

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
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**S.F. No. 3912**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/04/2020	5224	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy
03/12/2020	5454a 5456	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Rule 12.10: report of votes in committee

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to public transportation; requiring cameras on light rail transit vehicles;
- 1.3 requiring an increase in number of Metropolitan Transit police officers; requiring
- 1.4 the Metropolitan Council to establish paid fare zones; imposing temporary bans
- 1.5 from Metropolitan Council transit services for individuals convicted of certain
- 1.6 crimes; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes
- 1.7 2018, sections 473.405, by adding a subdivision; 473.4056, subdivision 2; 473.407,
- 1.8 by adding a subdivision; 473.41, by adding a subdivision; 609.855, by adding a
- 1.9 subdivision.
- 1.10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.11 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.405, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.12 to read:
- 1.13 Subd. 16. **Legislative report.** By February 15 annually, the council must submit a report
- 1.14 on transit safety to the members and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
- 1.15 over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the report must:
- 1.16 (1) provide an overview of transit safety issues and actions taken by the council to
- 1.17 improve safety, including improvements made to equipment and infrastructure;
- 1.18 (2) for each of the past three calendar years, state the number of warnings and citations
- 1.19 issued by the Metropolitan Transit police and a breakdown of the numbers by the reason
- 1.20 the warning or citation was issued;
- 1.21 (3) for each of the past three calendar years, include data and statistics on crime rates
- 1.22 occurring on public transit vehicles and surrounding transit stops and stations;
- 1.23 (4) for each of the past three calendar years, state the number of peace officers employed
- 1.24 by the Metropolitan Transit police department;

2.1 (5) state the average number of peace officers employed by the Metropolitan Transit  
 2.2 police department for the previous three calendar years; and

2.3 (6) make recommendations on how to improve safety on public transit and transit stops  
 2.4 and stations.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.4056, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.6 Subd. 2. **Minimum standards.** Standards adopted under this section must include, but  
 2.7 are not limited to:

2.8 (1) two dedicated spaces for wheelchair users in each car;

2.9 (2) seating for a companion adjacent to at least two wheelchair-dedicated spaces; ~~and~~

2.10 (3) further specifications that meet or exceed the standards established in the Americans  
 2.11 with Disabilities Act; and

2.12 (4) a camera that is capable of recording the light rail transit vehicle operator and the  
 2.13 interior of the vehicle in the vicinity of the operator.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and  
 2.15 applies to existing light rail transit vehicles and light rail transit vehicles procured on and  
 2.16 after that date. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin,  
 2.17 Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.18 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.407, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.19 read:

2.20 Subd. 7. **Staffing complement.** The council must not reduce the staff complement of  
 2.21 peace officers under this section to below the average staffing level for the most recent three  
 2.22 calendar years.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
 2.24 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,  
 2.25 Scott, and Washington.

2.26 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 473.41, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.27 read:

2.28 Subd. 4. **Paid fare zones.** The council must establish and clearly designate paid fare  
 2.29 zones at each station or stop where the council utilizes self-service, barrier-free fare  
 2.30 collection.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020, and applies in the counties  
3.2 of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

3.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 609.855, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.4 read:

3.5 Subd. 6a. **Mandatory ban.** (a) A person who is convicted of a gross misdemeanor  
3.6 violation committed in a transit vehicle or transit facility operated by the Metropolitan  
3.7 Council is prohibited from accessing Metropolitan Council transit services for six months  
3.8 from the date of conviction.

3.9 (b) A person who is convicted of a felony violation committed in a transit vehicle or  
3.10 transit facility operated by the Metropolitan Council is prohibited from accessing  
3.11 Metropolitan Council transit services for one year from the date of conviction.

3.12 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, Metropolitan Council transit services includes but  
3.13 is not limited to:

3.14 (1) entering or riding upon a transit vehicle; and

3.15 (2) presence in a paid-fare zone designated by the council.

3.16 (d) A person who intentionally violates the requirements under this subdivision is guilty  
3.17 of a misdemeanor.

3.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2020 and applies to crimes  
3.19 committed on or after that date. This applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota,  
3.20 Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

3.21 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION; ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRANSIT POLICE**  
3.22 **OFFICERS.**

3.23 \$1,908,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$4,389,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from  
3.24 the general fund to the chair of the Metropolitan Council to increase the number of  
3.25 Metropolitan Transit police officers.