

**Background Information re Three Incidents Involving Serious Injuries to  
Passengers in Front Fold-Down Seats in New Flyer Buses**

	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>Houston</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	August 31, 2005 @ 7:46 am	July 21, 2012 @ 8:57 am	July 21, 2012 @ 10:42 am
<b>Location</b>	6100 block of NE Bothell Way	Near intersection of Washington Avenue and Patterson Street	Near intersection of Girard Ave (six lanes, 25 mph) and Oxford Street (one lane, 25 mph)
<b>Bus</b>	New Flyer 2004 DE 60 LF	New Flyer 2001 DE 40 LFR	New Flyer 2001 DE 40 LF
<b>Bus Operator</b>	King County	First Transit, Inc., under contract with Houston MTA	SEPTA
<b>Other Vehicle</b>	1990 Jeep Cherokee	Nissan Juke	2001 Saturn
<b>Seat Involved</b>	Aisle side of front fold-down seat on the driver's side	Aisle side of front fold-down seat on the driver's side	Front fold-down seat (alleged)
<b>Passenger</b>	45-year old female	41-year old female	62-year old male
<b>Injury</b>	Quadriplegia	C7 fracture rendering her an incomplete quadriplegic (able to move her arms and has limited movement in her hands).	Quadriplegia
<b>Circumstance</b>	The bus was westbound in the outside "transit only" lane of NE Bothell Way when another westbound vehicle in the middle lane abruptly entered the lane in front of the bus in order to turn into a restaurant. The bus driver braked and the injured passenger was thrown forward and may have hit her head on the fare box next to the driver's seat or the windshield. The bus did not hit the Jeep.	The bus was westbound, likely between 30 and 40 mph, on Washington in the curbside lane. The Nissan, which had been stopped at the intersection of Washington and Patterson, proceeded onto Washington just as the bus approached. The bus had the right of way. The bus driver braked, but ended up hitting the driver's side front corner of the Nissan. The injured passenger was thrown forward and may have hit her head on the fare box next to the driver's seat. The driver of the Nissan was issued a ticket for failing to yield the right of way.	The bus was southbound on Oxford and the Saturn was westbound on Girard. The Saturn, not seeing the bus, turned left in front of it onto Oxford. The bus driver braked, but ended up rear-ending the Saturn. The injured passenger was thrown forward.