



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: [Civic Center Plaza](#)
[1200 Third Ave](#)
[4th Floor Conference Room](#)
[San Diego, CA 92101](#)

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Agenda

- Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call
Present: Members Jackson, Cooluris, Percora, Wolford, and Landon.
Absent: Chair Roosen, Vice Chair Sieglén-Perry, Members Zuno and Koczur
- Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment
None
- Item 3: Action: Approval of the draft minutes of March 12, 2025

Motion by Member Wolford, second by Member Jackson, to approve minutes. Unanimously approved with Chair Roosen, Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry, Member Zuno and Member Koczur absent.

- Item 4: Information: Parallel Curb Ramps Discussion (Alejandra Warner, Access Compliance Specialist, ADA Compliance and Accessibility Program, City of San Diego) SEE PRESENTATION FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Ms. Warner discussed a challenge with new change to California Building Code application for curb ramps. Specifically, since most sidewalks are four feet wide and code requires six feet wide sidewalk to accommodate 36 inch pathway “around” truncated domes. Ms. Warner asked if this application should remain if the curb ramp is on a 5% slope or greater, as this slope makes is more difficult for wheelchair users to go around to follow the newly-required path (not on truncated domes).

Member Pecora said more space and the option to wheel around the truncated domes is always preferred. If parallel ramp is on a slope, wheelchair users need a flat area to rest, even if on truncated domes. Member Cooluris agrees. Member Wayne also agreed that more space is better for wheelchair users. Member Pecora also would like to see more directional signage for wheelchair users to guide them on a path that is more usable for them.

- Item 5: Information: Tactile walking surface indicators (Alejandra Warner, Access Compliance Specialist, ADA Compliance and Accessibility Program, City of San Diego)

Ms. Warner presented on tactile walking surface indicators. She stated several years ago the City began investigating wayfinding alternatives to truncated domes, though stopped once learning the Federal agency Transportation Research Board was studying best practices for tactile surfaces. Three types of Tactile Walking Surface Indicators:

- Detectable warning surface (truncated domes; used as a warning of potential hazard)
- Tactile direction indicator (slightly raised bars; used for alignment or guide)
- Tactile warning delineator (trapezoidal; used as a barrier and not meant to cross)

Ms. Warner provided examples of where each type of tactile warning surface would be used for new projects.

Member Cooluris asked how a person who is blind would learn how to use and navigate these tactile warning devices. Member Pecora mentioned this is standard throughout many countries in the world and the United States is one of the last to adopt this as a standard. She further asked about

pedestrian flashing beacons, Liaison Curtis said that item is not on the agenda so discussion could not occur, but I could agendaize for a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM with Member Jackson needing to leave early.

- Item 6: Meeting locations throughout community (Member Mary Wolford)
- Item 7: Ad Hoc Committee Updates & Reports
 - a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Roosen, Wolford, Koczur, Zuno)
 - b. Disability Advocates – Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Jackson, Koczur, and Roosen)
 - c. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglen-Perry)
 - d. Accessible Transportation Advocacy (Members: Pecora, Koczur, Cooluris, and Jackson)
- Item 8: Chair Report
- Item 9: City Liaison Report
- Item 10: Old Business
- Item 11: Board Comments or Announcements
- Item 12: Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 11, 2025

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