



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) NOTICE THAT APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015 VACANCIES

Recruitment

Applications are being accepted from individuals who are interested in volunteering to serve on the District's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). All openings on the committee during calendar year 2015 will be filled from qualified applications received during this recruitment.

About the Committee

The AAC consists of 14 members with two members being appointed by each of the seven elected members of the District's Board of Directors. Committee members serve a term of one (1) year beginning on March 1st and may be reappointed annually thereafter, but their appointment shall not extend beyond the appointing Director's term of office. Appointed members shall complete and file with the District Secretary a Statement of Economic Interest pursuant to the District's Conflict-of-Interest Code.

Membership Qualifications

Any individual that utilizes AC Transit's fixed-route service, is a senior or an individual with a disability and/or represents such groups, and is willing to devote the necessary hours to attend meetings of the committee shall be eligible for appointment. The Board of Directors encourages that membership on the committee be ethnically diverse and cover all geographical areas of the District's service area as well as representation by/for seniors and individuals with varying types of disabilities.

Duties of the Committee

The AAC has been established by the District to review, comment, and advise the Board of Directors and District staff regarding the implementation and enhancement of programs and services for seniors and disabled people.

Issues which may be addressed by the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Plans to purchase operating equipment (e.g. buses and other vehicles, passenger lifts, kneelers, steps, and speakers);
- Equipment maintenance and modifications;
- Bus head signs, logos, and signage;
- Appropriateness of bus stop locations;
- Functional arrangements of bus stops (e.g. location, recognition, identification, pole, signage, benches, obstructions);
- Fares, schedules, and routes;
- Operator assistance and transit information centers;
- Public education, awareness, and input;
- Staff (including operators) training, awareness, and sensitivity; and
- Other accessible public transit matters as requested by the Board and Staff.

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The AAC currently meets on the second Tuesday afternoon of every month at AC Transit's General Offices located at 1600 Franklin Street in Oakland. Regular meetings typically last 3 ½ hours (from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Committee members are expected to be on time to all meetings and be prepared to offer input and participate in the committee process. Although it is not required, it is recommended that prospective applicants attend a meeting to gain more insight as to the committee's function and purpose. It is requested that participants and attendees of AAC meetings refrain from wearing scented products as there may be attendees who are susceptible to environmental illnesses.

All AAC members, during their tenure on the AAC, will receive a fixed-route bus pass similar to the type of pass provided by the District to its temporary employees.

What type of persons will be selected?

The Board is interested in appointing individuals who:

- Bring to the group diverse views and/or knowledge;
- Show a willingness and openness to listen to the views and interests of others;
- Have direct experience using AC Transit service;
- Have a commitment to participate in the committee process and are willing to devote approximately three hours a month to attend regular meetings of the committee as well as preparing for those meetings; and
- Have a commitment to participate in one or more AAC subcommittees which usually meet once or twice a month for approximately two to three hours.

Applications may be obtained from the District Secretary's Office. Completed Applications must be submitted by January 30, 2015 to:

AC Transit District Secretary's Office
1600 Franklin Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, California 94612
Phone: (510) 891-7209

TDD for Hearing Impaired: Call 711 - California Relay Service
and specify (510) 891-4868

Applications may be emailed to DistrictSecretary@actransit.org or faxed to: (510) 891-4705