



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Minutes – 6/23/2025

Commission on Disabilities (CoD)

Accessible Transportation Committee

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, June 23, 2025, 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Item No.	Description
1	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commissioners Present: Lisa Weiner, Mathew Cadigan-Hearn, Ben McMullin (ex-officio), Timothy PontiStaff: Anna Dyer
2	Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes and Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve minutes and agenda by Matthew Cadigan-Hearn, second by Tim, approved unanimously.
3	Public Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lisa shared a comment from a community member; near the San Mateo police station and Kaiser San Mateo, there is no bench to wait for transportation. Lynn Spicer of SamTrans will look into this need.Tim and Ben attended the 2025 Accessible Futures Conference put on by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and held at the Association of Bay Area Governments offices in San Francisco on June 16-17, 2025. Workshops were informative and touched on many topics including employment, IHSS, income eligibility for resources, access and paratransit options across counties, emergency preparedness with paratransit response for those who opt in. The workshops were recorded and are available. Tim forwarded the link:<ul style="list-style-type: none">https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/public-participation/accessibility/accessible-futures-conferenceVisual slideshow of the Conference: https://mtc.ca.gov/news/accessible-futures-conference
4	Paratransit Advisory Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Elections in the past month, Ben was re-elected as Chair. Sandra Lang was elected Vice-chair.The Council will hold a retreat in September to create workplans for the next two years. It will be open to the public and registration will be encouraged.As Liaison from CoD Transportation Committee to the Council, Lisa tried to sign in to last meeting but zoom link was not working. Lynn shared they had technical issues and are planning to have it work for the next meeting. Contact Lynn Spicer at SamTrans if there are difficulties connecting virtually.

5	<p>Review of CoD Work Plan Goals Related to Accessible Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future potential work plan objectives, which will be shared at the Board of Supervisor's meeting in October. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paratransit Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County Center accessible drop-off location clarity is underway ▪ Partnership with Paratransit Advisory Council ○ Updates on 101 Accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADA compliance committee will likely meet again in August if June meeting not rescheduled – no updates at this time ○ Emergency Preparedness pamphlets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CoD provided a letter to the Department of Emergency Services. There has been no update regarding their existing plans for supporting people with disabilities during a disaster/emergency. Tim will follow up. ▪ Committee would like to develop materials to share at outreach events regarding emergency resources for disabled people, similar to materials developed by the Commission on Aging. ○ Travel Training, "Mobility Ambassador" program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lynn shared that SamTrans has an ambassador travel training program, coordinated by Margaret Baggerly ▪ SamTrans has contracts with organizations serving disabled people to conduct this training, such as with Vista Center for the Blind. ▪ Tim asked about BART training: Lynn noted it is not part of training since it primarily does not serve San Mateo County.
6	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn shared maps of SamTrans/paratransit considerations for disabled access to County Center and the Manzanita room for Commission and other government meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SamTrans inspectors have conducted field observations and determined their preferred location, on the Winslow side of County Center: It is already a wide-curb cutout, clearly marked, and designated for passenger loading/unloading. Also used for County Center deliveries and use by non-paratransit will need to be monitored. ○ A second option, but far less preferred by SamTrans, is on Middlefield, closer to Manzanita room. It is not preferred to due large and busy intersection, lack of safety, and obstacles nearby including a tree, red curbing, frequent need to double-park, and traffic congestion. ○ SamTrans' evaluation does not recommend pickup and drop off on Marshall due to safety concerns. ○ Lisa asked about paratransit's ability to drop-off in the jury lot. Due

	<p>to vehicle height, it is not possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mathew motioned to recommend to the CoD Executive Committee to bring forward to the General Commission a proposal to support the SamTrans recommendation to locate the paratransit drop off on Winslow. Lisa seconded, unanimous approval. • Reminder that all Commissioners will be attending the Inclusion Festival in July.
7.	<p>Motion for adjournment made by Matthew with second by Lisa and unanimous approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. • Next meeting: Monday August 25, 2025.

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