



CITY OF OAKLAND
Mayor's Commission on Aging (CoA) and
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Joint Access Compliance Advisory Committee, (ACAC)
Wednesday, October 17, 2012

MINUTES

- I. Called to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. Roll Call
 - See Exhibit A.1
- III. Public Comments
 - None
- IV. Commissioner's Announcements
 - Commissioner Smulevitz reported on the passing of former Commissioner Betty Mulholland. Commissioner Mulholland was an activist on issues that involved universal accessibility for both seniors and persons with disabilities. (See Exhibit B)
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - September 19, 2012
 - Motion/Second: Commissioner Hurd/Commissioner Beard.
 - Minutes approved. Abstained Commissioner Smulevitz.
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
 - ACAC October 17, 2012
 - Item X will be heard out of sequence.
- VII. Chair Reports, Co-Chair Stephen Beard reported on the proposed composition of the joint ACAC.
 - A. Committee Reorganization Plan is being proposed to reflect the reduced membership of both the MCPD and the CoA.

- Commissioner Beard proposed to reduce the size of the ACAC by a pre-set number from each commission.
- Discussion among commissioners and staff.
- Motion: That the ACAC be comprised of a minimum of four (4) commissioners from the MCPD and a minimum of two (2) from the CoA.
- Motion/Second: Commissioner Beard/Commissioner McLeod
- Motion passed committee to be carried to the general assembly.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Oakland Paratransit Elderly and Disabled, OPED, Annual Report, Hakeem McGee, Senior Services Supervisor expressed his appreciation to the commission for its support. Mr. McGee described the mission of OPED; to cover gaps/unique needs transportation for the elderly and disabled populations of the City of Oakland. (Please review page 10 in the October 17, 2012 packet.)

- Friendly and Veterans Taxi Companies are the main providers for the subsidized taxi script services. They also provide limited lift and ramp van services. DIP Transport is the primary subsidized dialysis transporter providing lift and ramp vans along with other limited medical and general social services.
- Last year OPED provided 20,882 trips.
- Received additional funding for the GRIP
- No waiting list for services last year.
- If the Measure B1 passes in November, it will provide additional revenue to increase OPED programs and services.

B. On-Street Disabled Parking Zone Program Update

- Held over to next meeting.

--Break--

IX. Old Business

A. BART Elevator Maintenance Complaint Update; Commissioner Denise Jacobson, MCPD reported that Larry Paradis, attorney with Disability Rights Advocates, DRA, who was successful in a prior class-action suit against BART regarding its maintenance issues, is willing to assist with new complaints regarding BART's maintenance. (See Exhibit C).

- Upon Mr. Paradis' suggestion; regular users of BART are being asked to keep a 30 day written diary regarding elevator maintenance

and maintenance in general. After the 30 days, results will be summarized and presented to BART as means to start a dialogue regarding this issue.

- Commissioner Jacobson will reach out to include disability advocacy organizations.

X. New Business

A. East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project, BRT, Station Architecture Review.

- Representing Alameda/Contra Costa County Transit, AC Transit at this meeting were:
 - Beverly Greene, AC Transit Assistant General Manager for External Affairs & Communications
 - Ron Finger, FMG Architects
 - Claudia Ulua, FMG Architects
 - Thomas Krohemyer, Community Design & Architecture
- Ms. Calabrese, City of Oakland BRT Project Manager provided an overview of the BRT project and introduced the BRT presentation on the proposed station architecture.
 - Ms. Calabrese further explained that the ACAC is to direct its focus on the functional needs access performance of the project.
- Beverly Greene introduced her colleagues and herself to the commission. She discussed the BRT project: its route, downtown Oakland to downtown San Leandro; bus design, dual door capacity for faster board, level boarding buses for ease; better street lighting for improved safety; and improved landscaping.
 - Ms. Green further stressed that the District's BRT project represents a \$174 million dollar capital investment that is an economic development engine for the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro. It is anticipated that the BRT project will generate a large number of jobs; in construction, as well as some permanent positions.
- Ms. Greene further discussed the design of the BRT stations. There will be 32 stops on the BRT system and 52 individual stations. Ms. Green discussed the preliminary conceptual designs for three stations; 11th Street, Fruitvale District and the Elmhurst District.

- FMG Architects have been in business for 31 years and for over 25 years have worked on transit architecture projects. FMG architects are well versed in universal design and are well versed on ADA codes. The most important goal; however, is to protect the passengers and make a safe environment for everybody that uses the transit.
 - Commissioner Beard: Scope is not just physical boundary of a station; but how it works with the street network and landscape that surrounds it.
- In station design review, the AC Transit Board's main concern thus far is that passengers be protected from the weather. A plastic/Plexiglas barrier can provide protection from inclement weather.
- There will be a standard station design for the system; station elements can be customized according to community input. Shelters/screens will be transparent for safety. The basic design will be a peaked canopy (hip roof) plus a kit of parts that can be customized.
- Claudia Ulloa, FMG Architect and its ADA expert discussed the various station components.
 - Commissioner Beard asked if there will be standard pedestrian path of travel at stations and if all station access points will be made accessible.
 - Commissioner McLeod asked how long vehicle doors will stay open to allow for loading and unloading of wheelchair users and other individuals with mobility impairments.
 - Commissioner Hurd questioned the extent to which pedestrian crossings to BRT stations will provide extended crossing time and other features to assist older adults and people with disabilities.
- There are several built in ADA features that will emphasize safe crossing. Key elements of the project are pedestrian lighting and way finding.
- Thomas Krohemeyer, Community Design and Architecture, has experience working with the City of Oakland and A/C Transit. Has strong experience and knowledge of universal design and access. He discussed the median and curb side station layouts.

- Commissioner Smulevitz questioned the condition of the sidewalks (paths of travel) that serve the curbside BRT stations. Will there be ease of travel for all pedestrians?
- Commissioner Beard questioned the BRT project's ability to meet the international universal design requirements
- Ms. Greene replied that the BRT's goal is to be ADA exemplary.
- Ms. Calabrese stated that the World Bank has developed international standards for BRT. These were included in the conditions of approval adopted by the Oakland City Council on July 17, 2012 (C.M.S.__). She expressed concern that the fare machines may pose one of the biggest access compliance challenges.
- Architects expressed that the BRT station entrance is their location choice for the fare machines. There will be two fare machines at each BRT station.
- Ms. Greene emphasized that AC Transit is still in the process of station design. There will be future meetings for additional public input on the design of the BRT stations. The next series of meetings will be held between November 8 and November 20, before Thanksgiving.
 - Gilbert Gong, Director of Lincoln Square Recreation Center, discussed prior transit changes that occurred over the past years at the 11th Street and Webster Street bus stop. He invited AC Transit and its architects to visit the site.

XI. Meeting Evaluation

- Very informative
- Appreciated the presentation on the BRT

XII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Committee definition
- Bus Rapid Transit Project Update
- Update on the BART elevator issue
- Disabled Parking Zone program

XIII. Adjourned at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

NOTE: THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE ACTION
ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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