



Figure D-3: Diagram–Accessible Route

Mini-Platform

Barrier-free access to the trains is provided by an accessible elevated “mini-platform” which is aligned with the designated accessible rail car. Refer to Standard Drawings for mini-platform details.

Designated Waiting Area (DWA)

The Designated Waiting Area (DWA) at GO stations is to be located on the rail mini-platform.

It is intended to be a convenience feature, whereby a customer can expect to avail assistance and have a reasonable sense of safety.

The DWA has augmented functionality and visibility at the station mini-platform. Key features include:

- Enhanced lighting
- Dedicated CCTV coverage
- [Signage](#) [DWA ID signs](#)
- Two-way communications [device](#) [\(telephone\)](#)
- PA system
- Overhead cover (canopy)

- Bench seating on rail platform in the proximity of the DWA
- Enhanced accessibility features in the mini-platform design
- Wayfinding signs on the accessible route
- Station ID sign
- Minimum horizontal and vertical clearances as mandated by functionality; and advanced warning identifiers

D.2 Rail Platform and Platform Access

Refer to respective GO rail standards for track infrastructure standards.

Rail platforms are a foundational item to GO rail stations. Their orientation, design, alignment, geometry, and site conditions are the framework around all other site components are configured.

- The use of side platforms are preferred
- Island platforms to allow for multiple points of access and egress
- Locate the platforms to minimize travel distances to adjacent transit modes
- Maximize barrier-free travel