeholders in paragraph 5 of section 4.</p>
2	<p>The discussion of protests against Trans Semarang upon its launch and expansion requires expansion with more specific examples and evidence on the nature of concerns raised and how they were addressed. Analyzing the effectiveness of the city's strategies to accommodate protesters by bringing them into the Trans Semarang consortium and workforce would provide a compelling discussion of the dynamics around participation. Additional details on the sub feeder system and its aims are also needed.</p>	<p>We have added an explanation of this in paragraphs 8 and 11 of section 4.</p>
3	<p>The section would benefit from explicitly discussing the extent to which the existing governance frameworks and management strategies for Trans Semarang encouraged or incorporated public participation, identify any limitations in this regard. Analyzing the implications and challenges arising from largely reactive and accommodation-based approaches to participation helps frame the significance of promoting more proactive engagement. Discussion of these issues should be expanded.</p>	<p>We discuss criticisms about the limited participation of the general public (other than businessmen and angkots) in section 5.</p>

4	<p>Additional context on the political leadership and priorities shaping Trans Semarang's development and sustainability would help in understanding the case study. For example, discussing Mayor Prihadi's motivations, commitments and influence in securing funding and advancing the system provides useful background for then analyzing the potential obstacles arising from reliance on individual political will. Analysis of these dynamics and their implications for long term participation and support requires expansion</p>	<p>We have added a discussion of Mayor Prihadi's motivation, commitment and influence in the last 2 paragraphs in section 4.</p>
5	<p>The discussion of financial governance and budget challenges focuses primarily on operational costs associated with absorbing protesters into the Trans Semarang workforce. Analyzing the budgetary implications of the city's subsidized fare policy, lack of regulations limiting private vehicle use (as noted), and strategies for securing sustainable funding through proactively engaging stakeholders would provide a more comprehensive understanding of the issues at play. Additional details and analysis on these elements are needed.</p> <p>In summary, this section provides a helpful starting point for discussing the governance and sociopolitical dynamics influencing Trans Semarang, but requires additional details, examples and analysis to critically discuss the extent, nature and implications of public participation. Expanding discussions around accommodating protesters, political leadership, budgetary challenges and sustainable funding strategies with a view to stakeholder participation and support would significantly strengthen</p>	<p>We have added discussions about financial and budget challenges on page 6 (“The progression of Trans Semarang’s expansion will.....”).</p>

	the section. Analysis of the existing frameworks and their ability to promote proactive engagement should also be developed further.	
Citizen involvement and decision-making in public transportation policy of Semarang		
1	Provide more specific details and data to support some of the broad claims. For example, what exactly indicates that "the scope of stakeholders is very limited to those whose economic interests are affected by the bus transit system"? Provide some examples of stakeholders that were included or excluded.	We have explained this explanation in 2 paragraphs on page 7 ("Within the Semarang context, discernible influence over decision-making primarily rests with.....").
2	Clarify whether public participation has actually increased or decreased under the current mayor. Some parts suggest it has remained limited, while other parts suggest the mayor has engaged groups that were previously resistant.	We have emphasized on page 8 that external public participation beyond the realm of transportation entrepreneurs and angkot drivers has not provided a dominant influence in the evolution of Trans Semarang during Mayor Hendrar's leadership.
3	Discuss potential reasons why public transportation is not seen as a populist issue for Semarang residents. The analysis could be strengthened by considering factors like socioeconomic status, car ownership rates, etc.	We have added reasons why public transport is not seen as a populist issue for Semarang residents. Congestion levels in Semarang have not increased as observed in Jabodetabek. Moreover, Semarang has not yet experienced an urban sprawl similar to that experienced by Jakarta (page 8).
4	The arguments regarding new media and inclusivity could be further developed. Provide more specific examples of how new media could be leveraged to engage underrepresented groups in Semarang.	We have added specific examples of how new media can be leveraged to engage underrepresented groups in Semarang (page 9).
5	Discuss the limitations of comparing Trans Semarang and Trans Jakarta. There may be important contextual factors that differentiate the two cases.	We have added an explanation of the contextual factors that differentiate Trans Semarang and Trans Jakarta on page 9 ("However, it is essential to acknowledge the contextual constraints inherent in comparing.....").

6	Consider discussing COVID-19's potential impacts on public participation and transportation planning. The pandemic is briefly mentioned but could have wider implications worth analyzing.	We've added an explanation of the impact of COVID-19 on public participation and transportation planning on page 9 ("The pandemic-induced media disruption amplified the reliance on digital channels...").
Conclusion		
1	Clearly summarize the key findings of the study. The current conclusion restates some points from the previous sections but does not clearly summarize the main takeaways.	We have revised the conclusions based on the reviewers' suggestions.
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