



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 2023

**In-Person** Meeting, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

**Chair:** Mary Wolford | Vice Chair: Patricia Sieglen-Perry

**Members:** Elaine Cooluris, Jacqueline Jackson, Diane Koczur, Wayne Landon, Kasey Markoski, Victor Roosen

**Staff Liaison:** Thyme Curtis

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### Agenda:

- Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call (Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry)  
Meeting called to order at 10:33  
Present: Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry, Members Landon, Jackson, Markoski, and Roosen present.  
Absent: Chair Wolford and Members Koczur and Cooluris.

Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment  
None.

Item 3: Action: Approval of Minutes  
April 12, 2023  
Member Landon moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023, with Member Sieglen-Perry seconding. Passed unanimously with Chair Wolford and Members Cooluris and Koczur absent.

Member Koczur arrived at 10:35.

Item 4: Workshop Item: City of San Diego [Mobility Master Plan](#) (MMP). City staff will facilitate a discussion on accessibility topics and solutions as they relate to the upcoming MMP. (Phil Trom, Program Manager, Christine Mercado, Sr. Traffic Engineer, Sarah Pierce, Senior Planner, Mobility Division, Sustainability and Mobility Department).

Ms. Mercado introduced herself and briefly discussed the MMP. Questions include where in the City the Mobility Division is housed; Ms. Mercado discussed the three pillars of the Sustainability and Mobility Department (Energy, Climate Action Plan and Implementation, Mobility).

Member Landon: lives on West Pt. Loma Blvd and parking is terrible, his wife has to park 2-3 blocks away. New apartments being built nearby without any on-site parking, which will make it worse. What 65 year old will ride their bike to get the family groceries?

Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry: density is impeding parking. Even strip malls, too many retail stores and not enough parking. Water is also scarce and San Diego keeps building. Floating parking is a problem. We've worked with Thyme and her team who place accessible parking on side streets whenever possible, but then the parking is in a less convenient areas due to bike lanes.

Member Roosen: reducing parking forces people to use bikes who are able, but in 15-20 years regular cars will all be electric. Is it wise to remove parking?

Member Koczur – several communities where sidewalks need to be widened. In Mission Beach trees are planted and there are just two feet for wheelchairs to travel on sidewalks - that is not accessible.

Member Jackson: She is blind. Her neighborhood sidewalks are dangerous, can't walk more than 8 feet before a Euclid and Federal APS not working on all crossings and she has to wait for others people to come by to help her. It is dangerous. Uses a credit union on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Bike lanes are prioritized over pedestrians; when she is dropped off she needs to navigate across the bike lanes.

Member Markoski: Bus lanes that are not along sidewalk are extremely hard for visually impaired users. Pedestrian pushbutton locations are not placed in the right spot, some are in the planters or in landscaping. Counter slopes on curb ramps are so steep it is difficult for pedestrians with visual impairments as it drops off, and wheelchair users to navigate through. Counterweight on train arms are sometimes in pedestrian waiting areas and can hit you on the head.

Member Markoski: new trolley cars and stops are becoming more accessible. Push button to open doors was flush and more of a sensor, was impossible to feel for users who are blind. Buses now all kneel which is good. Hardest part for blind users is to locate the bus stops. Balboa Park is becoming more accessible as well.

Item 5: Action Item: Extend Accessibility Advisory Board meetings from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, to 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Motion to extend meetings to 12:30 PM with new meeting time from 10:30 – 12:30 by Member Roosen, Member Jackson seconded. Passed unanimously with Chair Wolford and Member Cooluris absent.

Item 6: Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Sieglen-Perry, Markoski, Koczur)
  - a. Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry let the board know that the position they requested for the ADA Compliance and Accessibility Team was not included in the Mayor's draft budget, she encouraged all members to call and speak with their councilmembers to include the position.
- b. Increasing Accessible Housing Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen)
  - a. Ms. Curtis stated that the draft proposal allows accessible ADU by right if at least two Affordable ADUs are built (developer also allowed to build market-rate for each affordable; accessible fifth ADU will be only way a person can build five on the property).
- c. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Jackson, Sieglen-Perry, Roosen)

- a. Alex Warner will contact committee to begin meeting.
- d. MTS Access Policy Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Jackson, Roosen)
  - a. No update.
- e. Disability Advocates – Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Markoski, Wolford, Jackson)
  - a. Ms. Sieglen-Perry offered modifications to a flyer created by Ms. Wolford, she will work with
- f. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglen-Perry)
  - a. Will have a rough draft ready for June meeting.
- g. Data Collection Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Markoski, Landon)
  - a. No update.

Item 7: Chair Report  
No report.

Item 8: Liaison Report (Thyme Curtis)

- SANDAG Board approved Planning Grant for the Accessibility Safety Plan for Individuals with Disability in Disadvantaged Communities for \$1,239,000. For communities south of the 8 freeway. Expect to receive funding and kick off project in the Fall of 2023, will bring to AAB in coming weeks as a informational item.
- New City contracts for foreign language, ASL, Braille interpretation. Free for all departments.
- Reminder that the August meeting is dark.

Item 9: Old Business  
None

Item 10: Board Comments or Announcements  
None

Item 11: Adjournment  
Adjourned at 12:18 PM.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM**

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