

Santa Maria, CA



CUSTOM SUNSET SHELTERS FOR CENTRAL COAST COMMUNITY

REAL TIME INFORMATION AND SOLAR LIGHTING PROVIDE SAFETY AND COMFORT

LOCATION

Santa Maria is one of the fastest-growing cities on California's Central Coast and a major economic hub in the area. Its central location and diverse industries have made it a magnet for workers and families, while cultural offerings, from the Santa Maria Valley wineries to the city's historic barbecue tradition, contribute to a rich community identity that attracts visitors and strengthens local ties.

Santa Maria Regional Transit (SMRT) provides a comprehensive network of fixed-route and paratransit services across the city and neighboring areas. With multiple local and regional routes, SMRT connects residents to schools, shopping centers, healthcare facilities, and employment hubs, while offering intercity links to nearby communities, including Lompoc, Guadalupe, and San Luis Obispo.

PROJECT SCOPE

Tolar Manufacturing partnered with Santa Maria Regional Transit (SMRT) to support the city's transit infrastructure with twenty new custom Sunset bus shelters. The upgrade is part of a new street furniture program with the goal of improving the mobility experience for residents and visitors to the Santa Maria area.

"Our goal for these shelters was not just to improve functionality but also to elevate the overall look and feel of our transit stops," said Gamaliel Anguiano, Transit Manager at Santa Maria Regional Transit. "Tolar Manufacturing's Sunset shelters perfectly captured our desire for a modern, inviting aesthetic, seamlessly blending into the urban landscape while providing essential amenities for our riders. We particularly appreciate the Tolar team working with us to incorporate a custom laser cut image of our logo on the roof that allows an image of our logo shine down onto the street throughout the day."

The Sunset shelters feature a 12-foot wide radius roof design with a nominal 12-foot by 5-foot dripline along a fully welded roof structure with custom SMRT branding on the shelter roof and rear fascia. Amenities include 80W roof-mounted solar panels with integrated battery storage, powering the RMS80F Solar Lighting System, which provides under-roof dusk-to-dawn security lighting with 5-day minimum autonomous operation through an 8W LED light fixture. New stops are also outfitted with standard 8-foot perforated metal benches and 20-gallon shelter mounted trash receptacles for rider comfort and convenience. 10 locations will also include real-time information displays.



Adjustable leveling shoes are protected by spun escutcheon shoe covers. The amenities are finished in a durable baked powder coat selected from Tolar's RAL color chart.

The shelters were procured through the CALACT/MBTA framework, a purchasing program developed by the Morongo Basin Transit Authority with the California Association for Coordinated Transportation. This high-traffic corridor serves as a backbone for local transit in Santa Maria, connecting residents to jobs, schools, healthcare, and small businesses. Upgrading shelters along Broadway not only improves rider comfort and visibility but also signals the City's continued investment in equitable and sustainable transportation infrastructure.

SIGNATURE SERIES TRANSIT SHELTERS

EXAMPLES FROM CITIES ACROSS AMERICA



SIGNATURE CUSTOM SANTA ANA, CA

Papel Picado themed shelters bring culture and color to Santa Ana.

Bringing the delicate intricacies of popular “papel picado” Mexican folk art to life, these 41 custom-built 14-ft to 27-ft shelters include rugged steel structures enhanced with colorful acrylic roof panels, perforated benches, and vividly colored wall elements.

BRAZOS SIGNATURE AUSTIN, TX

Part of Capital Metro’s Coordinated Bus Stop Street Furniture Program delivering functional street furniture of exceptional design quality.

This 12-ft shelter incorporates a radius roof, rolled posts rear wind screen, and branding banner.



SIGNATURE SUNSET SAN DIEGO, CA

Three decades designing and fabricating bus shelters, street furniture, and digital solutions.

17-ft advertising shelters with agency branding make a big impact on the streets of San Diego. Passengers enjoy an integrated passenger information display case, Mesa benches, pole mounted trash/recycle bin, and dusk-to-dawn solar illumination in the roof and display case.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT BOSTON, MA

Nine BRT shelters in five distinctive Signature Sunset models make a modern statement.

36-ft x 7-ft BRT stations with 3/8-in cleat tempered glass, station location branding, LED illumination, housing for various amenities, slat benches, and agency branding marker.



SIGNATURE VOYAGER MAX LAKE GEORGE, NY

Beautifully designed to embrace the picturesque tourist town of Lake George.

A 62-ft custom axel open canopy shelter with 8-mm bronze twin-wall polycarbonate roof panels with solar illumination. Mesa platform benches with seat delineators, custom passenger information kiosk, and durable baked premium powder coat finish complete the shelter.

SIGNATURE SUNSET ECOSHADE FORT WORTH, TX

Uniquely designed to provide shade and comfort for narrow spaces.

These 6-ft wide monopole shelters fit perfectly in limited right-of-way locations, providing solar-powered security lighting, agency-provided ePaper real-time information signage, and seating for two plus ADA seating space.



CUSTOM VOYAGER SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

Maximizing passenger amenities for comfort and convenience.

Four 17-ft spoke-style cantilever shelters offer flexible length adjustments to provide maximum shade. Amenities include steel strap benches, low-draw LED lighting, and back-to-back media display kiosks.

SIGNATURE SUNSET GREENSBORO, NC

State of the art solar powers these city shelters.

This 10-ft shelter is NCDOT PEP approved with its all-aluminum construction and fully welded roof with 3/8-in clear tempered safety glass showcasing highly visible city branding. LED security lighting powered with an RMS50 solar lighting system, including 50W photovoltaic roof mounted panels, provides dusk-to-dawn illumination using UL-listed components. A 7-ft Mesa aluminum frame recycle slat bench provides seating.



BUS RAPID TRANSIT CHARLOTTE, NC

Various Tolar-designed shelters greet riders as they begin their travels on BRT lines in their community.

This 16-ft Signature Sunset shelter sits along a streetcar line sporting custom art glass panels unique to each stop location. The shelters feature extra deep roofs, bronze tint heat-formed radius roof panels, wide and narrow end walls for specific location requirements, and electric security lighting in rear beam for passenger comfort.



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