



# APTA Peer Review Service Recommendations

Blue Ribbon Committee



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# APTA Summary of Service Recommendations

- A. Service Design to minimize duplication and encourage transfers between modes
- B. More frequent service on a more sparsely configured network
- C. Wider bus stop spacing to improve service speeds
- D. Realign services to establish and maintain a core network of frequent services
- E. Adjust bus loading standard from 1.3 to 1.4 passengers per seat at the peak load point
- F. Consider an area-based loading standard based on bus size
- G. Encourage use of system at off peak times and days
- H. Implement policy that redeploys resources from chronically underperforming routes and route segments to high performing routes

# APTA Summary of Service Recommendations cont.

- A. Service Design to minimize duplication and encourage transfers between modes
  - ❖ Rapid/Limited routes on rail corridors
  - ❖ Local Metro over Muni routes
  - ❖ Multiple bus lines along same corridor
  - ❖ ?
  
- B. More frequent service on a more sparsely configured network
  - ❖ Frequent service attracts more riders
  - ❖ Consider combining two infrequent lines
  - ❖ ?
  
- C. Wider bus stop spacing to improve service speeds
  - ❖ Bus stop thinning (1/4 mile spacing)
  - ❖ Limited stop
  - ❖ ?

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- D. Realign services to establish and maintain a core network of frequent services
  - ❖ Lines of regional significance
  - ❖ Fifteen minutes or better headways
  - ❖ Combine routes over a shared route segment and “dovetail”
  - ❖ ?
  
- E. Adjust bus loading standard from 1.3 to 1.4 psgrs. per seat at the peak load point
  - ❖ Schedule less service for more standees
  - ❖ Lines with longer trip lengths use lower standard
  - ❖ ?
  
- F. Consider an area-based loading standard based on bus size
  - ❖ Base acceptable standee count on available standing area
  - ❖ Take out seats for more standee room
  - ❖ ?

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- G. Encourage use of system at off peak times and days
  - ❖ Off peak service is less expensive to operate
  - ❖ Lower passenger loading standard to operate more service
  - ❖ ?
  
- H. Implement policy that redeploys resources from chronically underperforming routes and route segments to high performing routes
  - ❖ Relax policy on providing minimum 60 minute headways
  - ❖ Evaluate transition of lines or route segments
  - ❖ Shorten low performing route length were possible
  - ❖ Provide free transfer when ending route where alternate Metro, Muni or local return service is available
  - ❖ ?

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## Metro Transit Service Policy Document

### Input from

- ✓ Blue Ribbon Committee
- ✓ Metro Service Councils
- ✓ Citizens Advisory Council
- ✓ Municipal Operators
- ✓ APTA

Used to prepare Draft Transit Service Policy for 2015

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