



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting of October 8, 2025

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From: Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 8:55 AM
To: Board (@samtrans.com)
Subject: NTSB urges SEPTA to suspend Silverliner IV trains over repeated fire risks; Updates from VVTA

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NTSB urges SEPTA to suspend Silverliner IV trains over repeated fire risks
By Brandon Lewis

The NTSB's recommendations follow multiple fires involving SEPTA's aging Silverliner IV fleet, as the FRA has also issued an Emergency Order that requires inspections and repairs.

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By Noah Kolenda

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By Noah Kolenda

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By Ryan Snow

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To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
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Incident time and date: Thursday 2nd October, 0803am Bus route number: 120 Badge number of driver: 1097 Bus tagged number: 707

According to your stated policy, foldable scooters are permitted on board as they can be stored under the seats. However, during a recent journey, one of your drivers told my son that it would be allowed "this one time only." When he showed her the rule directly from your website, she shrugged and repeated that it would only be allowed once.

This response was both confusing and unhelpful, as it directly contradicts the published policy. It also left my son uncertain about whether he can rely on your stated rules in the future. I respectfully request clarification on this matter, and I would appreciate it if staff could be reminded of the correct policy to ensure consistency across your services.

Shereen Walimia

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To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
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He was also denied boarding previously due to the driver not being educated on the policy unfortunately he was not able to get the drivers number or name but is always on this route. I will do my best to get that information.

I respectfully again would like clarification on this and I cannot accept this attitude from the driver.

Regards

Shereen Walimia

From: [Sandra Lang](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment : Construction Detail
Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 8:39:49 AM

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Dear SamBoard Directors ,
Please consider a relatively small but important detail in the construction of the planned facility.
The thoughtful planning regarding office design and furniture should include wellness features.

Chair height , ergonomic design is very important - for health , productivity . Prolonged seating , for workers , and public users of the facility according to wellness experts affects mobility regardless of age .

Please make sure when expenditures are allocated that the proper chairs and seating is prioritized !

Sincerely
Sandra Lang

Sent from my iPhone