

Focus on: **Intercity Bus Terminals**

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Intercity Bus Terminals

Step by step towards attractive intercity bus integration

The intercity bus market is booming thanks to new enterprises, high competition and low ticket prices. The industry is in motion, a number of start-ups and established coach operators are active on the German market.

The municipal authorities are hereby confronted with new challenges: the line concessions specifying routes and station points are to be evaluated and approved. At the same time attractive transfer stations must be provided and therefore main bus terminals must be (re-) designed to meet the new requirements. This development leads to even more questions regarding organization and operation of the terminals.

We offer you our comprehensive expertise and can support you with all questions of design, operation and financing modalities.

We rely on our extensive know-how from design concepts to specific technical questions and can help you develop and implement an individually tailored solution for an intercity bus terminal in your city.

Together with our partners we will be on your side to carry out traffic simulations, design and specify the necessary infrastructure, carry out procurement and supervise the system delivery and commissioning. All this individually matching your specific needs and local requirements.

Step 1: The location

A long-distance bus terminal must fulfil many requirements. The pre-condition for its success is the right location. Coaches as well as passengers must be able to reach it quickly and easily. That means that the next highway access should be not too far away, access to the urban public transport must be easy and parking space for cars and bikes must be provided nearby.

The estimation of the required capacity and space followed by the analysis of available grounds is also very important.

Step 2: The equipment

An attractive bus terminal has all necessary equipment – both for passengers and operators. Passengers need information, shelter and sanitary facilities near the platform. Shops and restaurants may offer additional convenience. The complete terminal shall be designed barrier-free.

Information is an important interface between the passenger and the operating company. Ideally it is more than just one piece of paper with departure times and comprises real-time displays and announcements on trip information. Displays indicating access routes and platform occupation help the bus driver to find the correct boarding place.

Operating companies will be glad to use parking areas near the terminal, especially when these provide fueling and cleaning for buses and accommodation for the driver. Integration of video surveillance systems provides additional safety for all those in the terminal.

Step 3: Organization and financing

Different ownership and operation models are possible for a bus terminal. The operator has to introduce and carry out the necessary procedures like maintenance and cleaning services as well as passenger information management.

In this context there is a possibility to charge user fees from bus operators. The company operating the terminal would be in this case the contact point for the bus operators and will be responsible for the financial settlement.

