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## **FRANKLIN TRANSIT BUS SHELTERS GOING SOLAR**

**Franklin, TN** – The future is here and it's cost-effective, technological, sustainable and safe. Franklin's transit bus shelters are going solar. The ADA-compliant shelters featuring implementation of solar systems are creating a bright spot for transit riders to wait safely no matter the time of year or hour of the day.

"Until the arrival of inexpensive, reliable solar powered lighting it was too expensive to wire the shelters to a power source states Preston Elliott, Chairman, Franklin Transit Authority. "The safety of our transit riders is paramount. With available ARRA funding the Franklin Transit Authority felt the purchase of the solar powered shelters, manufactured by Handi-Hut, to be an essential investment in the community. "With the return of high gas prices during challenging economic times, we want to make sure that our riders have a safe place to wait for the bus, protected from inclement weather, providing shelter and comfort and doing it in a green manner."

All Franklin fixed route transit vehicles now have bicycle racks, increasing sustainable transportation connections throughout the Franklin area.

The TMA Group operates and manages the Franklin Transit service. To find out more information about Franklin's public transit system, call: (615) 628-0260 or visit: [www.franklintransit.org](http://www.franklintransit.org)

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