

Transportation Standard Development Committee Summary of Discussions

Thursday, August 29, 2019, 1:00 to 2:47 PM

Boardroom 1K (first floor), 114 Garry Street

Present: Jesse Turner Patrick Stewart Josie Fernandes
Bjorn Radstrom Grant Heather

Regrets: Rick Penner Samantha Rodeck Zach Fleisher
Scott Suderman Barbara Barnett-Fontaine

Review of Draft Recommendations (tabled items)

Recommendations #18/#24 Priority seating

The Transportation Committee discussed a proposal that combines recommendations #18 and #24.

Committee members reiterated the need to distinguish between priority and courtesy seating, and considered that priority seating is essentially the same as mobility spaces.

Discussion also focused on a proposed provision that transit drivers assist passengers to access priority seating if other passengers refuse to vacate this seating. A question was raised about how receptive transit drivers would be towards having to enforce this provision, and if the provision could be further defined in policy. A public education campaign would be needed to raise awareness of priority seating.

Finally, discussion focused on a proposed provision for transit drivers/providers to ensure timely transportation for passengers requiring priority seating when this type of seating is not available on a bus.

The Committee considered wording changes to **#32 – Categories of eligibility, #33 – Eligibility Application, #38 – Hours of service and #40 – Trip restrictions.**

Next Steps

- Chair will distribute a final draft of the recommendations to Committee members in the first week of September for review.
- Chair will have individual conversations with Committee members to discuss any concerns they may have with respect to the final draft recommendations.

- Chair will present the recommendations, and related concerns by Committee members, to the Accessibility Advisory Council during the Council's September 9, 2019 meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

This was the final meeting of the Transportation Standard Development Committee.