



Metro Transit – Weapons Policy Feedback

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Negative Comments	16
Positive Comments	1
Total Received	17

FEEDBACK SUMMARIES:

I have an idea on how to keep guns off the busses. It's a felony to bring guns on school grounds so you should have all the busses pull onto school grounds during the routes. They can't have it both ways...

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I'm not sure if I will continue to ride the buses due to the supreme court ruling now allowing concealed carry on Madison Metro. I am AGAINST drivers also carrying guns. We do NOT need a return to the old wild-west shoot out - on a bus - with lots of people in the cross fire.

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Not sure I can ride the bus anymore now that guns are allowed due to the supreme court ruling. I am against drivers carrying guns too. We do NOT need a return to the old wild-west shoot out.

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Has been a resident in Madison since 1967 and he is very upset about the new concealed weapon law that passed and so he will never ride on the Metro buses again. He feels that it is unsafe.

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I was appalled to hear the move to allow concealed weapons on Madison Metro is going to take effect soon. I take the bus to and from campus 5 days a week to my UW-Madison job. This is unacceptable. A Madison Metro bus is not the place for a wild west shoot out. This is a public safety issue so I hope you will continue to fight this ruling before something horrible happens to me or any of my fellow bus passengers and driver.

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I have used the Madison Metro bus system regularly for over 20 years. I do not support concealed carry on public transportation. The risk of people getting shot, accidentally or on purpose, does not outweigh the need to provide a safe way for people to get around the city. A gun is a machine designed to kill people. If



someone likes to own and fire guns, let them do it in their own home or at a firing range. The belief that everyone is safer because there are guns available to use in volatile, unpredictable situations is a fantasy.

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I would like to voice my concern about the new court ruling that allows concealed carry weapons on the Madison Metro. Like many daily bus commuters, I know there is great fear about what this could mean for our safety. I wish to continue riding the bus but will be exploring additional means of transportation at this time. I also understand that Madison Metro has NOTHING to do with this decision and is also incredibly impacted by it, but I wish to document my concerns here.

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I cannot believe the state is forcing cities to allow the concealed carry of guns on City buses. This would make the buses more dangerous. Why add one more distraction for drivers? No one needs a gun on a bus.

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On the issue of concealed carry. Citizens have the right to carry concealed. Metro is a public service and for some the only form of transportation. The use of public transportation should not hinder a persons right to lawfully carry a firearm.

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I am UW employee and a daily Madison Metro rider and have been for the past 22 years. My daughter is a high school student and rides Madison Metro to school. It is absolutely frightening that the state overruled a city policy and now we can have any unhinged person come onto a bus with a gun. Granted they could have probably done it with or without the ban, but now they are in essence protected by law. It is especially troubling that high school kids, some with gang affiliations, can now settle their scores with firearms in a small, enclosed space. My daughter recently got a car, so she will not be using Madison metro to get to school. There are enough intoxicated and mentally ill people who board on State Street, who harass passengers and now a minor altercation may possibly be escalated to something lethal. Perhaps a better option is for the bus driver to carry a taser, for an extreme out control situation, where the police can't get to in time. But the thought of daily assessment of my fellow passengers for their level of crazy and what they are packing adds stress to the ride. I don't live too far from work and may switch to biking into work. I think many passengers will do the same and there will be a decrease in ridership.

Please do whatever is possible to appeal this decision.

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What are you planning to do to stop the going into effect of the decision to allow concealed carry weapons on city buses?



In addition to the outrageousness of this for passengers, I would think that bus drivers are not happy about this becoming reality, I would assume that they would not want to deal with gun violence in their workplace.

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SHE WOULD LIKE A CALL BACK ABOUT THE GUNS ON THE BUS. CAN PEOPLE CARRY GUNS ON SCHOOL ROUTES? BECAUSE SHE WILL NOT LET HER CHILD RIDE THE BUS WITH DRIVERS AND EVERYBODY CARRYING GUNS ON THE BUS. PLEASE RETRUN HER CALL

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Caller needs to know if guns are allowed or not on the buses. He does not want to get on a bus if people are allowed on with guns. Right now he is not getting on a bus because of the ruling. He would like someone to contact him asap regarding this.

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HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE GUNS ON THE BUS AND THING THIS WILL BE A REALLY PROBLEM. PLEASE RETURN HER CALLS

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I am really concerned about letting guns on Metro buses. The variety of people plus the close contact we have on the buses are not a good fit. I also think the drivers have more than enough to deal without adding guns. I plan on sending an email to the people that represent me. Is there anything else I can do?

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I am a long time rider and so is my husband (25-35 years), of Madison metro buses. They have always been an affordable reliable option to save time spent in traffic and save on gas and parking costs and stress. Please appeal the supreme court ruling of allowing concealed carry on buses. I do not feel safe with riders, who may be drunk or mentally impaired and may also be carrying guns in the close quarters of a bus. Myself and my husband will be riding the bus a lot less due to this ruling! I do not believe the majority of bus riders agree with this ruling. Perhaps those that use your services the most should be given a voice.

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The caller is very concerned about the concealed carry being able to be on our busses. Caller is wondering what she can do as a citizen to stop this from going forward.

