

## Introduction

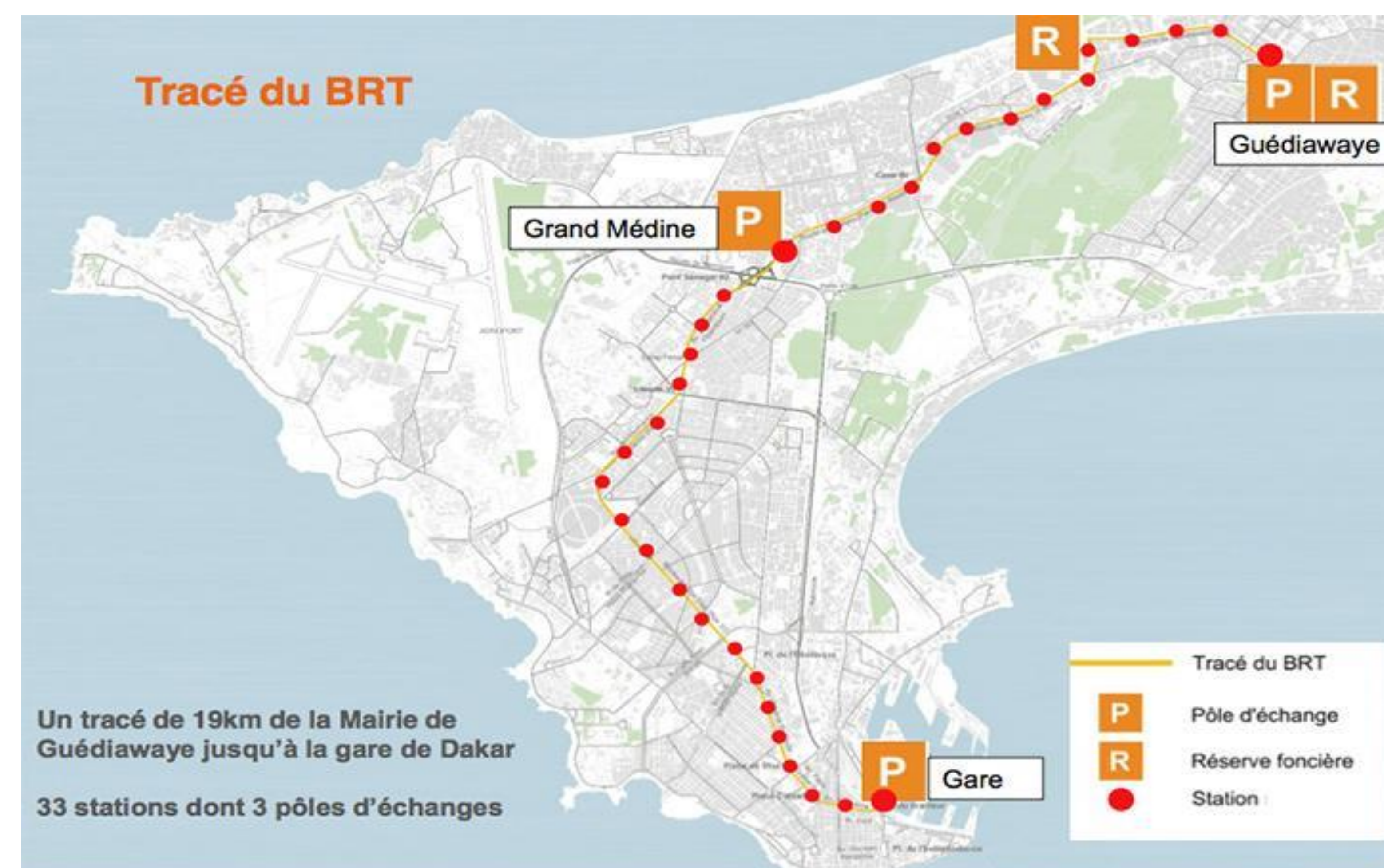
- As they grow in influence, global organizations have directly influenced important decisions being made by both national and city governments.
- An excellent example of this can be seen in the city of Dakar, Senegal, which due to the immense amount of issues associated with the current informal bus transit system has decided to implement a new electric bus scheme.

## Current Transit Situation in Dakar

- Around 80% of trade in Senegal is concentrated in Dakar.
- The lack of a formal bus system gave rise to an informal transit economy, with around 2,500 to 4,000 smaller buses known as *cars rapides* zooming around the city daily.
- The *cars rapides* have incredibly low safety standards, and are a public health risk.
- In response, the government has chosen to retire all *cars rapides* by 2018, and replace them with a BRT.

## Economic Global Organizations

- The IMF and World Bank highly encouraged Dakar to pursue this.
- Dakar will go \$100 million into debt with the World Bank to fund a project with downsides for the poor:
  - 1/3 of Dakarais live on less than \$2 a day
  - fares could rise 300% from \$0.25 to \$1
  - Austerity imposed by WB could worsen income inequality, which is already sky-high
  - Even current bus owners are skeptical of investing in a new bus



## Environmental Global Organizations

- Environmental Advocacy Networks, like the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, have emerged to combat the collective action problem of climate change.
- ITDP completed a preliminary demand analysis, identified priority corridors, and completed an institutional review in preparation for detailed planning.
- They took it one step further and drafted a project proposal for financing a BRT system, including multiple international financing options.
- The *Union Internationale des Transports Publics* has organized meeting to pressure Senegal into keeping its promise set forth in the the Paris Agreement.
- The national government included the BRT system in its official INDC report, indicating that pressure from global organizations like UITP has had a strong effect.

## Conclusion

- As the power of states declines, the power of global organizations had increased. This allows the groups to exercise leverage over government, leverage used to convince states and cities to pursue policies and plans that are in direct agreement with the goals and beliefs of organization:
  - Taking out loans and imposing SAPs
  - Combatting manmade climate change
- Global organizations greatly influenced the city of Dakar to implement a new BRT system, despite the obvious negative impact on the poor.