

BART General EPAMD Policy (8/14/08)

The following rules apply to the use of Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs):

- EPAMDs are allowed in the system only at the same times and on the same trains as bicycles. This is generally during off-peak times or in the reverse commute direction. Consult the BART schedules in brochures and stations, or on www.bart.gov for details.
- EPAMDs are not allowed in the first car of any train.
- No more than one EPAMD is allowed in any doorway area. EPAMDs are not allowed to enter crowded cars regardless of the time of day.
- EPAMDs are not allowed on either stairs or escalators. Use the elevators to get in and out of the station and onto the platform. If an elevator is out of service, go to the next station. Do not use the stairs or escalators under any circumstances.
- EPAMDs must be turned off and pushed or pulled in the stations. When entering an above-ground station, the EPAMD user must dismount and turn off his or her device before reaching the faregate, or earlier if there is any heavily congested area. When accessing below-ground stations, the EPAMD user must dismount at the street level before entering the street elevator. The EPAMD may never be ridden or powered up in the paid area or platform, or on the train.
- EPAMDs must be ridden at no more than a walking pace on the parts of the BART property where riding is allowed. Whether ridden or pushed, yield to pedestrians.
- While on board trains, EPAMD users must secure their devices in the seating or standing area near the doors or in the wheelchair space if it is not needed by a wheelchair user. Hold the device. Yield the priority seating to seniors and persons with disabilities if it is needed. Cooperate with bicyclists and customers with strollers and luggage when using the space near the doors.
- EPAMD users must not move their devices down the aisle to relocate within the car, nor may they take the device between cars on the train.
- EPAMD users may not allow their device to block an aisle or doorway. Allow other riders to enter, exit, and move within the train car.
- The user must secure the device so that it does not roll with the motion of the train. EPAMDs should be positioned perpendicular to the front of the train to minimize its propensity to roll. Use the kick stand if possible. Chock the wheels to prevent rolling.

- EPAMD must be left behind on the train in case of an evacuation.
- EPAMDs may be parked at bicycle racks, in bicycle lockers, at motorcycle parking spaces, or in bike stations.
- Carry your permit at all times.

Policy for People with Disabilities

People with disabilities can be exempted from some restrictions above if they apply for a special permit. The special permit requires an in-person demonstration of riding ability on the EPAMD. The following are some of the differences between the general policies and the policies for people with disabilities.

- People with disabilities may bring their EPAMD into the system at any time and into any station.
- They may ride in the first car of the train or in any doorway.
- They may ride the device anywhere on the concourse.
- They may use the disabled seating or wheelchair space, but yield to wheelchairs if needed.
- They are prohibited from riding on the platform or in the train. In these places they must turn off the device and push it.

If you have questions about BART's EPAMD Program, call Ike Nnaji at 510-464-6173 or email epamd@bart.gov.