

THE BRANFORD ELECTRIC RAILWAY ASSOCIATION, INC.
THE SHORE LINE TROLLEY MUSEUM

POLICY NUMBER 502
OPERATIONS

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Purpose:

In accordance with Federal and State statutes, it is necessary that the Museum provide accessibility for all visitors.

Policy

It is the policy of the Museum that all public areas of the museum be accessible to the degree possible to all visitors including persons having disabilities, in accordance with Federal and State statutes. Where such is not the case, the Board of Trustees will require that the supervisor of Buildings and Grounds identify non-compliance areas, and make every effort to assure compliance..

It is recognized that many artifacts and items in the collection date back to an era where little attention was paid to accessibility. In order to maintain authenticity, it may not be possible to bring these items up to current practices for accessibility.

The *Americans With Disabilities Act* (ADA) recognizes facilities that are designated in the *National Register of Historic Places* , which includes the Museum, and grants exception to the general rules. Structural changes to these facilities that would threaten or destroy the historical significance of the property or would fundamentally change the program being offered need not be undertaken. However, any alterations must comply with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, or the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards to the extent that is feasible.

Ramps will be provided where feasible for access to vehicles and displays by persons with disabilities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 11, 2012