

Project

# TRAM STOP, PORTE DE FLANDRE

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Programme

Bus shelter installed on the parapet of a listed bridge.

About

We came up with a shelter structure located at the Porte de Flandre, on the bridge's parapet, to the right of the tram stop. This simple structure is designed to mark out the tram stop and open up the view towards the canal. Around the Porte de Flandre, the canal is below the rest of the public space, which restricts the view of the water and river traffic. The intention is to free up the view over the water here and recall the presence of the canal. The lower level of the roof is coated with a reflective surface and oriented at an angle of 16 degrees to allow the middle of the canal to be seen from the intersection between the Chaussée de Gand and rue Antoine Dansaert. This structure will draw the gaze of pedestrians crossing the inner ring towards the canal in a focused and original way. The roof is composed of two Z-shaped struts that are 20 mm thick. These carry a panel consisting of two plates consolidated by internal supports. They are interconnected by a beam consisting of a 5 mm-thick curved sheet, set down on the bridge railing. The structure is simple and minimalist in order to keep a clear reading of the existing bridge and its railings. It is important to note that the roof is placed on the bridge without causing any damage to the existing structure. Only the struts are fixed into the lower concrete overhang through chemical anchorage, four points 16mm in diameter. The structure is completely removable.

OTHER PROJECTS :

Bridge of Thuin  
- 2003 2006  
- Thuin

Place de la Monnaie  
- 2007 2012  
- Bruxelles

Social housing in Schaerbeek  
- 2012 2015  
- Schaerbeek

Footbridge in Schaerbeek  
- 2010 2014  
- Schaerbeek

Typology

Transport

Status

Built

Conception

2004

Delivery

2006

Client

Initiative du bureau d'architecture avec le soutien financier de la Ville de Bruxelles et de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale

Total budget

17 000

Per square meters

1200

Area

14

Stability

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