



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

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- 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 wheelchair-dedicated spaces

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