

Transportation Committee Business Item 2015-27

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Amend Regional Transitway Guidelines to Update Standards for Light Rail Vehicles

LRV Guidelines - Background

- 2012 Met Council adopted its Transitway Guidelines that include standards for vehicles including light rail
- 2014 Legislation passed requires Met Council to amend its standards to:
 - Include 2 dedicated spaces for wheelchair users in each car
 - Include seating for a companion adjacent to at least two wheel-chair dedicated spaces
 - Review the standards with the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee before adopting

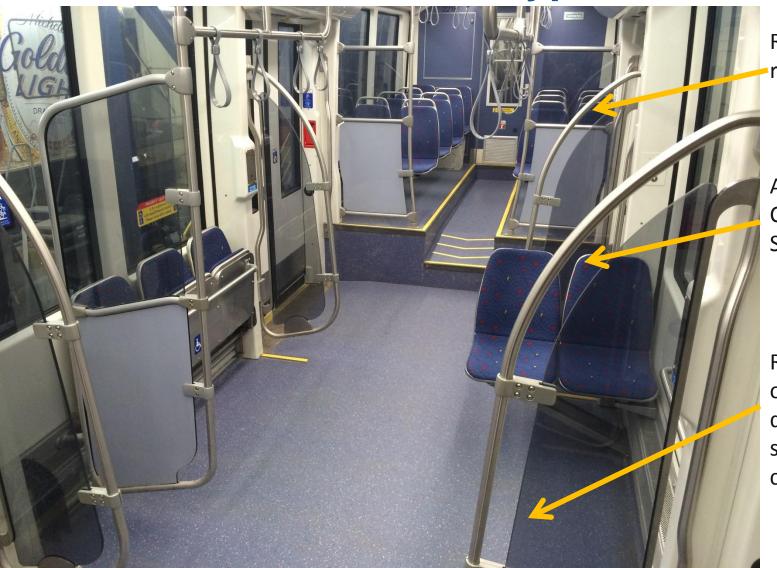


LRV Guidelines - Current

 Vehicles for LRT and Commuter Rail must be compatible with the existing rail and infrastructure systems

All vehicles should be ADA compliant

TAAC Tour of Modified Type II Seating

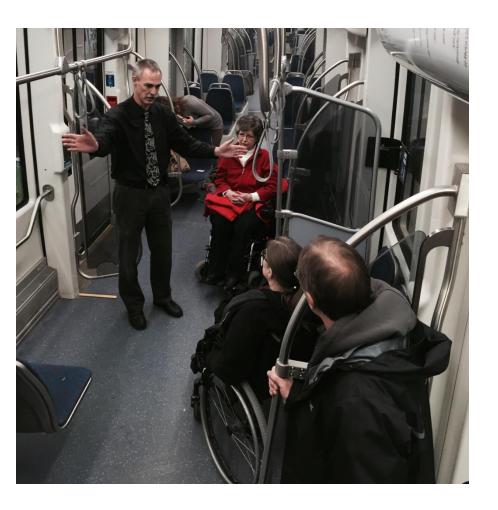


Removed bike racks

Added Companion Seating

Removed row of flip up seats; dedicated space for wheel chairs

TAAC Tour of Modified Type II Seating





TAAC Tour of Modified Type II

- TAAC toured the modified Type II vehicle on Jan 20
 - Liked the changes
 - Added space for 2 wheel chairs
 - Companion seating close enough to both of the designated areas



TAAC Discussion of LRV Standards

- Reviewed the proposed amendment
- Indicated that the guideline related to companion seating was unclear
- Approved a revision to clarify their intent to have one companion seat near each of the wheel chair dedicated spaces



Recommendation

- That the Metropolitan Council amend the Regional Transitways Guidelines to add the following guidelines for future light rail vehicle purchases:
 - Vehicles for LRT and Commuter Rail must be compatible with the existing rail and infrastructure systems
 - All vehicles must meet or exceed the standards established in the Americans with Disabilities Act
 - All vehicles must also include:
 - Two dedicated spaces for wheelchair users in each car
 - Seating for a companion adjacent to each of the wheelchairdedicated spaces



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