



## COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 3:30 P.M.

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Derrick Espadas  
Sue Kroeger  
Kate Elliott  
Wesley Derbyshire  
Jonathan Lee Confer  
Zach Coble, Chairperson  
Ray Jordan  
Lily Bogan

##### **Representing**

Mayor's Office  
City Manager  
City Manager  
Ward 2  
Ward 3  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

##### **Absent:**

##### **Representing:**

##### **Staff and Others Present:**

Stephanie Alvarez  
Brandi Medina  
Jennifer Toothaker  
Stephanie Ramirez  
Cesar Manjarrez  
Luz Navarette  
David Gordon  
Lara Summers

City Clerk's Office  
City Clerk's Office  
Deputy Director DTM  
Sun Van Leadership Team  
Sun Van Leadership Team  
Sun Tran  
Special Needs Solutions  
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## **2. Call to the Public.**

David Gordon and Lara Summers, of Special Needs Solutions, introduced their company's mission to provide customized equipment for Individuals with Disabilities. In response to Chairperson Coble's question about where they are located, Gordon confirmed the company is based in Southern Arizona and welcomed Commissioners to visit the shop and website. Commissioner Espadas expressed appreciation for their work and its value to the community.

## **3. Presentation and Discussion of Sun Van Draft Comprehensive Operational Analysis with Sun Tran Representative**

Luz Navarrete, Sun Tran representative, introduced team members, Stephanie Ramirez and Cesar Manjarrez from the Sun Van Leadership Team before presenting draft recommendations from the Sun Van Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), project goals, timeline, evaluations, and proposed improvements. She concluded with a feedback survey. Chairperson Coble and Commissioners Bogan, Jordan, Espadas, Derbyshire and Lee-Confer raised questions regarding reservation hours, pricing, performance clauses, accessibility, service areas, ride times and the Sun Van eligibility process. Luz Navarrete, Cesar Manjarrez and Stephanie Ramirez provided updates, noted concerns, and offered suggestions where applicable.

## **4. Consideration and Possible Approval of Corrected draft of February 2025 Meeting Minutes and Consideration and Possible Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 1 (Commissioner Derbyshire dissenting), to approve the February Minutes with Commissioner Kroeger's corrections.

It was moved by Commissioner Kroeger, duly seconded, and passed with a roll call vote of 8 to 0 (Commissioner Bogan abstaining), to approve the March Minutes.

**5. Possible Opportunity to draft Sun Van Memo to Mayor and Council and Support Public Outreach**

Chairperson Coble opened the item by proposing to draft a memo to the Mayor and Council, as well as an op-ed piece, regarding Sun Van and the Comprehensive Operational Analysis. He requested volunteers for the task, and Commissioners Derbyshire and Jordan volunteered.

**6. Announcements.**

Chairperson Coble opened the item by giving the floor to Commissioner Kroeger, who announced she would complete her term but step down from the role of Vice Chairperson due to personal reasons, encouraging others to consider the position. Commissioner Jordan followed with an update from the April 7th Tucson Transit Advisory meeting, where he expressed concerns about window-covering bus advertisements, budget issues, and fare policies. Deputy Director Toothaker offered to provide Commissioner Jordan with additional budget information and invited him to share any specific inquiries. She also offered to connect commissioners with appropriate staff for further details.

**7. Adjournment: 4:57 PM**