



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

[Location: Civic Center Plaza – 1200 3rd Avenue,
San Diego, CA 92101, 4th Floor – Conference Room](#)

Meeting called to order at 10:30

Members Present: Chair Mary Wolford, Vice Chair Patricia Sieglen-Perry; Members Elaine Cooluris, Jacqueline Jackson, Diane Koczur, Victor Roosen

Absent: Members Wayne Landon and Kasey Markoski

Staff Liaison: Thyme Curtis

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Agenda:

- Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call
Meeting called to order at 10:30 am
- Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment
None

Item 3: Action: Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2023
Motion by Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry, seconded by Member Cooluris, to approve minutes. Passed unanimously with Members Landon and Markoski absent.

Item 4: Information Item: Draft Complete Streets Council Policy (Phil Trom, Program Manager, Mobility Division, Sustainability and Mobility Department)

Mr. Trom reviewed Complete Streets Policy including intent, guiding principles, scope, implementation, exceptions, and policy review.

Member Cooluris commented that in the J Street photo the streatory makes it impossible for people in wheelchairs to travel on the sidewalk when the narrow sidewalk is filled with people waiting to enter/exit the restaurant and streatory.

Member Landon commented that even though accessible parking is maintained in Spaces as Places, regular parking is removed making it more difficult to park for those who have disabilities but don't use accessible spaces.

Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry asked if roundabouts in the Complete Streets policy, and where they are built are there guidelines for how they're built? Staff Member Alejandra Warner commented that there is a Roundabouts Policy Guideline that is followed and all accessibility elements suggested as part of AAB workshopping several years ago are contained in the guideline.

Member Koczur commented that in a photo showing transit in the middle of the street, why are pedestrians who use transit now having to go in the middle of the street sections? Phil Trom answered that this photo would not be appropriate in all areas and would be used when conditions allow. This is also just an illustration, not a design for the City.

Chair Wolford commented that many user groups are competing for the ROW. How do you resolve between user groups when the street is small? Phil Trom stated that is exactly what this policy is for; it's called Modal Loading Priorities and the street is built for most vulnerable users first. Chair Wolfrod commented that bicycle lanes should be installed on a different street than what is most used by peds and parking for ADA. Phil Trom said the City is looking at street classification system so that it can look at what makes the most sense for everyone.

Staff liaison Curtis said accessible on-street parking more than doubled in the 30th street parking and there is a new guideline for accessible parking – going from five to 15 pages. Transportation Department is now trained on accessible parking and has ADA Compliance and Accessibility Program review for accuracy.

Member Landon asked if there were statistics showing bicyclists using the bike lanes? Phil Trom stated that SANDAG is measuring effectiveness.

Item 5: Information Item: Inclusive Public Engagement Program - Community Input Workshop (Helen Weldeghiorgis, Program Manager, Department of Race and Equity)

Ms. Weldeghiorgis and Collette with Planning provided background on the project. Member comments included that when individuals provide feedback and Council or City make a decision opposite of feedback, public isn't informed of why they made that decision. Get It Done doesn't have enough feedback on what status is of a request. Diane recommended the City reach out to Triumph Organization; they assist with people who are recently paralyzed.

Item 6: Ad Hoc Committee Updates & Reports

- a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Sieglan-Perry, Markoski, Koczur)
- b. Increasing Accessible Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen)
- c. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Jackson, Sieglan-Perry, Roosen)
- d. MTS Access Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Jackson, Roosen)
- e. Disability Advocates – Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Markoski, Wolford, Jackson)
- f. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglan-Perry)
- g. Data Collection Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Markoski, Landon)

Item 7: Chair Report

- Chida shared with her group that State committee looking at Brown Act modifications where people can participate via zoom.
- September Meeting: Can Alex and I provide update on data – backlog of complaints, unfunded TP projects to include in FY25 budget request powerpoint.

- Would like to sync with Kristy and Thyme on FY25 budget request this fall.
- Canine companions and other similar organizations need puppy raisers.

Item 8: City Liaison Report

- Applied for \$2M grant for a PROW ADA Evaluation and Transition Plan Update, will learn in December if awarded.
- I am giving a presentation on City ADA Programs at Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee tomorrow morning. Begins at 9:00 AM and we are the last item on the agenda. Expect I will go on around between 9:30 – 10:00.

Item 9: Old Business

Item 10: Board Comments or Announcements

Item 11: Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: September 13, 2023

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