

Transportation Standard Development Committee – Summary of Discussions

Date: May 30, 2019

Time: 10:00-11:30

Location: 114 Garry

Present: Liam Black, Samantha Rodeck, Patrick Stewart, Jesse Turner (Chair), Grant Heather, Barbara Barnett-Fontaine, Rick Penner, Scott Suderman, Zach Fleisher

Absent: Bjorn Radstrom, Josee Fernandes

The Handi-Transit and Public Transit subcommittee was unable to provide their recommendations as two of the members of the subcommittee could not attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

A proposal respecting a regulation mandating one dedicated space for mobility aids on all public buses was proposed. The purpose of the regulation would be to ensure that there is a dedicated space for individuals who require the use of a mobility aid. While there are currently priority spaces on buses in Manitoba, it is necessary to raise up seats. Because there is no dedicated space, there is often conflict between individuals with mobility aids and individuals who use strollers, grocery carts, or other large objects. Another aspect of this proposal would be to require an audible announcement that an individual with a mobility aid is boarding the bus and therefore all passengers are required to vacate the reserved area.

Time was also spent reviewing the previous decisions the Committee has made and how to turn these decisions into recommendations.