






8000 Series Railcar Accessibility Related Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Detail	Comments/ Notes	WMATA Response
1	Intercar barriers	Traditional chain / rope like barriers between non-married pairs 	AAC has requested the project also look into installing NY style gate barriers or a barrier that protects passengers / kids from falling into the gap between cars 	
2	No Bicycle Signs	Have no bicycle sign placed on the glass of the center doors readable from outside and inside		
3	Priority Seats	Have Four priority seats	WMATA plans to have four priority seats similar to the 7K configuration	
4	Wheelchair Space	Request four wheelchair spaces, two at each end of the cars and each space large enough to accommodate large power chairs and enough space to protect them from the legs of passengers in the adjacent seats. A handhold should be available for the wheelchair occupant to hold for stability.	Different from our current fleet configuration / potential operational issue	
5	Arm Rests	First row of seats (next to the priority seating) should have arms rest to assist in standing		
6	Flooring	Non-slip weather proof flooring	During the meeting a comment from the public stated an issue with the flooring being slippery when wet.	
7	Seat Covering	Covering and Style similar to the 7000 and seat height appropriate for the average rider		
8	Floor Marking	Floor marking for mobility device space in addition to the blue marking / Wheelchair sign		
9	Priority Seats Signage	Signs for priority seats above the seats and on the seats themselves		
10	Poles and Handholds	The current design in the 7000 is working and will like to maintain similar design		
11	MAPS	Increase the size of the map currently located in the section with emergency instructions.	7000 series cars don't have the posters / Onboard LCD Screen displays map	
12	Emergency Instruction	Reduce the verbiage and replacing with international symbols is possibility		
13	Information System	Show locations of intercoms and instructions for wheelchairs in evacuation		
13	Information System	A better information system (audio and video)		
13	Information System	Tone Prior to announcement		
13	Information System	5 second delay before door opening to allow station, line and destination be announced before "Please move to the center of the car" or "Please move away from the doors" or "Please leave space for passenger exiting the train".		
14	Rail Operator Visibility	Improve visibility for rail operator / ensure the visibility for all eight cars during rush hour through the use of a closed circuit tv system or access to platform cameras.	Comment was noted from AAC member in regards to an incident of door being repeatedly being closed on a wheelchair bound passenger that was stuck at the door due to gap and not able to get out completely before doors closed / operator did not know or can not see that far . . .	
15	Communication	Smart phone communication capability for ADA		