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1/ Now flying through France at approx 200 mph. Total cost for me and kid to get from Paris to Rome, 177 €.


America, we are doing it all wrong.

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2/ yesterday on the Paris Metro, overheard another American family marvel at the whole thing. The ease of use despite the complexity. "And it's so clean! Not like New York."


Agents who cheerfully help you plot your route!


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3/ Paris Metro trains arrive every few minutes, arrivals are posted electronically. Stations are cleaned and you see people cleaning them. Signage is great, even if you don't speak the language.

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4/ The buses are all electric. And are dependable.


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5/can we talk about street cleaning? Everywhere people are cleaning the streets, and the subway stations. You constantly see people cleaning. With all kind of small contraptions to get the job done.


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6/ armies of people carting away garbage. Cushmans with blowers and sprayers to get any trash out of crevices, like say bike racks because there are a zillion bikes on the street.


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7/ Instead of San Francisco's insane 3-year multi million dollar search for trashcan design, which we STILL don't have and which might cost \$5k each... Paris had these: [@MattHaneySF](#)


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8/ Paris has these trashbag contraptions and it has people empty them regularly, like multiple times a day in peak spots.


Are there also recycling things, yes. They look like this:


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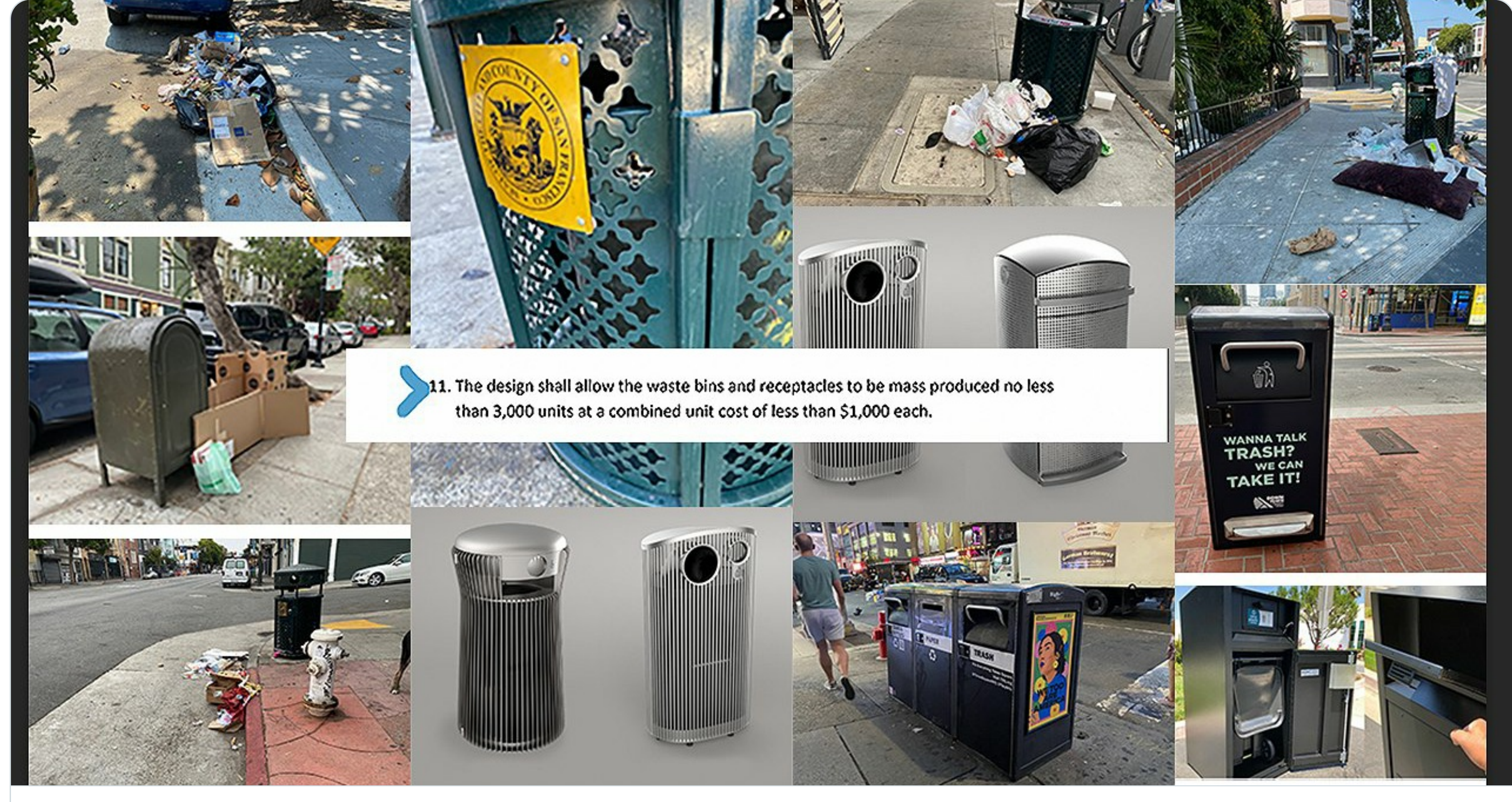
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9/ I don't know all the details, but essentially Paris has invested in jobs to clean trash, and way lighter cheaper bags/trucks to help do it. We might, eventually have \$5k trash cans





[missionlocal.org](#)


Garbage odyssey: San Francisco's bizarre, costly quest for the perfect trash can


Here was the plan being described to him, as far as Supervisor Matt Haney could parse it: In late 2018, San Francisco had embarked on a quest to design


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10/ the proliferation of bikes in Paris is insane. Mayor Anne Hildago campaigned on making the city 100% bikeable, and has already delivered enormously. Protected bike lanes EVERYWHERE, ditto bike racks, rental bikes. Not quite Amsterdam but it will be





[archive.curbed.com](#)

How Paris became a cycling success story—and built a roadmap for other cities


The City of Light became the City of Bike, and U.S. cities should take notice.


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11/ there are many streets, particularly in the Marais, which are car free. But because so many people are on bikes, Metro, scooters, mopeds...the traffic is not that bad! And the coexistence of all these things remarkable!


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12/ one reason you can have bikes and mopeds and cars share roads even when there aren't protected bike lanes? No SUVs. Like I didn't see a SINGLE American-sized SUV or giant truck anywhere, ever. Everybody is safer as a result.


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13/ did see a lot of curbside chargers though. (Milo insisted I take this in a way that would obscure the plate.)


People just pull in and plug up.


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14/ point being that we can do this too. We can fight for changes at a local as well as a national level. And we don't need to reinvent the wheel! Take programs that have worked well elsewhere rip and remix.

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15/ also you can take your dog on the train


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16/ also here is a view





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18/ is it pricier? Maybe. This will be 10 hrs station to station. But an easy cab/subway on both ends, vs slog to the airports, esp budget airports, security etc. no bag fees. Much bigger seats, cafe car, good WiFi.

And saves 162kg of carbon in the process.



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19/ is it pricier? When I booked a month ago, maybe a bit (today's price, flying is way more), but with cabs/baggage fees etc seemed like a bargain.

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20/ Had a 20 minute window to make transfer in Milan, and did in 6. ☹️

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