

[FORWARDED TO TPC MEMBERS 6/17/10]

**From:** Gary Poulson  
**To:** Benishek-Clark, Anne;  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: [SASYNA-Discussions] Metro Stroller Policy Enforcement - Public Hearing  
**Date:** Thursday, June 17, 2010 9:37:33 AM

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Anne would you forward this to TPC members. thanks, Gary

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**From:** **Rhodes-Conway,Satya** <[district12@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district12@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Jun 13, 2010 at 4:43 PM  
**Subject:** FW: [SASYNA-Discussions] Metro Stroller Policy Enforcement - Public Hearing  
**To:** "GaryPoulson@gmail.com" <[GaryPoulson@gmail.com](mailto:GaryPoulson@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** "amanda.white@bfw.org" <[amanda.white@bfw.org](mailto:amanda.white@bfw.org)>

Gary, FYI. Please convey my sentiments to TPC if I can't make the hearing.

Thanks  
Satya

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**From:** Rhodes-Conway,Satya  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 13, 2010 4:38 PM  
**To:** Kamp, Charles  
**Subject:** FW: [SASYNA-Discussions] Metro Stroller Policy Enforcement - Public Hearing

FYI, see the email from a constituent.

I agree with her, on both counts. The survey is barely adequate and never asks what the respondent thinks of the proposed change, or if it would have an impact on their bus usage or riding experience. The idea of making parents take their children out of the stroller and fold it up while managing what ever else they have with them is just ridiculous. I would rather have them but the front seats up and use that space. We should be as welcoming as possible to young families, both transit dependent and choice riders. How else will we recruit the next generation of riders?

Satya

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**From:** Colleen F. Moore [[cfmoore@wisc.edu](mailto:cfmoore@wisc.edu)]

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 8:46 PM  
To: Rummel, Marsha; Rhodes-Conway, Satya  
Subject: Re: [SASYNA-Discussions] Metro Stroller Policy Enforcement -  
Public Hearing

This proposal to require folded strollers is pretty upsetting. I actually think Madison Metro is moving in exactly the wrong direction. It just isn't feasible for parents to take children out of strollers and fold up the strollers. How many hands are these parents supposed to have to do all this and pay their fares, and board the bus in a timely manner? The safe thing is to allow parents to secure the stroller with the wheelchair straps, unless it is in use by a wheelchair.

Describes difficulty of boarding:

<http://www.uwrdialogue.org/ideas/more-possible-spaces-on-public-transit-for-people-with-strollers-and-people-with-wheelchairs>

Duluth allows strollers:

<http://www.duluthtransit.com/news/news.aspx?pid=1036>

\*\*\*\*\* Washington DC had a brouhaha over requiring folded strollers, and in Ottawa there was apparently a protest.

<http://greatergreaterwashington.org/post.cgi?id=4810>

<http://www.voiceofthehill.com/D-C-NEWS/Sudden-circulator-stroller-policy-br-infuriates-parents-across-District>

Chicago describes its new train cars as having more room for strollers, bikes and wheelchairs.

Yes, I filled out the Madison Metro survey. It didn't seem like a very substantive survey to me though.

colleen moore  
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On Jun 11, 2010, at 6:25 PM, Rummel, Marsha wrote:

Please share -

Thanks

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From: Schroeder, Ann

Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 4:09 PM

To: ALL ALDERS; Amanda White; Angela Jones; Bidar-Sielaff, Shiva; Clingan, William; Harmon, Ray; Kamp, Charles; Kristen Petroschius; Lisa Subeck; Liz Green; Olmsted, Lisa; Ralph Middlecamp; Sarah Gillmore; Solomon, Brian; Steven Schooler; Stone, Patti; David Tolmie; Duane Hinz; Gary Poulson; Sanborn, Jed; Ken Streit; Margaret Bergamini; Schmidt, Chris; Schmitz, Susan

Subject: Metro Stroller Policy Enforcement - Public Hearing

Due to safety concerns, Metro is proposing a change to the way we enforce our current stroller policy. However, we are sensitive to the fact that this can be a difficult issue. We recognize that there are strong opinions on both sides. We want public input on this matter and think you are in touch with groups who can provide valuable feedback.

There are several avenues people can use to get us their feedback. We have a webpage at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/stroller/> That includes an electronic survey, a video about the stroller policy and a PDF of the survey that can be printed and sent to or dropped off at Metro. People can also get a paper copy of the survey at Metro, 1245 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 201. The webpage includes contact information so people can email us at [mymetrobus@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mymetrobus@cityofmadison.com) or call us at 608-266-4466 to provide feedback.

There will be a public hearing on this issue at the next Transit and Parking Commission meeting. The public hearing will be Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Madison Municipal Building, 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Room 260. Members of the public can register to speak.

In addition to providing any feedback you have, please share this information with other people or groups you think would have feedback on this issue. If you are out and about and want an easy to remember webpage address, it is [www.mymetrobus.com/stroller](http://www.mymetrobus.com/stroller) <<http://www.mymetrobus.com/stroller>>.

Thanks for your help to us in gathering feedback. We appreciate your assistance.