

**City of Sacramento
Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC]**

MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.

New City Hall, 915 I Street, 1st Floor Conference Room -1104

Present: Commissioners: Bain, Benson, Correia, Kysor, Skierka, Springer, and Thom,
Excused: Commissioner: Riker
Absent: N/A
Commission Staff: Obi Agha and Michael Paravagna, City of Sacramento, EEO/ADA Program.

Presenters: Rocky Burks, Department of Transportation (DOT) - City of Sacramento.
Don Smith, Senior Planner, - Regional Transit.
Priscilla Vargas, - Regional Transit.

Guest: Ron Brown
Leoma Lee
Carol Moss

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Chair, Commissioner Jeff Thom.

2. Roll Call of Members:

Mr. Thom conducted a roll call of the members.

3. Agenda Review:

Mr. Thom reviewed the June 19, 2008 agenda. No changes were made to the order of the Agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes of May 15, 2008 was approved. Commissioner Springer made the motion to approve minutes, and was seconded by Commissioner Kysor. Motion passed.

5. Regional Transit Master Plan [TMP]:

Don Smith, Senior Planner with Sacramento Regional Transit [RT] presented the Regional Transit Master Plan, and the proposed three scenarios for implementing the TMP. The three scenarios that Mr. Smith presented are as follows:

Scenario A, examines the implication of continuation of existing transit service provision and delivery of three light rail projects already being pursued by RT.

- First phase of the Downtown-Natomas-Airport (DNA) light rail extension built to Richards Boulevard.
- South Line Phase 2 (Blue Line extension to Cosumnes River College).
- Blue Line Double-Tracked as part of Northeast Corridor Enhancements.

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Scenario B would focus on developing set of TMP policies and projects that would be consistent with SACOG's forecast on land-use assumptions, population, employment, and household.

Projects on this scenario would include the extension of the DNA rail service to the Sacramento International Airport, increasing the Local Bus Service (fixed routes) -150%, and adding more local neighborhood shuttles.

Scenario C, is more visionary, making 'transit use' a priority, and examines a more cost-effective way and integrated transit solutions.

- This scenario would expand the DNA rail service [fully built-out and doubled - tracked] to the Sacramento International Airport.
- Expand the rail network to Elk Grove, Eldorado Hills, Citrus Heights and Roseville.
- Build a comprehensive street-car network linking West Sacramento and Davis.
- Expansion of the Regional Rail: Increasing the frequency on the Capitol Corridor.

The Commissioners had several questions ranging from accessibility issues on public transportation [rail and bus services] to options on transit routes, including security strategies to protect patrons, especially individuals with disabilities and the elderly.

In light of this a motion was moved by Chair Thom and seconded by Commissioner Kysor to send a letter of support to the City Council.

Motion: Recommend Sacramento Disabilities Advisory Commission [DAC], endorses the "broadest vision" of the Sacramento Regional Transit Master Plan.

Motion Passed.

6. Annual Prospective Plan for Projects under Barden Settlement:

Rocky Burks, Department of Transportation (DOT) staff reported on the projects planned for the FY 2008 /2009 prospective plan for Pedestrian Rights-of-Way projects to meet the Barden Settlement.

Annually, the City of Sacramento is required to develop a prospective plan of accessibility improvements that it anticipates completing during the year to meet the Annual Obligation.

Staff indicated that 2008/2009 annual obligation budget of \$6,009,246 and the majority of the monies \$5,028,109 would be spent on Pedestrian Right-of-Way Improvement Projects the remaining of the monies would be spent on specific Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) with accessibility features.

The Commissioners had several questions ranging from accessibility issues on PROW [cross-walk, City sidewalks] to railroad crossings.

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With regards to Annual Prospective Plan, the DAC gave their approval. Commissioner Kysor moved the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bain. Motion Passed.

Awareness of "Hollow" City Sidewalks, interred in Sacramento downtown, and how this might impact access on PROW was raised by the some of the Commissioners. It was noted that Rocky Burks may come to DAC at a future date and report on "Hollow" City Sidewalks.

7. Committee Report and Meeting:

There were no reports from the Subcommittees due the on-going discussion on the status of the Commission /Subcommittee structure.

8. Commission Structure:

Mr. Thom opened the discussion on the current status of the Commission including citing some of the challenges and issues the Commissioners have reported they faced, during the course of carrying out their Subcommittee assignments. The commissioners took turns to discuss these issues and also elaborated on the overall functioning and scheduling of their current Commission structure.

The discussion ranged from maintaining the status quo of the DAC structure, reconfiguring the three existing Standing Subcommittee into an Ad Hoc Committee structure, to disbanding entirely the three Subcommittees. At the end, the Commissioners decided to formally disband the Subcommittees and reconvene with two full DAC meetings per month, effective July 7, 2008.

In light of this four motions were passed, as follows:

- (1) To formally disband the three current Subcommittee, Commissioner Bain made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Commissioner Kysor. Motion passed.
- (2) To reconvene and have two full DAC Meetings a month, Commissioner Correia made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Commissioner Skierka. Commissioner Bain voted no, Commissioner Springer abstained. Motion passed.
- (3) To calendar the second full DAC Meeting on the first Monday of the Month, Commissioner Kysor made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Commissioner Correia. Motion passed.
- (4) To meet on Monday, July 7, 2008 for the full DAC Meeting under the new structure, Commissioner Bain made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Commissioner Springer. Motion passed.

9. Staff Report:

Mr. Paravagna briefed the Commissioners on the on-going efforts working with the PACT. Staff cited some specific access issues, at the Pannell Community Center parking lot that

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has gotten a quick attention due to better coordination with EO Office and PACT representative.

Staff reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming community meetings with the disability community and other community leaders. The first meeting is scheduled for July 15th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hart Senior Center. The second will be at the Pannell Community Center on August 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Staff indicated that as soon as more information is available, the commissioners would be notified.

10. Public Comment - Items:

Carol Moss mentioned that she was in attendance on behalf of her neighbor who had expressed interest on the Regional Transit Master Plan presented by Don Smith of RT.

Leoma Lee expressed gratitude to haven given the opportunity to participate and ask questions.

Ron Brown indicated that he was very grateful to staff and the Commission to have put together a celebration on his behalf.

11. Ideas, Comments and Announcements of the Commission:

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M. Moved by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Springer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obi Agha, Program Specialist
Equal Opportunity / ADA Program