



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT AGENDA

Special Joint Meeting of the AC Transit Board of Directors and the Accessibility Advisory Committee

East Bay Paratransit Office Community Room
1750 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

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**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**President Elsa Ortiz and Chair James Robson Presiding
Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**

1. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may directly address the Board/Committee at this time on any items of interest to the public that is within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Board. Speakers wishing to address a specific agenda item will be invited to address the Board at the time the item is being considered. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3A. AAC Priorities and Board Expectations and Goals for the AAC.

Chair Robson/
President Ortiz

3B. Priority Seating Policy.

Derik Calhoun
891-4805

3C. Update on Oakland Unified School District service and its future. (verbal)

Michael Hursh

4. BOARD/COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2)

5. ADJOURNMENT

AAC Top Priorities

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) has developed its top priorities for 2017. The AAC approved the following as Top Priorities at the June 13, 2017 meeting:

- Advocate for fair, affordable and accessible AC Transit service, and equipment that is accessible, and encourage AC Transit to be an industry leader in accessibility.
- Advocate for increasing State and Federal funding for public transit especially to maintain accessibility and affordability for our rider community.
- Support and participate in driver training to ensure drivers are proficient, sensitive to the needs of seniors and people with disabilities, and help create an atmosphere that is welcoming of all riders.
- Support and engage in activities to increase ridership of seniors, people with disabilities and young people on the fixed route transit system when appropriate. This includes general education to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of the needs of seniors, people with disabilities and young people and a commitment of removing barriers throughout the transit system.

Agenda Item 4C - Development of a Priority Seating Policy:

Introduction

On June 16, 2016, staff presented an overview of Senate Bill 413 provisions that related to priority seating at a joint Board / AAC meeting. SB 413 would allow enactment of an ordinance that would make it an infraction for failing to yield a priority seat to a disabled or elderly passenger. Staff reviewed provisions of the new law both internally and with local law enforcement.

Administration of Priority Seating Ordinance

- AC Transit Board would need to hold a public hearing to enact an ordinance to make it an infraction for failing to yield a priority seat to a disabled or elderly passenger.
- The ordinance would need to provide for the imposing of citations and allow for the enforcement of civil administrative penalties.
- AC Transit would need to train supervisory staff on issuing citations and develop a review and enforcement process to administer citations.
- Cost for development and staffing of administrative process was estimated at \$200,000 per year for BRT fare enforcement administration.
- Revenue expected from the citations are expected to be negligible.

Current Process for Priority Seating

- Operators to ask able body passengers sitting in priority seats to yield those seats to disabled and elderly passengers.
- Operators can request assistance from supervision or law enforcement.
- Law enforcement can issue citations with penalties that mirror process for other infractions.
- Courts process citations with fines going to county issuing citation.

Recommendation

- Better utilize assistance from Sheriff to assist with Priority Seating not being vacated for disabled or seniors utilizing existing regulations.
- Initiate new training for operators on requesting passengers to give up seat for an elderly or disabled passenger and requesting assistance from law enforcement.
- Initiate public awareness campaign to alert the public of mandate to yield priority seats to disabled and elderly passengers along with potential fines for PC 640 violations.
- Near term, discontinue consideration of ordinance for civil penalties, due to difficulty in enforcing, cost of administrative process, and expected low returns from fines.
- Long term, reconsider enacting ordinance in the future if administrative process is enacted for BRT fare enforcement, which could also support administration of priority seating violations.