**SACRAMENTO COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (DAC)**

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for April 18, 2023**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair (via Zoom); Randy Hicks, Marc Laver, Carol Moss (via Zoom), Kathy Sachen, Jeffery Tardaguila

**Members Absent:** Scott Harger

**Guests**: Mikki McDaniel, Senior Planner, Ken Wick, Senior Civil Engineer, Department of Transportation (SacDOT); Isabel, Arreola, DAC Applicant.

**Staff:** Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO)

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Kathy Sachen, acting Chair, called the meeting to order. Staff conducted the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes for the February meeting were approved as submitted. The March meeting was cancelled.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to comment.

**Update - Pedestrian Wayfinding**

Mikki McDaniel described steps taken by SacDOT to advance the proposed Pedestrian Wayfinding app implementation. The pilot project will be launched in the County’s Environmental Justice communities. The company creating the app is working with an Orientation and Mobility Specialist and some community focus groups. The main source of data will be from the app’s end users who will be trained to describe and report barriers. Members discussed creating a way for SacDOT to verify the data. Locations of Sacramento Regional Transit (RT) bus stops will be integrated into the initial data. Members recommended that other transit authorities that connect with RT also be included. The app is designed to be ‘screen reader friendly.” Isabel Arreola strongly objected to this standard as a blind individual who relies on screen readers to use electronic communication. She stated “screen reader friendly” in real terms means she only has access to 85-90% of the information. Ms. McDaniel stated the company is owned by people with disabilities and they intend to make their product as accessible as possible. She will take this feedback to them for discussion. Ms. McDaniel will continue to bring this topic back as it develops.

Ms. McDaniel then provided a brief summary of accessibility projects. The curb ramp construction projects for 2023 will begin this month and the proposal for the 2024 projects are in development with bidding to open in June or July. SacDOT received full funding for all three proposed projects from the Active Transportation Plan.

**Overlay Projects 2023**

Ken Wick summarized the Overlay Projects (pavement striping) for this year. He reviewed maps of the various areas and neighborhoods currently scheduled. A main feature that assists with disability access is painting a “stop” bar before the ADA ramp, giving the pedestrian some safe space. In some cases, the striping will trigger ADA upgrades to intersections. Mr. Wick will follow up to clarify the details on the separated bikeways.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

This topic was deferred due to time constraints.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

Members had no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

It was moved (Hicks) and seconded (Laver) to adjourn the meeting. Approved, unanimously.