

ANC3C Resolution [Draft 2024-03-10]

Resolution Regarding Designated Open Stroller Space on WMATA Metrobuses

WHEREAS the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is responsible for the provision of transportation services to the Washington, DC, metropolitan area;

WHEREAS WMATA used to require passengers traveling with strollers to fold down strollers when riding WMATA's Metrobuses, making it extremely inconvenient for those passengers, resulting in many parents and caregivers with small children in strollers abandoning the use of Metrobuses for their transportation needs;

WHEREAS WMATA promulgated on March 6, 2023 a new [open stroller policy for Metrobuses](#), is an important improvement that makes Metrobuses more convenient for passengers traveling with strollers;

WHEREAS it is still difficult oftentimes for passengers traveling with strollers to find a suitable space to park their strollers on Metrobuses, compromising the benefits of the [open stroller policy for Metrobuses](#) to those passengers;

WHEREAS it is likely for WMATA's [open stroller policy for Metrobuses](#) to be improved upon by adopting a Designated Open Stroller Space Program similar to the program in NYC MTA that designated a specific space on buses to accommodate passengers traveling with strollers; the program [started in 2022 with 142 buses](#), and [was expanded in 2023 with 1,000+ buses, representing 15% of all NYCT buses](#). Those buses were retrofitted to create a designated space for an open stroller, e.g., by removing the last row of seats in front of the rear door to create this designated space, making it easier for passengers with strollers to ride NYCT buses;

WHEREAS similar programs are also deployed in other major metropolitan areas, such as the program "[How to ride the bus with a stroller](#)" with [Tokyo Metropolitan Bureau of Transportation](#) buses, which provides two designated spaces on each bus for wheelchairs and strollers;

WHEREAS designated open spaces on Metrobuses can be beneficial for strollers and people who use wheelchairs, similar to spaces currently available on some [DC Circulator buses](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission recommends WMATA to explore a Designated Open Stroller Space Program for Metrobuses as a natural extension of its existing Open Stroller Policy to further improve service to passengers traveling with strollers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC requests WMATA make its evaluation from the [open stroller policy for Metrobuses](#) publicly available and build on it to further enhance the experience for all Metrobus travelers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ANC authorizes the Chair and the Commissioners for 3C02 and 3C05 to represent the Commission on this matter.

