

# Safety and Public Transportation in Tbilisi and Baku



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➤ Women are the majority users of public transport

➤ Incidents that women/girls experience on public transport that leave them feeling unsafe or victimized

➤ Freedom of movement in a safe public space would enable women to travel without fear

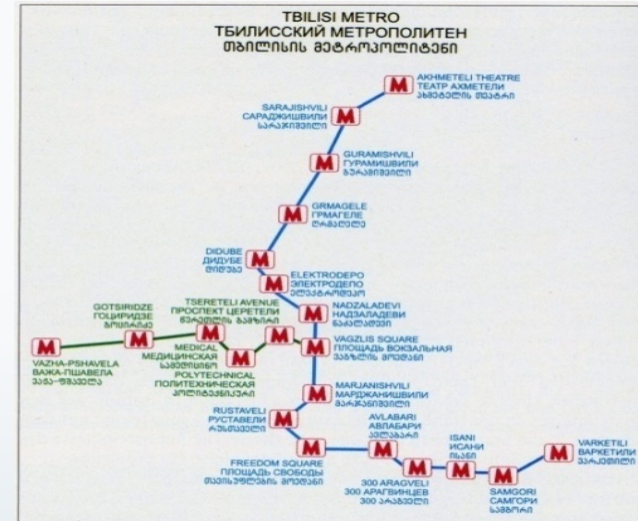
## Baku, Azerbaijan

- 79% of female metro users experience harassment
- Almost all did not react
- 80% of harassed were 18-30 years old
- 26% experienced help from bystanders – most helpers were older women
- 82% experienced harassment on the train itself; 35% on the platform
- Not time specific, but more physical types are experienced when the metro is crowded
- Feelings: angry, annoyed, disgusted
- 30% have decreased metro use

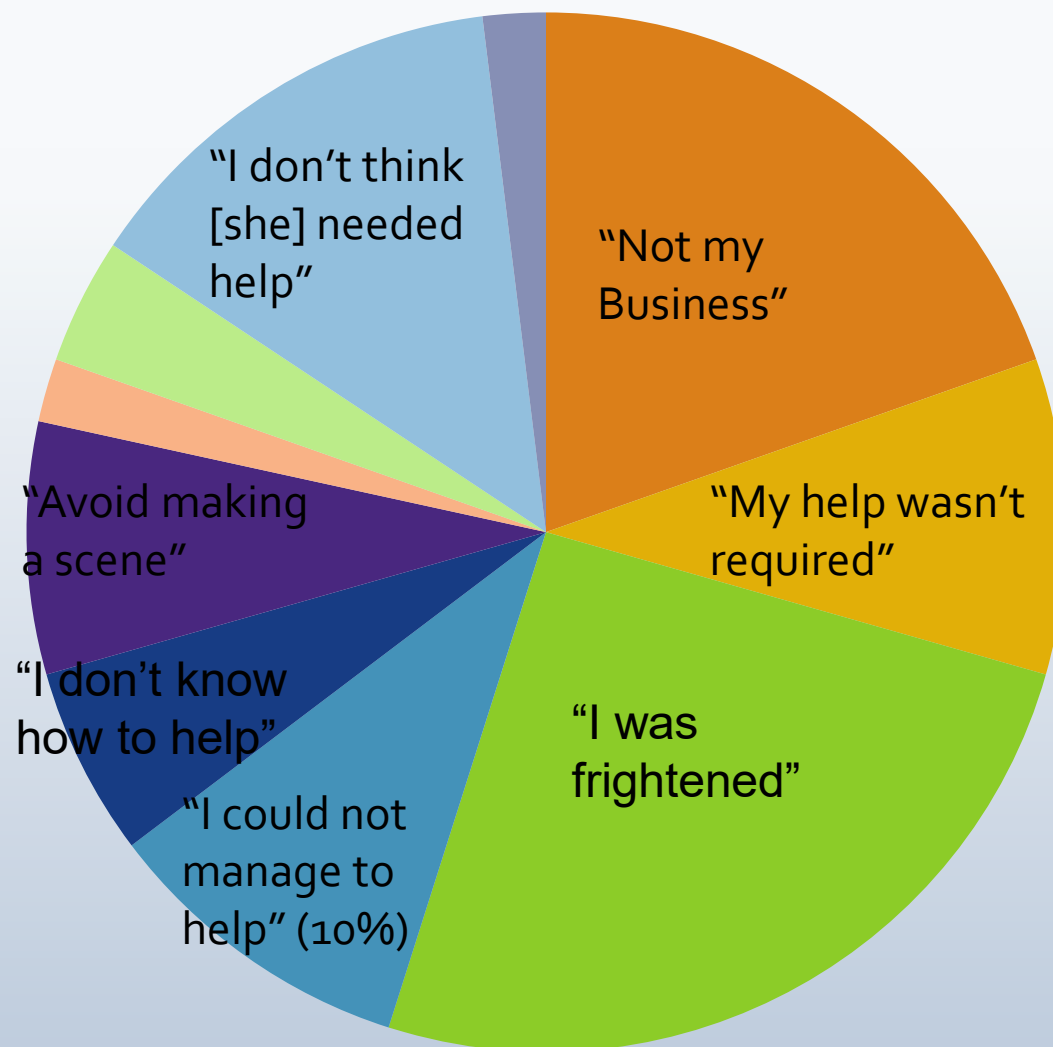


# Tbilisi, Georgia

- Incidence: 45% had been harassed on public transport in the last 6 months
- Location: inside the metro train (78%), on the platform 14%, near the entrance 14%, other places 6%.
- Type: leering (73%), sexual comments/noises (31%), touching/groping (38%), pushing against you/rubbing body (14%), itching his private parts particularly to make uncomfortable (6%), other (14%).
- Most common time: 5-8pm (65.6%).
- Avoidance strategy: don't take metro alone 5%, use metro very seldom/off peak 52.6%, stopped using metro 21.1%, avoid taking metro in the evening 21.1 %.
- 86% got no help from bystanders.



# Why don't people help?



# Why does harassment happen?

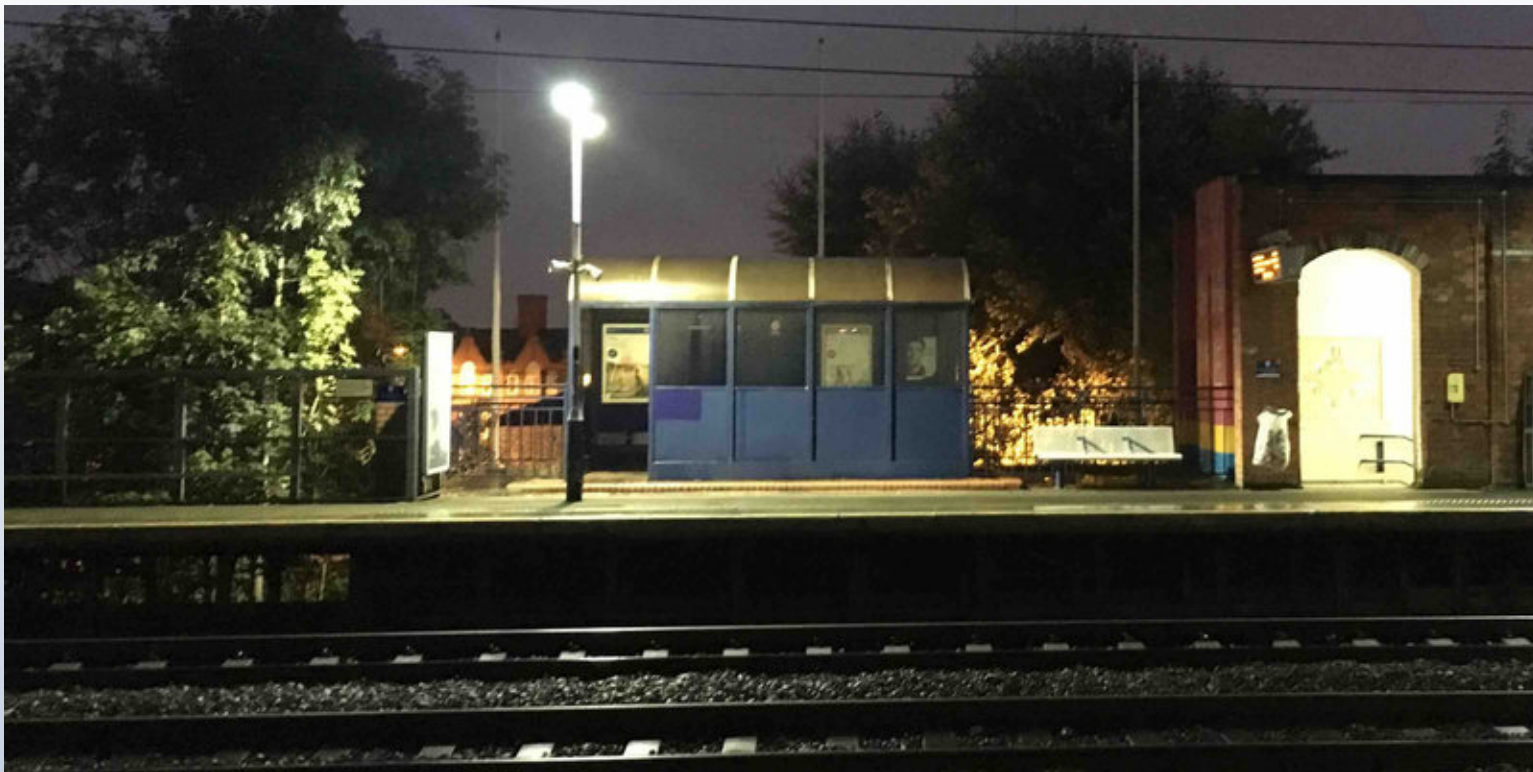
- Poor lighting
- Crowded public transport
- Immodest clothes
- No security/TTCV
- Complains not taken seriously
- Lack of awareness among males (and society)
- No Law against harassment
- Other

## *Sexual Harassment Is a Matter of Concern and Affects Mobility*

- Fifty-nine percent of students in Baku and 54% of students in Tbilisi said they had started using the metro less often or only when necessary



# Lighting and other Infrastructure

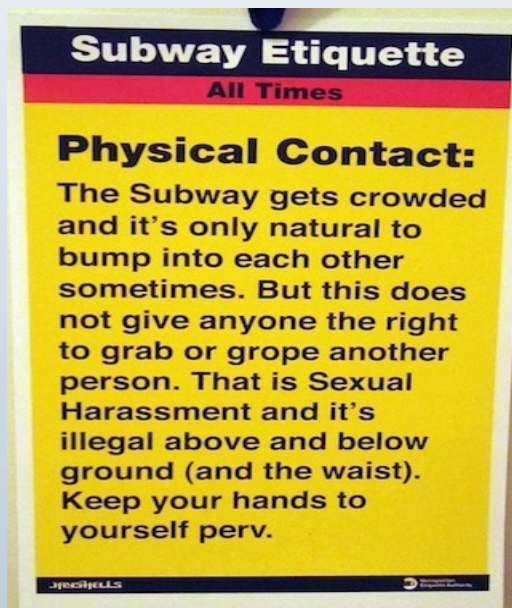




# Campaign and advocacy



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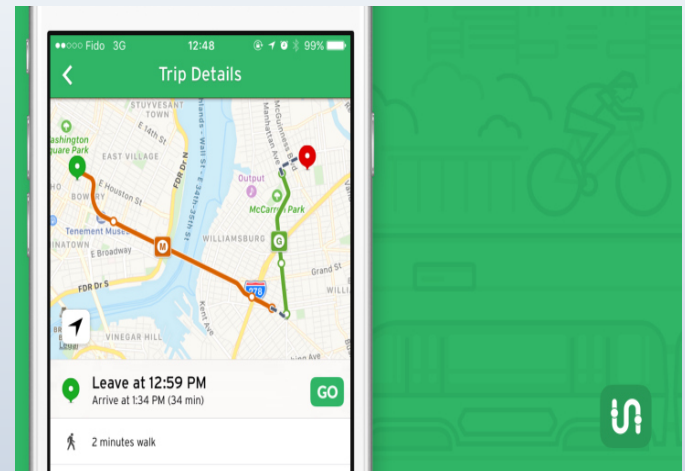
# Targeted awareness-raising

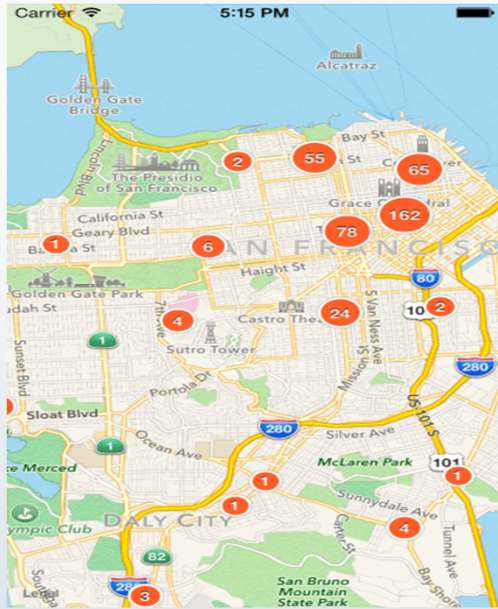
- Transport authorities/Staff training on how to deal with reports
- Security/police trainings and awareness raising
- Regulations and policies



# Infrastructure and Security Technology

- installing closed-circuit television/cameras in buses and metro cars, along the metro platform, in bus terminals, and at bus stops
- Install emergency telephones at metro platforms, metro stations, bus stations, and bus stops.
- Apps and maps

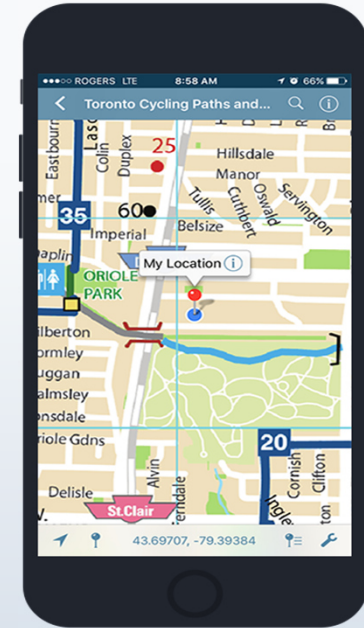




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