

## Recommendations from Transit Safety & Security GBA+ Engagement

### **EXPLORE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SECURITY**

#### **Review and Enhance Transit Locations**

Use a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to assess lighting, accessibility, functionality, and opportunities for natural surveillance. Expand WiFi availability to all ETS locations.

#### **Continue to Engage and Work with Stakeholders When Considering Making Changes**

Work with impacted communities when planning and prior to making changes to routes and schedules, thinking about those from a safety and security perspective, as well as following up to assess the impact of any changes once made and adjust as needed.

### **PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION:**

#### **Promote Recent Changes to Transit to Enhance Safety & Security**

Update the public on changes made through awareness campaigns. Apply GBA+ when designing and delivering campaigns. Develop and promote the zero-tolerance policy for racism and harassment on transit.

#### **Seek to Understand and Mobilize the Role of the Bystander**

Research, develop and initiate a campaign encouraging bystanders who witness harassment incidents to report them and identify ways to safely intervene.

#### **Clarify Public Expectations of the Role of Transit Operators**

Increase public awareness of the role operators play and constraints in responding to safety issues.

#### **Clarify the Role of Transit in Community Safety and Well-Being**

Continue a public dialogue on the intended use of transit spaces, and work with partners recognizing that supporting vulnerable populations is a multi-faceted process requiring engagement, collaboration, and funding to address the root causes of homelessness, addictions, and mental health issues.

#### **Communicate Data to Reveal Trends**

Provide a regular summary to the public of transit safety data, including TransitWatch data listing reasons for complaints, response time, and changes made as a result of reporting. Communication of the data can influence the public's perception versus the reality of safety concerns.

**AREAS TO FURTHER EXPLORE**

**Approach to Enforcement**

Undertake additional engagement specifically related to the role/value of enforcement and continue to assess alternative models.

**Response to Pandemic**

Capture learnings from the pandemic, and specify protocols moving forward to increase rider comfort with public health measures.