

“Metro Transit customers deserve a safe and comfortable ride without fear of harassment or assault. This campaign aims to remove fear as a barrier to mobility, and thus opportunities, for transit customers”

- Rebecca Lieser



Anti-Street Harassment Project

Project Details

This initiative addresses sexual harassment that people experience while riding, or waiting at a bus stop or at a light rail or commuter rail station.

Project Goal: To discourage and appropriately respond to street harassment occurring on Metro Transit’s services.



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Facts

The *2014 National Street Harassment Report*, a nationally representative survey, found that 2 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced street harassment.

In 2016, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority released a survey that found 18% of riders experience harassment.

In 2015, Los Angeles Metro found 22% of transit riders have experienced harassment. One in 10 riders have experienced physically aggressive sexual harassment, like groping, stalking, exposure, etc., on LA Metro.

Achieving our Goals

Street harassment turns public spaces into unsafe and hostile environments for those experiencing the harassment. Victims/survivors say their fears and concerns keep them from fully participating in society. Discouraging street harassment not only advances Metro Transit's equity goals, it also helps attract and keep customers.

Definition of Sexual Harassment: Street harassment is unwanted and inappropriate gestures, comments, touching and other interactions in public (i.e. onboard Metro Transit vehicles and at Metro Transit public facilities) that is associated with the victim's sex, gender expression, sexual orientation, and appearance. It is a form of sexual violence that makes the victim feel humiliated, threatened, and scared.

Removing Barriers

Women, people of color, people with lower incomes, and people who identify as LGBTQ are more likely to experience street harassment. This harassment can pose barriers to opportunities that are assumed to be freely accessible by all.



About Equity at Metro Transit

Equity is “access to opportunity for all.” Metro Transit already helps people to reach opportunities— but there is always more to do. Everyone at Metro Transit has a role to play in equity, every day.

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