



# CITY OF OAKLAND

Mayor's Commission on Aging and  
Commission on Persons with Disabilities

Access Compliance Advisory Committee (ACAC)

Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project

Functional Needs & Access Review Subcommittee

With the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

## Minutes

- I. Called to order at 10:05 a.m.
- II. See Exhibit B
- III. Public Comments:
  - None
- IV. Commissioners Announcements:
  - Introduced new ACAC attendee: Mr. Patrick Forte, representing the Commission of Aging, City of Oakland
  - Staff announced that Reverend Pastor Buford, Allen Temple Baptist Church will be in attendance to speak out on the BRT project.
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - None
- VI. Agenda Modification and Approval
  - Agenda approved by consensus
- VII. Chair Report
- VIII. BRT Updates:
  - A. David Wilkins (AC Transit)

- Mr. Wilkins gave a high level overview of the BRT Project beginning with adoption of the locally preferred alternative by the AC Transit Board and the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro – The Downtown Oakland to San Leandro (DOSL) line.
    - Discussed the Preliminary Engineering process including the Value Engineering exercise last November current review of the draft PE drawings and reports by Caltrans and the Cities; and planned follow up workshops with these agency partners.
  - The current PE exercise is to define the final scope of work and cost of the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.
  - Reviewed project schedule with service operations beginning in spring 2016.
    - Commissioners Beard and Blanks expressed concern that value engineering might focus on scaling back pedestrian improvements. Asked if ADA compliance was sufficiently covered in original baseline budget. AC Transit says that everything that was in the final environmental impact study was included in the baseline budget.
  - Mr. Wilkins discussed that the BRT project may not be able to afford the extent of sidewalk repair that the City is asking for under the project.
    - Commissioner Sherwood pointed out that, in the case of sidewalks repair, that such repairs might be demanded by the increased walking distance between bus stops.
    - Commissioner Robsen asked if project can accommodate additional bus stations.
- B. BRT Update; Christine Calabrese (City of Oakland)
- Introduced Garrett Gritz, Civil Engineer from RDF Engineering who is the City’s Project Manager for the BRT Project.
    - Commissioner Diaz asked about tactile models; Wilkins responded that AC Transit is waiting for this joint committee to give direction.

- Commissioner Blanks pointed out that the AAC had previously asked for such tactile models and wonders why nothing has been done.
- Beverly Green, AC Transit, discussed that staff has been looking at the set of ways (formats) by which designers can present the BRT Project and is looking today to determine what is most relevant.
- C. Staff suggested that Scott Blanks be acting chair of this subcommittee and that the subcommittee meet on an as-needed basis. It is to be determined if the subcommittee will meet in the place of the ACAC. Discussion was tabled until MCPD leadership can discuss.
- D. Blanks discussed benefits of tactile models, mock-ups and active product (bus, ticket vending machine) reviews.
  - Sherwood supports a full-scale mock up of the station design.
    - McLeod supports a full scale mockup as does Commissioner Blanks.
  - Blanks reiterated that, wherever possible, presentations to people with disabilities should include tactile models to compliment power point presentations.
- E. Sets of considerations:
  - Physical station design and the set of design standards and features for access for people with mobility impairments
  - Way-finding and signing and the standards for access for people who are Blind or have visual impairments.
    - Reverend Buford, Allen Temple Baptist Church, wants exemplary (universal design) standards and not minimal compliance with State and Federal access regulations. What's minimally required, at least for the Elmhurst area, far exceeds the regulatory guidance. Allen Temple has coined the Elmhurst length of the DOSL corridor as the "ADA/504" Zone.

- Blanks feels that the subcommittee must address as many if not all of the BRT Project aspects as listed in item V of the Oakland Conditions of Approval.

#### VIII. Meeting Evaluation

- There is a lot of work to do.

#### IX. Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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