

**AGENDA PACKET
AC TRANSIT
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
1:00 P.M.**

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MEETING LOCATION

**East Bay Paratransit Office
1750 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612
1:00 P.M.**

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EAST BAY PARATRANST OFFICE
1750 BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CA 94612
1:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

AAC MEMBERS:

JANET ABELSON

SHIRLEY CRESSEY

STEVE FORT

JIM GONSALVES

LISAMARIA MARTINEZ

JAMES ROBSON

MARINA VILLENA

SCOTT BLANKS, CHAIR

PAMELA FADEM

SALEEM SHĀKIR GILMORE

YULI JACOBSON

DON QUEEN

WILL SCOTT

HALE ZUKAS, VICE CHAIR

1. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests
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6. Discussion of Upcoming AAC/New Bus Operators Classes
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Lift/Ramp Road Call Report	[Attachment 3]

Staff to the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Mallory Nestor-Brush, Accessible Services Manager	(510) 891-7213
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Tammy Kullo, Administrative Coordinator	(510) 891-7175

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**ATTACHMENT 1
DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE AC TRANSIT
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The meeting came to order at 1:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

AAC members present:

Scott Blanks, Chair	Shirley Cressey
Pam Fadem	Saleem Gilmore (arrived 1:06)
Don Queen	Will Scott (arrived 1:06)
Marina Villena	Hale Zukas, Vice Chair (arrived 2:37)

AAC members absent:

Janet Abelson (excused)	Steve Fort (excused)
Jim Gonsalves	Yuli Jacobson (excused)
Lisamaria Martinez (excused)	James Robson (excused)

Staff: Mallory Nestor-Brush, Accessible Services Manager
Sean Diest Lorgion, Senior Transportation Planner
Mika Miyasato, Senior Transportation Planner

Guests: H. E. Christian Peeples, Board President
Randall Glock

2. Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Cressey/Scott approved the September 8, 2015 AAC meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES – 4: Blanks, Cressey, Gilmore, Scott

ABSTENTIONS – 4: Fadem, Queen, Villena, Zukas

ABSENT – 6: Abelson, Fort, Gonsalves, Jacobson, Martinez, Robson

4. Service Expansion Plan/Major Corridors Study (SEP/MCS) Update

Sean Diest Lorgion, Senior Transportation Planner, updated the committee on the proposed Service Expansion Plan (SEP). The SEP is envisioned to significantly enhance local service for existing riders and attract thousands of new riders to public transit. The

SEP, presented now for final public comment, was the result of a year of extensive staff analysis and three rounds of public input. The SEP features:

- A “Frequent Network” of 15 lines with 15-minute frequency or better
- Upgrade of 15 other lines to 20-minute or 30-minute frequency
- Elimination of circulator loop lines
- Expansion of weekend service on 29 lines
- More lines that are shorter and direct, and fewer overlapping lines in major corridors

Most of the improvements would be funded by Measure BB, the Alameda County transportation sales tax approved by voters in 2014. Mr. Diest Lorgion gave an overview of the following areas:

- Richmond/San Pablo/El Cerrito Proposed Improvements
- Albany/Berkeley/Emeryville Proposed Improvements
- Alameda/Oakland/Piedmont Proposed Improvements
- San Leandro/Hayward Proposed Improvements

Proposals developed in the SEP for the Fremont and Newark area are not being considered for approval at this time. A one-year “flex service” pilot in Newark will be launched in the coming months to test the concept of operating service in response to individual passenger requests. Depending on the results of the pilot, an expanded flex service network or more traditional service improvements will be proposed for implementation in 2016.

The SEP is focused on building a strong local service network therefore proposed changes to Transbay service are limited to the three all-day lines F, NL, and O, which have high local ridership, and Line J, where a route change would complement changes to Line F. A comprehensive regional review of Transbay service for future improvements is underway now.

Staff will compile and review all public comments received, and forward these to the Board of Directors in advance of its December 9th meeting. The Board may then take action to approve, modify, or reject some or all of the proposed changes.

Implementation of approved changes will occur in phases beginning in 2016, dependent on operational capacity. Since the use of Measure BB funds is limited to Alameda County, improvements in west Contra Costa County – with the exception of changes to lines 72, 72M, and 72R – will occur when additional new funding becomes available.

Mr. Diest Lorgion thanked the committee and invited them to get involved by attending a Community meeting or going online and commenting on the proposed plans. Comments may be submitted in the following ways by November 11, 2015:

- Via an online survey, www.actransit.org/SEP about specific bus lines, within four geographic areas:
 - Richmond/San Pablo/El Cerrito (West CC County) Proposed Improvements
 - Albany/Berkeley/Emeryville Proposed Improvements
 - Oakland/Piedmont Proposed Improvements
 - San Leandro/Hayward (Central County) Proposed Improvements
- Filling out comment forms at public meetings and events
- Submitting written comments:
 - by mail to AC Transit Board of Directors, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612
 - by fax to (510) 891-7157
 - by e-mail to planning@actransit.org
- Leaving comments in a voicemail message by calling (510) 891-7201 (English), (510) 891-7291 (Spanish), or (510) 891-7292 (Chinese).

Comments may also be submitted by speaking or providing written comments at the public hearing.

Public Hearing on the Service Expansion Plan

Wednesday, November 11

2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

AC Transit Board of Directors Room

1600 Franklin Street, Oakland

Major Corridors Study (MCS)

Mika Miyasato, Senior Transportation Planner, reported that the purpose of the Major Corridors Study (MCS) is to develop short-term and long-term capital improvements for AC Transit's highest-ridership corridors and help position the District, counties and cities for local, regional, state, and federal funding.

The MCS, is a detailed examination of AC Transit's 11 high-ridership corridors and how improvements to the infrastructure along these corridors, (streets, bus stops, sidewalks, traffic signals, etc.) can improve reliability and travel time. The types of infrastructure improvements being considered include longer bus stops, "smart" traffic signals that provide transit signal priority, dedicated bus lanes, and bus stop relocation and consolidation.

Through the MCS, AC Transit will create its vision for 2020 and 2040. The goal is to identify corridor-specific investment strategies that will improve reliability and travel time, enhance customer satisfaction, and increase ridership. AC Transit's 11 high-ridership Corridors are:

- San Pablo Ave./Macdonald Ave. (Lines 72, 72M, 72R)
- Line 18
- Telegraph Ave. (Lines 1, 1R)
- Line 51 (Lines 51A, 51B)
- MacArthur Blvd. (Lines 57, 58L, NL)
- Foothill Blvd. (Line 40)
- International Blvd./East 14th Street (Lines 1, 1R)
- Hesperian Blvd. (Line 97)
- East 14th Street/Mission Blvd. (Line 99)
- Line F
- Fruitvale/Park (Lines 20, 21)

The next steps include:

- Evaluate initial investment strategies - Winter 2015
- Finalize investment strategies – Spring 2016
- Final Report – Summer 2016

Ms. Miyasato requested that the Committee attend a community meeting; which are at the same time/place as the Service Expansion Plan meetings. Any questions on the MCS, please email Mika Miyasato at Planning@actransit.org.

5. Chair's Report

None.

6. Board Liaison Report

H. E. Christian Peoples, Chair, AC Transit Board of Directors, reported the following items are on the Board Agenda for October 14, 2015:

- Review report to sell land at the Walavista, Carlston, Pinedale/Mission parcels at fair market value.
- Consider awarding a contract to New Flyer Industries for the purchase of 27 hybrid diesel-electric buses for BRT.

7. Review of Lift/Ramp Road Call Report

The Committee reviewed the report for the two month period of August 23 – September 26, 2015, which showed a total of 20 lift/ramp road calls. Of these 20 road calls, 4 were chargeable or mechanical. The Committee is concerned about the aging buses and the

increasing number of road calls, and would like to see the retirement schedule of the buses.

8. Service Review Advisory Committee (SRAC) Report

None.

9. Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) PAPCO Report

None.

10. Public Comments

None.

11. Member Communications and Announcements

Pam Fadem announced that Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 10:15 is the Great California Shake Out. Many cities are participating.

12. Staff Communications and Announcements

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reported that she has color copies of the “Celebrating 25 Years of Access and Mobility” special publication from APTA which features quotes by several Committee members.

13. Set Next Agenda & Meeting Date

The next AAC Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, CA. Agenda items include follow up on the BRT Update and Bus Procurement.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 2
Draft 2016 State Advocacy Program

Funding

- Support efforts to implement future transportation authorizations that at least maintains funding level for mass transit projects and programs for bus operators in the Bay Area.
- Support the development and implementation of an expenditure plan for AB 32 cap and trade revenue that provides an equitable investment in mass transit capital improvements, operations, and infill/transit oriented development (TOD).
- Actively participate in the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Transit regulatory process.
- Support efforts that create new sources of operating funds with equitable distribution to reflect urban transit needs.
- Support efforts to sustain existing transit revenues, including the State Transit Assistance (STA) program to offset the decrease in diesel fuel consumption.
- Support efforts that would exempt public transit providers from state sales tax.
- Support local ability to increase fees and gas taxes to be used for local mass transit purposes.
- Support legislation and programs that would provide funding to offset the costs of climate change initiatives, clean air and clean fuels and implementation of AC Transit's Climate Action Plan.
- Support congestion pricing strategies and legislation that provide an equitable multi-modal distribution of generated revenues.
- Support legislative or administrative action to remove State barriers so that Medicaid transportation funds can be used for public transit services, including ADA paratransit services.
- Support funding and coordination between Health and Human Service (HHS) agencies and other transportation agencies to provide services to HHS clients.
- Support efforts to provide funding for essential services including, but not limited to, services for access to work, school or medical facilities.
- Support funding initiatives that maintain the fiscal integrity of the District and that all mandates that require funding are sufficiently funded by mandating agency.

Equipment and Operations

- Support legislation or administrative action that would direct Caltrans to establish and maintain HOV and HOT lanes on state highway routes and to improve existing lane management to maximize throughput.
- Support incentives to provide bus contra flow lanes on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to/from the Transbay Terminal.
- Support legislation to exempt public transit vehicles from state and local truck route ordinances.
- Support legislation or administrative action that would direct Caltrans to permit permanent use of freeway shoulders by public transit buses.

Transit Incentives

- Support legislation to provide incentives for employees and employers to use public transportation to commute to work, including tax credits for purchasing transit passes.
- Support Clean Air Initiatives that encourage increased public transit use.
- Support incentives that would give auto insurance credits to heavy transit users.
- Support legislation to provide incentives for local governments and developers to incorporate transit passes into the cost of housing.

Environment and Transit Supportive Land Use

- Advocate for transit-supportive legislation that addresses climate change, healthy communities and environments.
- Foster transit supportive land use initiatives that require coordination with transit providers in the initial stages of local planning or project development that impacts transit, including density level decisions or TODs; and advocate for the required use of:
 - Transit streets agreements, and
 - Complete streets plans in which local transportation plans anticipate use of all modes.
- Support improvement to the California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) screening process to better reflect the disadvantage communities of the East Bay.

Policy Interests

- Support simple majority vote for local transportation ballot tax initiatives.
- Support legislation to allow District to ban persons for specified offenses from entering district property, including buses.
- Seek revisions to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) grandfather clause that supports the direct representation of transit properties on MPOs.
- Support legislation for STA formula reform that includes federal operating funding as eligible revenue.
- Support efforts that maintain existing Workers' Compensation regulation.
- Consider efforts to reform tort general damages.
- Support efforts to authorize AC Transit to enforce parking and moving violations in bus-only lanes.
- Monitor actions regarding the pension reform law (PEPRA).
- Support legislation that requires jurisdictions to install Transit Signal Priority equipment in order to receive money for traffic signal upgrades.

ATTACHMENT 3
Lift /Ramp Road Call Report
September 27, 2015 – November 28, 2015

Coach Series	Type	Date	Coach #	Line #	Operator Length of Service	Problem Reported	Problem Found <i>* Indicates Chargeable</i>	Pax Received Ride?
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	9/27/15	1039	73	13-24 mos.	SCH TO DH TO COLI BART	Changed wheel chair drawer lock*	YES
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/9/15	1059	18	7-12 mos.	Lift ramp BO(shop had no lift mechanic on pull out)/exchange c-1090 rel @ 9:30am reg rte.	Broken actuator shafts. W/O #01700574*	YES
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/10/15	1005	72R	25-60 mos.	SCHEDULE DEADHEAD TO 40TH/SAN PABLO	rpr w/c arm W/O 01700209*	YES
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/14/15	1059	72	60+ mos.	BO w/c lift sensor @ 2:28pm dh to D2 yard// departed D2 yard @ 3:07pm dh to 40th Street and San Pablo Avenue nb @ 3:32pm bal of schedule	adj proxie switches wo#01701177*	YES
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/21/15	1093	18	7-12 mos.	DH to Mountain and Moraga for NB schedule.	Lift drawer would not close. 1703522*	YES
1000 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/23/15	1090	76	60+ mos.	PORT 357 FIXED LIFT. SCH TO DH TO CC COLLEGE	Ramp arms bent. w/o #01704007*	YES

Coach Series	Type	Date	Coach #	Line #	Operator Length of Service	Problem Reported	Problem Found * Indicates Chargeable	Pax Received Ride?
1300 (Lift U)	Ramp	10/23/15	1359	18	60+ mos.	Lift works sometimes after kneeling and have to reposition coach at other times/shop could not repair on road. Exchange @ 40th & MLK c-1085 rel @ 12:03pm reg rte.	adjusted aproxy switch and front doors. w.o # 1705109*	YES
1300 (Lift U)	Ramp	11/18/15	1305	NL	60+ mos.	Securement belts caught in wheelchair spokes // road service	Checked and changed securement belts (1713757)	YES
1300 (Lift U)	Ramp	11/28/15	1342	72	60+ mos.	Ramp won't deploy(operator can't deploy manually)See Inc.#RC0015/exchange c-1345 rel @ 6:13am reg rte. No actual schedule lost time.	rpr rail and pull ring asy w/o 1717507*	YES
1400 (Lift U)	Ramp	11/7/15	1468	76	25-60 mos.	OP. REPORTED LIFT B/O. D2 SHOP RESPONDING. NEW C.1365 REL@22:40	Changed bent pull ring assy. wo# 01710433*	YES
2100 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	11/17/15	2103	1R	25-60 mos.	DH to Broadway and 14th	lift remote control broken .replaced remote and checked wo#01713447*	YES

Coach Series	Type	Date	Coach #	Line #	Operator Length of Service	Problem Reported	Problem Found * Indicates Chargeable	Pax Received Ride?
2200 (New Flyer)	Ramp	11/25/15	2214	1R	60+ mos.	BO lift or kneeler operation, coach will not go into gear, shop cleared coach and schedule dh to E.14th/34th Ave.	Repair Wheelchair Lift Operation replaced pin in actuator arm*	YES
5100 (VH-Ricon)	Ramp	10/4/15	5114	85	25-60 mos.	SCH TO DH TO SAN LEANDRO BART	OPER REPORTS RAMP IS STICKING UP FROM FLOOR - removed coin wedged in lift mechanism	YES
6100 (Lift U)	Ramp	10/9/15	6150	L	60+ mos.	SCH CONT REG RTE	repaired ramp floor wo# 16698359*	YES

Operator Length of Service Totals:

0-6 Mos: **0** Operator; 7-12 Mos: **2** Operators; 13-24 Mos: **1** Operators; 25-60 Mos: **4** Operators; 60+ Mos: **7** Operators
 (63) (27) (131) (163) (866)

Series	Year Added	Type	Qty
1000	2003	True Low Floor Standard (40 ft.)	87
1200	2008	True Low Floor Standard (40 ft.) <Van Hool>	27
1300	2013	Standard Low Floor (40 ft) Gillig	65
1400	2014	Standard Low Floor (40 ft) Gillig	68
2000	2003	True Low Floor Articulated	29
2100	2006-2009	Suburban Articulated	33
2200	2013	Standard Low Floor (60 ft.) <New Flyer>	23
4000	2000-2002	Standard Low Floor (40 ft.) <NABI>	39
3500	2015	Eldorado Small Transit Vehicle	2
5000	2006	Low Floor Standard (30 ft.)	51
5100	2009	Low Floor Standard (30 ft.)	39
6000	2000-2003	Commuter Coaches <MCI>	46
6100	2013	Commuter Coaches (40 ft.) <Gillig>	54
FC	2010	Fuel Cell Standard (40 ft.)	12
<i>Total</i>			<i>575</i>
<i>* Please note the 7200's are classified as 4000 series buses.</i>			