

MTA Offers New Program to Improve Safety for Late Night Bus Riders

MTA has established a new program designed to enhance safety and convenience for its customers who ride Metro buses late at night

The "Night Owl Stops" program will allow late night bus riders to alight along a bus route where it is safe to do so at locations other than signed bus stops by signaling the bus operator at least one stop ahead.

"I believe that the perceived safety and convenience to the late night passenger far outweigh any operational concerns," said MTA Deputy CEO John Catoe. "As with any policy change, education will be required for both the bus operators and passengers."

This program is offered from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. everyday.

Passengers using the Night Owl Stops will exit the bus by the front door only. Bus operators will use their professional judgment to determine a safe location to make the stop considering traffic and street conditions.

Similar programs are in place at transit properties including Denver, New York City, Washington D.C., Portland, San Francisco, San José and in Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada.

MTA is the first in the Greater Los Angeles area to implement the night owl program.

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