



Maricá municipality



Holambra Municipality

Tarifa Zero

FFPT in Brazil



LiFT Research Project



- Fare Free Public Transport (FFPT): established but controversial and under-researched practice
- Goal: understand transport-related (economic, operational) and urban (social, spatial and political) aspects of FFPT
- Global survey
- Website will bring together results and analyses

Fight for FFPT in Brazil



2013

'Jornadas de Junho'

20 cent protests



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/397161260859427618/>

Public Transport in Brazil

- For many Brazilians: PT is only means to reach jobs and public services
- Limited, precarious, overcrowded
- No federal subsidies
- Users pay 90-100% of the costs

$$\text{Fare} \nearrow = \frac{\text{costs of the PT system} \nearrow}{\text{number of users} \searrow}$$

The 'birth' of *Tarifa Zero*

- São Paulo (1989)
- Proposal by city government
- Did not make it to city council → never voted

First cases

Monte Carmelo (MG)

- 1994-today
- “By accident”, cheaper than collecting fares

Paulínia (SP)

- 1995-1997
- surplus budget: oil industry
- several partial policies implemented and cancelled

Existing cases of (full) FFPT in Brazil

Known cases (and counting)*:

| | Implemented | Population in 2020 |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Monte Carmelo (MG) | 1994 | 47,931 |
| Abaeté (MG) | 1997 | 23,250 |
| Potirendaba (SP) | 1998 | 17,516 |
| Ivaiporã (PR) | 2001 | 31,935 |
| Faxinal (PR) | 2001 | 17,316 |
| Agudos (SP) | 2003 | 37,401 |
| Macatuba (SP) | 2004 | 17,214 |
| Aruanã (GO) | 2008 | 10,110 |
| Wenceslau Braz (PR) | 2009 | 19,386 |
| Holambra (SP) | 2010 | 15,272 |
| Eusébio (CE) | 2010 | 54,337 |
| Muzambinho (MG) | 2011 | 20,545 |
| Pitanga (PR) | 2012 | 29,994 |
| Itatiaiuçu (MG) | 2013 | 11,252 |
| Maricá (RJ) | 2013 | 164,504 |

| | Implemented | Pop (1000) |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Silva Jardim (RJ) | 2014 | 21,774 |
| Anicuns (GO) | 2014 | 21,981 |
| Dourado (SP) | 2014 | 8,878 |
| Pedro Osório (RS) | 2018 | 7,706 |
| Vargem Grande Paulista (SP) | 2019 | 53,468 |
| Campo Belo (MG) | 2019 | 54,186 |
| Morungaba (SP) | 2019 | 13,781 |
| Pirapora do Bom Jesus (SP) | 2020 | 19,178 |
| Arceburgo (MG) | 2020 | 10,883 |
| Alumínio (SP) | 2020 | 18,767 |
| Cerquilha (SP) | 2020 | 49,802 |
| Jaboticabal (SP) | 2020 | 77,652 |
| Cláudio (MG) | 2021 | 28,859 |

*data to be confirmed

Research challenges

- Lack of national overview
- Lack of data (nationally and locally)
- Limited information, contradictory data
- Limited staff, limited resources (e.g. digital infrastructure) in small municipalities



The list is getting longer

- COVID-19 (some only temporary)
- PT system is collapsing
- FFPT offered by the municipality or no PT at all
- Renewed space to discuss FFPT as real solution

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