

The wheelchair position shall have a call button to alert the driver, mounted on the bus wall or on the horizontal grab bar at a height of 750 mm – 1000 mm from the floor. The call button shall be operated by touch.

### **13.5.3. Stop announcements**

A Next Stop audio and text display shall be provided to be visible from their position.

### **13.5.4. Priority seating for non-school use**

This will only be required if the RTA or a private school bus is used for other purposes. At least two priority seats shall be located close to the driver and entrance door. The seats shall be reserved for persons who have mobility, sensory or cognitive disabilities and seniors. Hip-to-knee room shall be no less than 675 mm in front of the seat in a forward-facing position.

Each priority seat or mobility aid position shall be equipped with stanchions, handholds, or handrails.

Each bus shall contain sign(s), which indicate that certain seats are priority seats for seniors and persons with functional limitations. Other passengers shall make such seats available to those who wish to use them. Priority seats shall not be located in the area of the wheelchair station.

### **13.5.5. Seat surfaces**

Sitting surfaces, especially those of aisle-facing seats, shall be covered by materials with a coefficient of friction sufficient to prevent students from sliding back and forth during sudden starts and stops.

The seat profile shall be ergonomically contoured.

Bench seats shall be provided for large/obese students without armrests between seats.

There shall be a compartment for bags and storage for canes and crutches, provided that it neither obstructs students' movement nor falls on students in cases of a sudden stop, accidents or during the normal bus movement.

### **13.5.6. Specifications of seats and bus interior**

The number of seats specified by the manufacturing company shall be adhered to, and no collapsible middle seats to be used.