



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

## MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

Department on Disability

200 N. Spring Street, Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90012

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Theresa de Vera  
David Wolf  
Myrna Cabanban  
Alisa Schlesinger  
Dr. Robert Bitonte  
Iran Hopkins  
Robert Williams  
Betty Wilson

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Richard Rothenberg (excused)

### DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director

Chris Lee, City Attorney Office

Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Luz Echavarria,  
Supervising Transportation Planner

### OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

### GUESTS:

Access Services, Louis Burns, Customer Service Administrator and David  
Foster, Project Administrator

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Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Philip Law, Manager

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), Robert Calix, Transportation Planning Manager, Stephen Tu Senior Manager

California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Jaime Garza, Spokesperson

## **ITEM NO. (1): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

President de Vera called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Commission had a quorum when roll call was conducted.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting minutes.

## **ITEM NO. (2): PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

## **ITEM NO. (3): PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON DISABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT**

- I. Access Services, Louis Burns, Customer Service Administrator, David Foster, Project Administrator - The Where's My Ride mobile app will be discussed. The Where's My Ride mobile app is an easy way to check on the status of an Access ride 15 minutes before the scheduled time of arrival and the location of the Access vehicle by using a smart phone or tablet. Currently, Where's My Ride app have 1300 users. Access has instructions and an instructional video on their website informing people how to sign up from the phone app. The Where's My Ride app also has a rating feature to rate the driver and the trip. They are working on adding more vehicle information, such as Access van or cab, a vehicle number, or other information that will help the customer.

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- II. Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Luz Echavarria, Supervising Transportation Planner – The Cityride program and its services to senior and disabled communities, as well as other services, will be discussed. LADOT manages the operation of city streets for motorists, transit, cyclists, pedestrians, and movement of goods. Cityride is a user subsidy program and a dial a ride transportation service for seniors and persons with disability offered by LADOT to supplement the federal mandated access service provided by Metro. There are 120 thousand registered clients in the Cityride program and carry about 80 riders annually using a fleet of 44 Para transit vans to provide curb to curb service from 6:00 to 5:00 p.m. Cityride clients can purchase a \$21 or \$9 subsidy that can be used on transportation service or City friendly taxi cab. Cityride also offers two specific routes for senior and disable residents. LADOT is working on is increasing DASH and CityRide frequency to the existing services route to significantly expand services, to extending late evening DASH service in downtown, adding the LA Now micro transit program, and to increase the subsidy from \$21, and increase the City taxi subsidy.
- III. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Philip Law, Manager - SCAG will discuss the active transportation and first/last mile planning, as well as the forthcoming ADA Paratransit Demand Forecast Study. SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization and undertakes a variety of planning and policy focused on long range regional transportation planning. They are currently working on the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy to improve mobility and accessibility and enhancing major trends in demographics. They also call for proposals to fund the development of plans and programs for agencies for future infrastructure policy. SCAG was successful in receiving a grant from the State to work with Access Services and Orange County Transportation Authority on a para transit system.
- IV. California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Jaime Garza, Spokesperson – The DMV will present on their Disabled Person

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Parking Placard Awareness Campaign, which is aimed at reducing disabled parking placard abuse. The DMV serves the public by providing quality licensing and motor vehicle-related services. The DMV objective is to educate people on the proper use of the disabled parking placards by developing two slogans. In September of last year, they created a poster to remind and emphasize reinforcement efforts by police. In March of this year, they released a second poster called Save the Space to remind the public not to use the disable parking spots. They also created a PSA, posters in English and Spanish, and utilized social media around the slogans to educate the public. The DMV has Peace Officers who are DMV instigators that conduct disabled parking placard abuse sting operations. During the last ten months, the DMV conducted 213 operations and issued 2,000 citations.

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#### **ITEM NO. (4): PLANNING FOR PUBLIC HEARING – ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE**

Discussion on the terms of the 06/13/18 public hearing. The public hearing is an announcement and a brief discussion set for June 13<sup>th</sup> regarding access to medical care. There is a 2-minute testimony time limit or to submit a two-page written statement in lieu of the speaking limit. Also, there is a specific disclaimer that this is not an invitation to engage direct advocacy for individual cases.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

#### **ITEM NO. (5): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Discussion of items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, July Election, and/or other relevant issues. Presentation is by Stephen David Simon, Executive Director, Department on Disability. The COD elections are to be held in the month of July and the nominations will be opening up next meeting. DOD is finalizing their budget for the upcoming

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year. Some of the new budget request moving forward are: new senior policy person, a case management system to improve function, printing cost for emergency management manuals for people with disabilities, a senior accountant, an extra \$30,000 for the AIDS Coordinators Office in relation to the City's efforts around adjusting the cities needs of homeless encampments, and another Access Specialist acting ADA compliance officer.

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### **ITEM NO. (6): NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Suggested items for the next regular meeting's agenda and announcements from Commissioners, DOD staff, and guests, as well as follow-up items from this or previous commission meetings to be presented at the next meeting. The Department of Disability is proud to be the sponsor of the 2018 Angle City Games that will take place June 21 24, 2018, at UCLA.

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### **ITEM NO. (6): Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 3:25 P.M.