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General Bulletin

TO: All Concerned – Kedzie Garage

SUBJECT: New Flyer Electric Bus Pilot Program – Phase Three

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

CTA continues testing New Flyer Electric Buses 700 and 701. The width of these test buses is the same as current buses in the fleet. They are approximately five inches longer than current standard 40-foot New Flyer buses. The rear overhang is approximately one inch longer and the front overhang is approximately five inches longer. They are approximately two feet higher than the conventional diesel-powered New Flyer buses and are approximately two inches higher than New Flyer Hybrid buses.

The buses will continue to be operated in revenue service on select runs and routes out of Kedzie Garage. This next phase of the pilot involves additional routes and runs.

The test buses have been assigned to the following AM and PM runs:

AM K101 and K355
PM K243 and K714

The above runs operate on the following routes:

7 Harrison (K714)
39 Pershing (K355)
126 Jackson (K101)
157 Streeter/Taylor (K243)

Bus Operators must follow all applicable Standard Operating Procedures when operating the test buses and must remain attentive to the following special operating conditions, as will be instructed during test bus familiarization training:

- Due to advanced door interlock features, the front doors will not open unless the bus is stopped.
- When stopped, Operators should keep their foot applied to the brake pedal.
- The left side mirrors are obstructed when the operator window is open. This window must remain closed during operation to maintain a full view of the left side of the bus using the mirrors.
- Depending on the crown of the street pavement, the buses will lean slightly to the left or right in a manner similar to current buses in the fleet. Operators must be attentive to the angle of this leaning when making service stops so proper clearances with fixed objects near the buses are maintained.
- Due to the location of electrical equipment these buses must not be operated through water deeper than 14.5 inches.

Buses 700 and 701 must not be assigned to or traded with any other run or route without specific authorization from Kedzie Garage Management, Maintenance Management or the Control Center.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin contact a Supervisor, Instructor, Controller or Manager.


Chief Transit Operations Officer