

# PASSENGER'S INTENTION TO USE AND LOYALTY TOWARDS PUBLIC TRANSPORT: A LITERATURE REVIEW

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**Abstract** - Public transport (PT) plays a vital role in an urban transport system since it can alleviate traffic congestion, air pollution and traffic accidents, thus promoting urban sustainability. In many countries, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, encouraging the mode shift from private vehicles to PT as well as retaining the current PT users are a challenge. One reason can be the lack of understanding about the aspects of PT services that affect the behavioural intention of users. This study reviews a growing body of peer-reviewed literature examining factors affecting the loyalty intention of PT users and factors influencing the intention to use of non-users. The methodological approach adopted to investigate these factors is also reviewed. The findings are very useful not only for authorities to develop comprehensive strategies aimed at enhancing PT ridership but also for scholars to extend key insights in this area.

**Key words** - Public transit; loyalty; intention to use; literature review; mode shift

## 1. Introduction

With the growth and development of the number of private vehicles, especially in big cities, the problems of urban traffic such as traffic congestion, traffic accidents, and environmental pollution caused by traffic is becoming more and more serious and difficult to manage. In low- and middle-income countries, the growth of motorcycles continues to be a big concern. Motorcycles are still the type of vehicles that accounts for a large proportion of traffic flow in urban areas. As of 2019, the number of registered motorcycles is 106 million in Indonesia and 21 million in Thailand [1]. Especially in Vietnam, the number of motorbikes reached 60 million registered motorbikes out of a total of 96 million people, equivalent to a ratio of 2 motorcycles: 3 people [2].

In Vietnam, the number of traffic accidents in the first six months of 2022 across the country were 5,703 cases, of which the number of mortality was up to 3,314 people and the number of injured was 3,690 people. The number of accidents in Hanoi is up to 408 cases, in Ho Chi Minh City is 1,042 cases, and in Da Nang is 51 cases. Along with the problem of traffic accidents, traffic congestion is another issue that is most noticeable in many big cities of Vietnam, such as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Statistics show that there are 34 frequent traffic congestion points in Hanoi, and congestion cost is from 1 to 1.2 billion USD per year. In Ho Chi Minh City, there are 18 traffic congestion points, with an annual cost up to 6 billion USD. In addition, private vehicles are also the main cause of environmental pollution. The emissions such as carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrous oxide, particulates, volatile organic compounds and

sulfur dioxide, have serious harmful effects on the environment, causing many respiratory problems and lung damage for urban residents. The increase in the controllability of private transport means will affect the quality of urban life, not only noise pollution, and air pollution but also the potential risks of traffic accidents, which in turns increase the travel time of urban people.

To solve this problem, many solutions have been taken into account. In particular, the development of a public transport system is considered one of the most effective and sustainable solutions. Public transport is generally a mean of transport which has the capable of transporting a large number of customers at the same time, so it helps to reduce the number of private vehicles travelling on roads and reduces congestion traffic. An Australian study has proven that public transport can reduce traffic congestion by 63% and increase travel speed by 31.6% [3]. Using public transport can also help reduce annual fuel consumption [4]. Furthermore, using public transport is often associated with active traffic (walking and biking to access the system), which in turn is beneficial for maintaining and improving the health of road users. In addition, using public transport is also considered a safe, fast and economical mean of transportation.

In Vietnam, the main mode of public transport is still buses. The bus systems were put into operation from 1919 to 1920 until now, the network covers all cities, and in some places up to hundreds of bus routes are being exploited and operated. Some new and modern types of public transport have also been planned and are being invested in recently, such as the urban train system in Hanoi or the metro project in Ho Chi Minh City. Although public transport brings many benefits to both cities and its users [5], however, in Vietnam, public transport has not yet attracted many people to use it. One of reasons may be that the public transport system has not been fully developed, its operation is not effective, and it has not met the expectations of passengers [6]. The Vietnamese government is applying many policies to attract public transport users and limit the use of private transport. Some policies can be mentioned such as a price support policy, reduced fares for users, encouraging people to use public transport systems, or investment policy to upgrade the public transport infrastructure system, improve the quality of public transport services, etc. However, the efficiency of these measures is not as expected, and the rate of public transport use is still very low in most cities in the country (Da Nang is about 1.2% and Ho Chi Minh City is about less than 10% of public transport use).

With the above analysis, it is necessary to have more in-depth studies on users' perception and desires towards the public transport system, thereby identifying priorities for improving and investing in the system to encourage the use of public transport. As such, increase in the number of users in the future, the efficiency of system investment can be achieved, which in turn contribute to reducing the problems of urban traffic, step by step reaching green transport development, sustainable urban development. In order to have appropriate research focus orientations, review the works that have been done and published in the academic world, and determine the factors affecting the intention to use as well as the loyalty of users are needed. The research results help identify issues that need to be focused on in future research related to passengers' perception of desire towards the public transport system. Additionally, the review of influencing factors that have significant effects on the use intention and loyalty is also necessary. From there, policy orientations and appropriate solutions for the public transport development strategy in general can be proposed.

## 2. Research Methods

This paper uses a systematic quantitative assessment method to review the literature. This method systematically analyzes documents, following a structured and repeatable process. In this way, the boundaries for proper document classification from the sources of supply are specified.

The scope of the study was limited to carrying out an overview of the intention to use (for people who have not used public transport) and loyalty of passengers using public transport (for people who have used public transport). These reviewed studies have been conducted in both high - and low and middle-income countries. A document is considered eligible for the synthesis if it meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) *Research on public transport systems;*
- (2) *Research related to passenger loyalty or intention to use the public transport system;*
- (3) *Research published in reputable transport journals.*

To identify research-related literature, use keywords and search on ScienceDirect, Google Scholar:

+ Search related to passenger loyalty with English keywords: (“loyalty” or “loyalty of passenger” or “passenger loyalty” or “user loyalty” or “reuse” or “intention to reuse” or “willingness to reuse” or “recommend” or “continue to use”) and (“public transport” or “public transit” or “public transportation” or “rail” or “metro” or “urban train” or “underground”). With Vietnamese: (“sự trung thành” or “sự trung thành của hành khách” or “sự trung thành của hành khách” or “sử dụng lại” or “ý định sử dụng lại” or “sẵn sàng sử dụng lại” or “tiếp tục sử dụng”) and (“giao thông công cộng” or “phương tiện công cộng” or “đường sắt” or “xe điện” or “tàu điện ngầm”).

+ Search for keywords related to passenger's intention to use with keywords in English: (“intention to use” or “willingness to use”) and (“public transport” or “public

transit” or “public transportation” or “rail” or “metro” or “urban train” or “underground”). With Vietnamese: (“ý định sử dụng” or “sẵn sàng sử dụng”) and (“phương tiện giao thông công cộng” or “đường sắt” or “tàu điện ngầm” or “tàu điện đô thị”).

The search results have a lot of articles and research related to the keywords found. However, according to the above criteria, only over 80 articles were reviewed, synthesized and used in critical analysis.

From the research articles that have been synthesized, detailed statistics of the studies are conducted. First, divide related documents into two groups: (1) *Group of research articles in high-income countries* and (2) *group of research articles in low- and middle-income countries*. Then, these papers were classified and reviewed based on research methods applied such as simple descriptive statistics, linear regression, confirmatory factor analysis (CFA), exploratory factor analysis (EFA), linear structural model and sample size of the study. Finally, these papers were classified and reviewed based on the factors affecting the intention to use and the loyalty of passengers. After reviewing the related papers, the research gap in the literature can be found.

## 3. Result

### 3.1. Customer's intention to use public transport

#### 3.1.1. Studies in high-income countries

In high-income countries, many scholars studied the behavioural intention to use public transport and its factors affecting this behaviour. Studies usually focus on the intention to use trams, light rail, and subways. The authors' research is often concentrated on countries in Asian such as Taiwan, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia, countries in Oceania such as Australia, New Zealand, countries in North America such as the United States, Canada and other countries in Europe such as England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Norway.

Summary of research papers on the intention to use public transport includes 30 studies, mainly concentrated in Asian countries, especially the largest number of studies found in Taiwan (07 documents), the rest of each country has only 1 or 2 research papers on the intention to use. Most of the research is done based on data collected through a questionnaire survey.

In terms of research method, there are a number of methods that are used to analyse the data; however, structural equation modelling (SEM), linear regression model, and descriptive statistical analysis are the most commonly methods.

Regarding structural equation modelling (SEM), many authors have used this approach to test the inter-relationships between factors considered in the proposed model (18/30 documents) like a study on the intention to use public transport conducted in Norway [7]. In addition, regarding the SEM, the authors also use methods for comparison or detailed analysis such as multi-cause analysis (SEM - MIMIC), multi-group analysis (MGA), and MICOM [8]. Some common theories used in these models are the theory

of planned behaviour (TPB) [9], [10], [11], [12]; or technology acceptance model theory (TAM) [10], multi-attribute attitude model (MAM) [13], etc.

With the regression model, 11/30 related documents were found. Multivariable logit model [14], hierarchical

logistic regression [15], and the usual least squares regression (OLS) model are often used to investigate influencing factors [16]. The descriptive statistical analysis method is found with 01/30 related documents. The details of the meta-analysis are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Summary of studies on intention to use public transport in high- and low- and middle-income countries

STT	Author	Year	Country	Public transport	Sample size	Model	Theory
1	Carrus, et al. [17]	2008	Italia	Public transport	180	SEM	-
2	Hsiao and Yang [18]	2010	Taiwan	High-speed train	300	SEM	TPB
3	Chen and Chao [19]	2011	Taiwan	Public transport	442	SEM	TPB, TAM
4	Lai and Chen [20]	2011	Taiwan	Train	763	SEM	-
5	Wu, et al. [21]	2011	Taiwan	Train	529	LRM	-
6	JEN, et al. [22]	2013	Taiwan	High-speed train	334	SEM	TAM
7	Chowdhury and Ceder [23]	2013	New Zealand	Public transport	223	DS	TPB
8	Chowdhury and Ceder [24]	2013	New Zealand	Public transport	263	SEM	TPB
9	Donald, et al. [25]	2014	UK	Public transport	827	SEM	TPB
10	Şimşekoğlu, et al. [7]	2015	Norway	Public transport	1039	SEM	-
11	de Oña, et al. [26]	2015	Spain	Train	3,211	SEM	-
12	Cheng and Tseng [27]	2016	Taiwan	Bus and subways	469	SEM	PV
13	Chen [28]	2016	Taiwan	Bus	1401	SEM	-
14	Hoang-Tung, et al. [29]	2016	Japan	Bus	333	LRM	-
15	Madigan, et al. [30]	2017	Greece	Automated Guided Vehicle	315	LRM	UTAUT
16	Hasnine, et al. [31]	2018	USA	Public transport	15,226	LRM	-
17	Mugion, et al. [32]	2018	Italia	Public transport	114	SEM	-
18	Hoang-Tung and Kubota [33]	2019	Japan	Bus	270	SEM	-
19	Sener, et al. [34]	2020	USA	Subway	750	LRM	-
20	König and Grippenkovén [35]	2020	Germany	Public transport	205	SEM	UTAUT
21	Tran, et al. [36]	2020	Japan	Bus	1604	SEM	-
22	Chee, et al. [37]	2020	Switzerland	Bus	574	SEM	-
23	Kassens-Noor, et al. [38]	2020	USA	Bus	1,468	LRM	-
24	Shaaban and Maher [39]	2020	Qatar	Public transport	270	LRM	TPB
25	De Vos, et al. [40]	2020	Canada	Public transport	986	LRM	-
26	Halawani and Rehimí [41]	2021	Saudi Arabia	Bus	953	LRM	-
27	Mouratidis and Serrano [42]	2021	Noway	Bus	117	LRM	-
28	Chee, et al. [43]	2021	Switzerland	Bus	185	SEM	-
29	Nayum and Nordfjærn [44]	2021	Norway	Public transport	441	SEM	TPB
30	Horjus, et al. [45]	2022	Holland	Bus	710	LRM	UTAUT
1	Nurdden, et al. [46]	2007	Malaysia	Public transport system	1200	LRM	-
2	Fujii and Van [47]	2009	Viet Nam	Bus	282	LRM	-
3	Wang, et al. [48]	2013	China	Metro	437	ML	-
4	Wang, et al. [49]	2013	China	Public transport system	460	LRM	-
5	Zhao, et al. [50]	2013	China	Bus	467	EFA, CFA, SEM	-
6	Van, et al. [51]	2014	6 Southeast Asian countries	Public transport system	1118	ML	-
7	Borhan, et al. [52]	2014	Malaysia	Public transport system	290	SEM	-
8	Ambak, et al. [53]	2016	Malaysia	Bus	282	LRM	-
9	Zailani, et al. [54]	2016	Malaysia	Public transport system	392	SEM - PLS	TPB
10	Zhang, et al. [55]	2016	China	Public transport system	465	SEM	-
11	Feng and Li [56]	2016	China	Bike	608	LRM	-
12	Yazdanpanah and Hadji Hosseinlou [57]	2017	Iran	Public transport system	557	SEM	-

STT	Author	Year	Country	Public transport	Sample size	Model	Theory
13	Fu and Juan [58]	2017	China	Public transport system	1616	SEM	TPB, CST
14	Irtema, et al. [59]	2018	Malaysia	Metro	412	SEM	TPB
15	Kwan, et al. [60]	2018	Malaysia	Metro	509	ML	-
16	Kang, et al. [61]	2019	Malaysia	Public transport system	317	SEM - PLS	TPB
17	Borhan, et al. [62]	2019	Northern Africa	Metro	338	SEM	TPB
18	Dirgahayani and Sutanto [63]	2020	Indonesia	Metro	193	SEM	TPB, TSB
19	Hussain [64]	2020	Malaysia	Metro	400	SEM	TPB
20	Zhang, et al. [65]	2020	China	Shared media	356	SEM	TPB
21	Brohi, et al. [66]	2021	Pakistan	Metro	240	LRM	TPB
22	Shah, et al. [67]	2021	Pakistan	Public transport system	Unclear	SEM - PLS	-
23	Ng and Phung [68]	2021	Viet Nam	Public transport system	873	SEM	TPB
24	Brohi, et al. [69]	2021	Pakistan	Metro	385	SEM	TPB
25	Matubatuba, et al. [70]	2022	South Africa	Bus	227	SEM	TAM, TPB
26	Baqarizky and Sumabrata [71]	2022	Indonesia	Metro and bus	250	LRM	-
27	Ating, et al. [72]	2022	Malaysia and Philipine	Public transport system	250	SEM - PLS	-
28	Bandyopadhyaya and Bandyopadhyaya [73]	2022	Án ĐỘ	Public transport system	303	SEM	TPB
29	Mahardika, et al. [74]	2022	Indonesia	Metro	412	CFA, SEM	TPB
30	Zhao, et al. [75]	2022	China	Public transport system	761	CFA, SEM	TPB & PRT

Note: LRM: Linear regression model; CFA: Confirmatory Factor Analysis; ML: Logistic Regression; DS: Descriptive Statistics; PV: Perceived Value; TPB: Theory of Planned Behavior; TAM: Technology Acceptance Model; UTAUT: Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology; MGDB: Model of goal-directed behavior.

### 3.1.2. Studies in low- and middle-income countries

In most low- and middle-income countries, public transport is still not considered to be a major form of mobility. Most are still in under the construction, development and completion. This pushes the governments of these countries to pay more attention to the research on the intention to use the public transport system, thereby aiming to develop it to perfection according to the expectation of the passengers. Encourage and attract passengers to use, increase the number of people using the system in the future, increase investment efficiency and step by step to achieve the sustainable development of urban transport systems.

The results of a synthesis of research papers on passenger intention conducted in developing countries show that there are 30 related documents that are relevant to the identified research topic. The research area found in these studies is mainly concentrated in Asian countries such as Malaysia (08 documents), China (08 documents), Indonesia (03 documents) and Vietnam (02 documents).

Most of the studies used quantitative methods and no qualitative studies were found. Which, the Structural Equation Model (SEM) is commonly used with 19/30 documents, of which 04 documents use the calculation method of the SEM model which is the least squares of each part (PLS). Besides SEM, some other models are also used such as the linear regression model (07 documents), or the logistic regression model (03 documents).

The data analysis in the studies of intention mostly use well-known theories as the foundation to build the

analytical model. The theory of planned behaviour (TPB) is used the most (15 documents) to analyze the behaviour of passengers with 3 variables (attitude, subjective norm, perceived behavioural control). TPB theory is also extended by some authors by adding new constructs or combining with some other theories to develop new models. In addition, many theories have been synthesized for research such as Theory of Interpersonal Behavior (TIB), Theory of Belief in Specific Policies (TDM).

## 3.2. Studies on customer loyalty in public transport

### 3.2.1. Studies in high-income countries

The studies on passenger loyalty in the field of public transport have been considered to be the main interesting research topic of many scientists in the past decade. This topic is very important and necessary as the findings can be used to develop strategies aiming to increase public transport ridership. Research papers are mainly found in high-income countries where public transport systems are well organised and investigated. A research review on the loyalty of public transport users includes 30 related research papers, mainly concentrated in countries such as the United States (10 documents), Taiwan (07 documents), Canada (03 documents), Italy (02 documents), Spain, Portugal, Denmark, (01 document) and cities in Europe (02 documents)

In the synthesized studies on the loyalty of public transport vehicle users, the authors use analytical models such as the structural equation model (SEM), linear regression model (Regression model), factor analysis (EFA), or descriptive statistics. Specifically, there are

17/30 research articles using structural equation modelling, of which some studies also use more in-depth analytical methods such as multi-group analysis (SEM-MGA) [76], and multi-factor analysis model (SEM-MIMIC), in addition, there is SEM model according to least squares method (SEM-PLS).

Regarding the linear regression model, some authors also used it to study the loyalty of passengers to the public transport system, specifically, 08/30 related research documents were found, and some still used logistic regression method and VAR model for analysis. In addition, in the literature review, there is also a statistical model of factor analysis with 01/30 related documents, and a descriptive statistical analysis model with 02/30 documents.

### 3.2.2. Studies in low- and middle-income countries

In low- and middle-income countries, most public transport systems are not well developed and people are still not interested in this form of transportation. Therefore, the research on customer loyalty towards public transport is still limited. Similar to the above sections, after searching documents, the synthesis found 30 documents related to the research topic. All the documents found are in the Asian region, in which mainly the studies were carried out in China with a relatively developed public transport system.

A majority of the studies found did not use any background theory to build the research model, although most of the synthesized studies used SEM structural equation modelling (27 documents) to analyze the data. A few authors have used theories to support the developed models. For example, in research [77, 78], the author uses the theory of satisfaction and loyalty to examine the factors

affecting loyalty. Or the author's research Yilmaz, et al. [78] uses both the satisfaction and loyalty theory and the confirmative expectation theory to measure the influence of customer expectations, perceived quality, perceived value, customer satisfaction, and customer complaints on customer loyalty using the metro in Eskisehir, Turkey.

Table 2 provides a detailed overview of the analysis. Accordingly, analytical models are synthesized in very diverse documents. In which the SEM structural equation model is still found in most of the related documents (27 documents). Some authors also combine the SEM model with other analytical methods such as descriptive statistics [79], exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis [80], and multigroup analysis [81]. SEM methods used in previous studies are also different. Partial Least Squares based Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) was employed to analyze loyalty in the documents [82-84]. Besides, simple statistical analysis methods are used by scholars to study the relationship between service quality, customer satisfaction and loyalty; or regression model was used to study six dimensions of service quality that have a significant positive impact on passenger satisfaction and passenger loyalty in Fuzhou Metro Line 1, China [85].

The data used for analysis is mainly collected by the authors through many forms such as an online questionnaire survey [81, 86], a combination of both face-to-face and online survey methods [87], a survey by asking passengers directly [88, 89], or using electronic information cards combined with direct surveys [77]. Which, a questionnaire survey is still the most popular form of data collection with 17 documents using this method.

**Table 2.** Synthesis of studies on the loyalty of public transport users in high- and low- and middle-income countries

ST	Author	Year	Country	Transportation	Sample size	Model	Theory
1	Burkhardt [90]	2003	USA	Public transport	88	DS	-
2	Jen and Hu [91]	2003	Taiwan	Bus	750	CFA	-
3	Wen, et al. [92]	2005	Taiwan	Bus	600	SEM	-
4	Chou and Kim [93]	2009	Taiwan and Korea	High-speed train	418 and 414	SEM	-
5	Minser and Webb [94]	2010	USA	Bus and Train	2439	SEM	-
6	Webb [95]	2010	Chicago	Bus and Train	2439	SEM	-
7	Liu and Liao [96]	2010	Taiwan	High-speed train	884	DS	-
8	Figler, et al. [97]	2011	Chicago	Bus	2439	LRM	-
9	Kim and Ulfarsson [98]	2012	USA	Light train	824	LRM	-
10	Kuo and Tang [99]	2013	Taiwan	Light train	341	SEM	-
11	Chou and Yeh [100]	2013	Taiwan	High-speed train	292	SEM	-
12	De Oña, et al. [101]	2013	Spain	Bus	1200	SEM	-
13	Zhao, et al. [102]	2014	USA	Public transport	264	SEM	-
14	Carreira, et al. [103]	2014	USA	Bus	1226	SEM	-
15	Chou, et al. [104]	2014	Taiwan	High-speed train	1235	SEM	-
16	Imaz, et al. [105]	2015	Canada	Subway and Bus	1536	LRM	-
17	Shiftan, et al. [106]	2015	Israel	Bus and Train	286(Train) 219(Bus).	SEM	CST
18	Van Lierop and El-Geneidy [107]	2016	Canada	Subway and Bus	2568	SEM	-
19	Tao, et al. [108]	2017	Australia	Bus	469	CFA	-
20	Chang and Yeh [109]	2017	Taiwan	Bus	349	SEM	-
21	van Lierop and El-Geneidy [110]	2018	Canada	Bus	395	LRM	-
22	Allen, et al. [111]	2019	Spain	Subway	2500	SEM	-

High income countries

ST	Author	Year	Country	Transportation	Sample size	Model	Theory
23	Losada-Rojas, et al. [13]	2019	USA	Train	908	LRM	MAM
24	Carrel and Li [112]	2019	USA	Public transport	850	LRM	-
25	Kawabata, et al. [113]	2020	13 cities in Europe	Public transport	1000	LRM	-
26	Allen, et al. [114]	2020	Italia	Train	96,763	SEM	-
27	Vicente, et al. [115]	2020	Portugal	Public transport	583	SEM	-
28	Park, et al. [116]	2021	USA	Public transport	445	SEM	CLS
29	Mas-Machuca, et al. [117]	2021	4 European countries	Public transport	429	SEM	-
30	Ingvardson and Nielsen [118]	2022	Đan Mạch	Public transport	17,355	LRM	-
1	Canming and Jianjun [119]	2011	China	Metro	386	SEM	-
2	Kamaruddin, et al. [79]	2012	Malaysia	Public transport	467	SEM; DS	-
3	Esmaeili, et al. [120]	2013	Iran	Metro	384	DS	-
4	Hussein, et al. [121]	2014	Indonesia	Bus	152	SEM	-
5	Jomnonkwo, et al. [122]	2015	Thailand	Bus	2554	SEM	-
6	Shen, et al. [82]	2016	China	Metro	813	SEM	-
7	Ratanavara, et al. [81]	2016	Thailand	Public transport system	3261	SEM	-
8	Fu and Juan [123]	2017	China	Bus	6837	LRM	-
9	Yilmaz and Ari [124]	2017	Turkey	Metro	352	SEM	-
10	Fu, et al. [125]	2018	China	Bus	429	SEM	SLT; ECT
11	Sun [80]	2018	China	Public transport system	664	EFA; CFA; SEM	-
12	Li, et al. [126]	2018	China	Public transport system	337	SEM	-
13	Pratiwi, et al. [83]	2018	Indonesia	Public transport system	860	SEM	-
14	Ha, et al. [84]	2019	Malaysia	Public transport system	179	SEM	-
15	Sun, et al. [127]	2019	China	Bus	664	SEM	-
16	Egi and Budhi [128]	2019	Indonesia	Metro	200	SEM	-
17	Xue, et al. [87]	2019	China	Metro	523	LRM	-
18	Sulistyo and Development [129]	2020	Indonesia	Public transport system	160	SEM	-
19	Wang, et al. [130]	2020	China	Metro	220	SEM	-
20	ALÇURA, et al. [88]	2021	Turkey	Metro	900	SEM	-
21	Wonglakorn, et al. [89]	2021	Thailand	Metro	600	SEM	-
22	Sun, et al. [77]	2021	China	Public transport system	664	SEM	-
23	Yilmaz, et al. [78]	2021	Turkey	Metro	360	SEM	SLT
24	Hizam, et al. [86]	2021	Malaysia	Metro	141	SEM	SLT; ECT
25	ALÇURA, et al. [88]	2021	Turkey	Metro	900	SEM	-
26	Nguyen-Phuoc, et al. [131]	2021	Viet Nam	Bus	870	SEM	-
27	Shen and Yahya [132]	2021	Asian countries	Plane	200	SEM	ECT
28	Mohamad [133]	2022	Malaysia	Metro	360	SEM	-
29	Nguyen-Phuoc, et al. [134]	2022	Viet Nam	Bus	910	SEM	-
30	Nguyen-Phuoc, et al. [135]	2022	Viet Nam	Bus	870	SEM	SIT

Low- and middle-income countries

Note: LRM: Linnear regression model; CFA: Confirmatory Factor Analysis; ML: Logistic Regression; DS: Descriptive Statistics; PV: Perceived Value; TPB: Theory of Planned Behavior; TAM: Technology Acceptance Model; UTAUT: Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology; MGDB: Model of goal-directed behavior

#### 4. Factors affecting the intention to use and loyalty of public transport users in SEM analysis

##### 4.1. Factors affecting customers' intention to use

###### 4.1.1. Research results in high-income countries

Table 3 shows the summary of factors that have a significant impact on the intention to use public transport of people who have not used public transport. Three TPB based factor, including "Attitude",

"Perceived behavioural control", "Subjective norm" are common factors which were explored by previous scholars in this topic. This can be the reason that TPB was mostly chosen to explore the intention to use. For example, in a study by Chen, et al. [10] the author uses the theory of planned behaviour to find out the impact of factors such as attitude, perceived behavioural control and subjective norm on the shift to public transport.

**Table 3.** Factors affecting the intention to use publish transport of potential passengers

Authors	Economy	Countries	Attitude	Subjective norms	Perceived behavioural	Service quality	Trust	Environment concern	External influence	Novelty seeking	Perceived social	Descriptive norms	Habits	Perceived value	Image	Past behaviour	Situational factors	Perceived ethic	Perceived risk	Risk of COVID-19	Perceived benefits	Perceived easy to use	
Carrus, et al. [17]	High-income countries	Italia	X	X	X											X							
Hsiao and Yang [18]		Taiwan	X	X	X																		
Chen and Chao [19]		Taiwan	X	X	X								X										
JEN, et al. [22]		Taiwan	X																				
Chowdhury and Ceder [24]		New Zealand				X																	
Donald, et al. [25]		UK	X	X	X									X									
Şimşekoğlu, et al. [7]		Norway	X											X									
Hoang-Tung and Kubota [33]		Japan	X	X										X	X								
Tran, et al. [36]		Japan	X	X	X																		
Chee, et al. [37]		Switzerland					X																
Nayum and Nordfjæm [44]		Norway	X	X	X																		
Zhao, et al. [50]		Low- and middle-income countries	China				X																
Borhan, et al. [52]			Malaysia	X			X		X														
Zailani, et al. [54]	Malaysia		X	X	X										X	X							
Zhang, et al. [55]	China			X							X	X											
Yazdanpanah and Hadji Hosseinlou [57]	Iran													X									
Fu and Juan [58]	China		X	X	X									X									
Irtema, et al. [59]	Malaysia		X	X	X	X									X								
Kang, et al. [61]	Malaysia						X																
Borhan, et al. [62]	Africa		X	X	X			X		X	X												
Dirgahayani and Sutanto [63]	Indonesia		X	X	X																		
Hussain [64]	Malaysia		X	X	X			X		X	X							X					
Zhang, et al. [65]	China		X	X	X				X														
Shah, et al. [67]	Pakistan		X	X	X				X														
Ng and Phung [68]	Vietnam		X	X	X				X				X										
Brohi, et al. [69]	Pakistan		X	X	X																		
Matubatuba, et al. [70]	South Africa		X	X	X																	X	X
Ating, et al. [72]	Malaysia & Philippine						X	X				X			X								
Bandyopadhyaya and Bandyopadhyaya [73]	India	X	X	X																			
Mahardika, et al. [74]	Indonesia	X	X	X			X		X	X								X					
Zhao, et al. [75]	China	X	X	X															X	X			

#### 4.1.2. Research results in low- and middle-income countries

The factors affecting the intention to use passengers in low- and middle-income countries have been studied by many previous scholars using mainly the theory of planned behaviour TPB [54, 63, 64, 67, 68]. Among these documents, some studies used original TPB model [63] while others used extended TPB model by adding new variables such as environmental concerns environment [67, 68], overall behaviour, past behaviour [54], situational factors, trust, external influence, seeking novelty [64].

#### 4.2. Factors affecting passenger loyalty

##### 4.2.1. Research in high-income countries

Regarding the studies about loyalty towards public transport systems among customers in high-income countries, a number of factors affecting loyalty are found. In this paper, we focus on studies using SEM approach to explore the loyalty topic as this method is recognised to be a dominated method in this area. Through the synthesis of studies in Table 4, it shows that common factors (top 3) found to influencing loyalty are "service quality", "satisfaction", and "experience". "Image", "trust", "cost" and other ones are the influencing factors found prior studies.





#### 4.2.2. Research in low- and middle-income countries

Differ to the studies in high-income countries, the three most common factors affecting passenger loyalty which were found in studies in low- and middle-income countries include satisfaction, service quality, perceived value. Besides, several other factors that are less of concern can be mentioned such as the attraction of private vehicles [126], accessibility [84], and usefulness [83]. It can be seen that, more number of factors are explored in loyalty studies in low- and middle-income countries.

### 5. Discussion and conclusion

#### 5.1. Conclusion

This study aims to provide an overview of studies exploring the intention to use and the loyalty of passengers towards public transport systems worldwide. Research results provide scientists with an overview of the literature on related topics by showing the research context and boundaries of the literature, research methods and analysis models, variable affecting intention to use and loyalty... Thereby, it can provide scientists with the basis to orientate the issues that need to be focused on in future research. Research results can also help guide the specific consideration of priority policies and solutions which aim to encourage and attract more users, thereby helping to maintain and increase the number of public transport users, and increase investment efficiency from public transport systems.

The results of the review show that most research on the intention to use public transport has been carried out in low- and middle-income countries in the past decade. The statistics in Table 1 show that the research area is mainly concentrated in Asian countries; all of the studies that were aggregated used quantitative data and were collected through questionnaire surveys. The impact of the factors considered is usually not only one-way, but also interacts with each other in many directions, so the studies often use SEM to analyze collected data. In which, PLS-SEM seems to be used more common for the last few years. The main reason can be due to the more advances of the PLS-SEM model.

Regarding the research theory, the intention to use and the loyalty of passengers towards public transport systems is mainly based on the theories in the field of marketing. Concepts and factors such as service quality, satisfaction, and perceived value are often used to test the influence on the dependent variables, which are the intention to use and the loyalty of passengers to the systems. In addition, the scholars also explore other factors that are less concerning such as the attraction of alternatives, the cost of shifting to public transport, the image of the transport company, the past experience, environmental concerns, and other related psychosocial factors.

The research results are meaningful, providing important bases for managers and executives to orientate and consider priority policies and solutions based on verifying the impact of important factors found in the study. At the same time, providing basic arguments for scientists to focus on further research in the future, aiming to encourage and attract more users to use public transport.

#### 5.2. Future research directions

Future research will be obtained by investigating the

relationship between factors of little interest in the results of the meta-analysis. Similarly, the understanding of loyalty and intention to use can be increased by evaluating in different research context, such as in the post-COVID-19 context where customers may have a fear of using public transport. As such, other theories related to prevention behaviour can be employed. For instant, the health belief model can be used to test whether COVID-19 affects the intention to use and the loyalty of public transport users. In terms of theory used to explore the intention to use, there are some new extended TPB model that have been used successfully in other field. Hence, find and test these models in the context of behavioural intention towards public transport can be a good direction.

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