



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES DRAFT

THURSDAY, June 27, 2019

2:00 – 3:30 PM

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA – FOURTH FLOOR, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

1200 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m. with Chair Landon, Cooluris, Crisci, Gibbens, Hank, Kalivas, Ringler and Sieglen-Perry present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Guest Introduction – City of San Diego’s Mobility Board ADA Representative
Dr. Humberto Gurmilan
Dr. Humberto Gurmilan introduce himself as a college professor who majored in Communication and Journalism; he serves on the San Ysidro School Board. Dr. Gurmilan explained that he is still learning his role on the Mobility Board and is interested in contributing to the improvement of accessibility for all.

2. University Avenue Complete Street Presentation (University Avenue Safety Project)
(Steven Bliss and Philip Rust, Public Works Department Right of Way Design Division, City of San Diego)
 - a. Steven Bliss and Philip Rust presented the roundabouts design plan and provided a brief description of accessible feature that also included bicycles and pedestrians sharing the sidewalks; they discussed the communities request for wider sidewalks. Members discussed the design and expressed their strong safety concerns: questioned bicycles merging onto the sidewalk with pedestrians, how the curb ramps and crosswalks are going to work, and how the roundabouts will help pedestrian safety. Also, mid street crossing, will flashing beacons include audible pedestrian signals (using standard messaging) to help a person with disability. Philip Rust responded that flashing beacons will have an APS system included.
 - b. Public Comment
 - Brian Helmich and Ralph Teyssier from the Talmadge Community Council commented about the drive way that is exiting in the middle of the roundabout and expressed their safety concerns.
3. Mandatory Annual Brown Act Training
 - a. Members have confirmed that they will and have watched the training video on the Brown Act.
 - b. ED Curtis announced that this Information Item needs more time to be discussed. She will bring the presentation to members at the next meeting.
4. Board Meeting Matrix (Chair Landon)
 - a. Chair Landon briefly discussed the Accessibility Board's Action Item tracker. A copy of the Project Item Tracker will be sent to Board Members for their review and input and will bring the presentation to members at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. March 28, 2019
 - a. Motion by Member Cooluris, second by Sieglen-Perry, to approve Minutes of March 28, 2019. Motion passed 8-0-0 with no Members absent (yay: Chair Landon, Cooluris, Crisci, Gibbens, Hank, Kalivas, Ringler and Sieglen-Perry present; nay: none; abstain: none).

ACTION ITEMS

1. Subcommittee Pedestrian Safety at Roundabouts (Universal Design Subcommittee Recommendations)

ED Curtis introduced this Item, Chair Landon and Member Gibbens met and discussed with Philip Rust, Public Works Department Right of Way Design Division, City of San Diego on roundabouts. They are working on providing good guidelines to make the roundabouts safe for person with disabilities. Member Gibbens and three of her mobility specialists met and visited sites to give the best configurations and regulations and recommendations to the City. Ms. Warner has been working with Mr. Rust on a list of recommendations to the City.

- a) Design and construct all pedestrian crossings in a straight line.
 - a. If a straight line is not possible, require a technical infeasibility form to be completed.
 - i. Motion by Member Crisci, second by Gibbens, to accept the Roundabouts Recommendations with the changes that were included during the discussion. Motion passed 8-0-0 with no Members absent (yay: Chair Landon, Cooluris, Crisci, Gibbens, Hank, Kalivas, Ringler and Sieglén-Perry present; nay: none; abstain: none).
- b) Prohibit bicycles on the sidewalk.
 - a. If bicycles are allowed, prohibit bicycle ramps and install standard driveway slope at least 2 car lengths back for entry/exit without truncated domes or tactile information.
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- c) Recommend auditory/flashing light pedestrian crossing indicators at all 4 crossings of the intersection, regardless of vehicle count. This assures consistency and provides audible information for the blind pedestrian (they follow the locator tones and use the audible information provided).
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COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Awards Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Elaine Cooluris, Patricia Seiglen-Perry, Sharla Hank)
 - a. Member Cooluris would like to meet to discuss and look for a venue where they could serve alcohol. Member Hank is going to investigate a couple of locations that might be available.
2. Universal Design Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Kim Gibbens, Wayne Landon)
 - a. Chair Landon announced that the committee did meet to discuss the roundabouts.

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. No Report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Alejandra Warner, Project Officer II, Office of ADA Compliance and Accessibility, City of San Diego, gave the following report:
 - a. Ms. Warner gave an update on the universal design for dog drinking fountains. The new installation would have the push button as a ball to clear up the mixed communication between the two push buttons. The Manufacturer was in agreement with the idea and will implement the changes to the design.

2. Executive Director Curtis gave the following report:
 - a. Announced that the Office ADA Compliance and Accessibility will moving under the Neighborhood Services Department effective July 1st.
 - b. ED Curtis will be creating a standardized annual report and will send it Chair Landon for his input.
 - c. Announced that the Office ADA Compliance and Accessibility will physically move into the 101 Ash St building in the Fall.
 - d. Mary Wolford's appointment is in the works.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Member Sieglen-Perry asked if there is extra money added (windfall) funding in the budget. ED Curtis and Warner stated that lots of projects are in the works.
2. Member Sieglen-Perry asked about the City ordinance on bike and electrical scooters.
3. Member Gibbens talked about an email that she and Chair Landon received about remodeling the Star Light Bowl at Balboa Park to make it wheelchair accessible. Ms. Warner commented that they are waiting for an internal review before they open to the public.
4. Chair Wayne asked Board Members to make it the next meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 because the meeting in August is dark.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.