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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for June 17, 2025**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests**: None

**Staff:** Tom Cassera, Rigo Zepeda, Department of Transportation (SacDOT); Matt Robinson, Public Information Manager; Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO)

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Gene Lozano, Chair, called the meeting to order. Staff conducted the roll call and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The meeting minutes from April 2025 were adopted as submitted.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public were present. Jeffery Tardaguila explained the ongoing challenges for people with disabilities using the new low floor light rail cars

**Department of Transportation Media Story**

Matt Robinson described the background and intent of the media story featuring the DAC Physical Access Subcommittee and its many years of collaboration with the Department of Transportation. Members were interviewed individually and gave their unique perspectives on transportation access.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

New Business – Gene Lozano referenced the recent settlement agreements with the cities of New York and Chicago regarding the installation and tracking of Accessible Pedestrian Signals. Discussion ensued regarding how SacDOT schedules and tracks accessibility improvements and responses to public requests. Tom Cassera stated he would follow up with more information on a future Agenda, Gene Lozano proposed updating SacDOT’s Accessible Pedestrian Signal policy.

New Business – Cheryl Bennett brought up some access concerns that had been brought to her attention in the County parking lot at 7th and G Streets. Members agreed by consensus to address these on a future Agenda. Ms. Bennett will follow up with General Services staff to coordinate.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

Steve White, SacDOT Chief of Engineering and Design will return for an update on the Arden Way project.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

Construction barriers on H Street next to the County Administration building were noted and the lack of audible signage and alternate path of travel. Due to the location this is likely an issue with the City of Sacramento.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.