

Cover Letter

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Dear Mr. Satriya Firmandhani,
Editor of Journal of Architectural Design and Urbanism

We wish to submit an original research article entitled "A Post-Pandemic Architecture: Mandalika Bus Terminal Design with Locality Approaches" for consideration by Journal of Architectural Design and Urbanism.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

This research particularly develops the design of a post-pandemic bus terminal in the city of Mataram, Indonesia responding to the challenges of COVID-19. That is, public transit centers like bus terminals are contagious not only in a literal sense but also in the sense that they are places of convergence. The originality of this work is how it attempts to translate health protocols and physical distancing measures into architectural design specifically Bus Terminal design in Lombok where the implementations are still not widely adopted. We believe that this manuscript is relevant to this journal as it delves into architectural design and urbanism, offering insights into adapting urban infrastructure for public health challenges, a topic of significant contemporary interest.

The importance of this work is critical given the recent global health crises that call for resilient and health focused public spaces. Utilizing concepts of local Sasak Architecture and post-pandemic design approach, this study aims to create not only a functional and safe terminal, but rather an appropriate culturally and visually idiosyncratic terminal. The study stresses the importance of architectural responses to contain the spread of viruses and provides solutions such as one-way traffic systems, flexible seating, enhanced sanitization, and improved ventilation. This study's attempt to adapt the existing Terminal Mandalika by applying certain design interventions makes it a feasible case study for future developments of such public infrastructure in Indonesia and elsewhere. The intention behind this approach is to provide a better functioning, safer, culturally relevant place for people to travel through, which shows how architecture can respond to immediate public health crisis through an understanding of local context.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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