



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 3:30 P.M.

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Jessica Edwards
Kate Elliot
Derrick Espadas
Cam Juarez (Arrived 4:13pm)
Meghan Brajevich
Zach Coble
Ray Jordan
Chaz Gross (Arrived 3:33pm)

Representing:

City Manager
City Manager
Mayor's Office
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

Jeremy Harkin
Jonathan Lee-Confer

Representing:

City Manager
Ward 3

Staff and Others Present:

Mayra Ramirez
Ian Sansom
William Heath
Panya Chhoeuy
Stephanie Alvarez
Brandi Medina

Training Director, SunTran
DTM Administrator
Supervisor, SunTran
AGM, SunTran
City Clerk's Office
City Clerk's Office

2. Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

3. Consideration and Possible Approval for the June 2026 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Brajevich, duly seconded, and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0, (Chairperson Coble abstaining) to approve the June 2026 Meeting Minutes.

4. Update And Discussion of Paratransit Service with Representatives from Sun Van and the Department of Transportation and Mobility

Representatives from Sun Van and the Department of Transportation and Mobility (DTM) provided an operational update on Sun Van paratransit services, including staffing levels, on-time performance, ridership trends, customer complaints, incidents, and safety initiatives. Commissioners discussed the complaint review process, requesting additional reporting on complaint categories, total complaints received, response timelines, and the distinction between valid and invalid complaints.

Representatives agreed to incorporate additional data into future reports and continue providing regular operational updates. The Commission also discussed accessibility concerns related to transit service, including construction impacts, temporary bus stop accessibility, operator training, wheelchair securement procedures, and opportunities to improve communication with riders. DTM representatives provided updates on transit planning, accessibility coordination, and ongoing efforts to address accessibility concerns throughout the transit system.

5. A Follow Up Discussion of Any Items from Last Meeting Regarding Subjects Such as Parking, Home Accessibility, and Pedestrian Safety

Chairperson Coble led a follow-up discussion on actions taken since the previous meeting regarding housing accessibility and pedestrian safety. The Commission discussed ongoing accessibility concerns related to construction zones, particularly along Grant Road, emphasizing the need for accessible pedestrian detours, stronger contractor accountability, and consistent inspection of temporary accessible routes.

Department of Transportation and Mobility staff provided updates on efforts to improve oversight and discussed new fee structures intended to support additional inspection resources.

Commissioners also discussed ideas for increasing disability awareness among City leadership through experiential accessibility activities and agreed the topic warranted further discussion at a future meeting.

6. Announcements

No announcements were presented due to time constraints.

7. Adjournment at 5:01pm