POL-506 STROLLER POLICY

This policy applies to all Mason Transit Authority (MTA) employees and operators.

1.0 Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and requirements for passengers using a stroller to transport a child or children while riding in an MTA service vehicle.

2.0 Definitions:

“Strollers” shall mean a light carriage for transporting a small child or children.

“Operator” shall mean any employee of MTA driving a vehicle owned, licensed and operated by MTA.

3.0 Policy:

A caregiver may choose to remove a child or children from the stroller and fold the stroller to board the bus.

A child or children may remain in the stroller while on the bus if:

- the stroller is equipped with brakes, which must be locked;
- the stroller does NOT block the aisles, door, steps, emergency exits or accessible areas;
- the caregiver is always in control of the stroller; and
- the stroller is in a space designated for mobility devices.

A child or children may not remain in the stroller if space is not available in the ADA assessible area. The caregiver MUST remove a child or children and fold the stroller.

A stroller may not be used to transport items such as groceries. It must be used for the intended purpose of transporting a child or children.
4.0 ADA Accessible Stroller

A caregiver using an accessible stroller for transportation of a child with special needs receives equal priority as a passenger using a mobility device in the ADA accessible area. The child in the accessible stroller may remain in the mobility device accessible space. The accessible stroller must be secured to the floor in the ADA accessible securement area with a 7-point securement.

5.0 Ramp or Lift

Upon request, Operators will deploy the ramp on low-floor buses and the lift on standard-floor buses. The caregiver must remain on the lift and in control of the child-occupied stroller.