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706.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require the District to establish and maintain service policies and to comply with Title VI rules and regulations.

706.02 APPLICATION

All matters related to guide the management of systemwide service policies as is required by Federal regulations contained in 49 USC §5307 (c)(1)(i), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC §2000d et seq, Federal Transit Laws, 49 USC 53, 49 CFR §1.51, and 49 CFR part 21. See FTA circular 4702.1B dated October 1, 2012 for details.

706.03 DEFINITIONS

A. Service policy

1. A policy governing the planning of transit within the District's service area. The policies detailed as part of policy #706 pertain to vehicle assignment and distribution of transit amenities.

706.04 GENERAL RULE

- A. The two policies pertain to vehicle assignment and distribution of transit amenities and are detailed below:

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1. Vehicle Assignment

To the extent permitted by physical conditions and certain specific operating conditions on the routes, vehicles will be assigned randomly to routes for the purpose of equitably balancing the age, amenities, and condition of the vehicles amongst all riders in the District.

Each bid period, the District will develop an assignment of buses that rotates all vehicles, regardless of age or amenities, between routes.

SAMTD uses two criteria for placing buses on routes, mileage of the buses and ridership of a given route. In order to maintain approximately equal odometer readings on all of the vehicles based on their ages, the vehicles are placed in high or low mileage routes accordingly.

In addition, SAMTD operates two commuter type buses for its Wilsonville service. These buses have commuter style seats and luggage racks. Ridership demand dictates the size of the bus to be used. Age or type of bus or any other factor has no relevance in the assignment.

Additional criteria may influence vehicle assignment from time to time, such as rotation required by SAMTD's advertising contract or other service provision contracts.

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2. Distribution of Transit Amenities

To the extent permitted by the topography and physical conditions on a route, transit amenities such as bus shelters, bus stop signs, park and ride lots and facilities, and information displays will be equally distributed among all of the transit routes and across all areas of the SAMTD service area.

Bus stops shall be between 0.2 and 0.25 miles apart on all routes, to the extent allowed by physical circumstances; shelters shall be placed at stops based on the number of boarding's, with a goal of placing shelters at all stops in the system that serve 20 or more riders per day or more than 8 riders at one time (recognizing that some stops have physical or legal limitations that will not allow shelter placement).

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706.05 EXCEPTIONS

There may be exceptions to the above policies for seasonal variations in service, in emergency situations, or for experimental service changes or fare changes. Experimental service changes may be instituted for twelve or fewer months without an analysis of vehicle assignment or transit amenities being completed. A vehicle assignment or transit amenity analysis will be completed prior to continuation of service beyond the experimental period if the change(s) meet(s) the definition of a Major Service Change. Any exception made by the District shall be guided by the Federal regulations contained in 49 USC §5307 (c)(1)(i).

Approved By:



General Manager

Effective Date