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

**PHYSICAL ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES for March 19, 2024**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Marc Laver, Kathy Sachen

**Members Absent:** Jeffery Tardaguila

**Guests**: Cameron Shew, Principal Civil Engineer; Ken Wick, Sr. Civil Engineer; Thomas Cassera, Associate Civil Engineer, Department of Transportation (SacDOT)

**Staff:** 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 for January 16 were adopted as submitted. Approval of the February 20 minutes was deferred.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public wished to comment.

**Stockton Boulevard Feasibility Study**

Cameron Shew reported on the study on Stockton Boulevard to explore design options for pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Funds have been allocated through the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). One of the primary objectives is to address sidewalk gaps. Class IV bicycle paths are being recommended for this site. Safety considerations for areas where pedestrians and bicycles will intersect were discussed including using green paint in potential conflict zones and converting to Class II bike lanes adjacent to bus stops. One option that is being considered is having two-way bike lanes on one side of the street instead of one lane on each side. Members discussed the pros and cons of the bi-directional model. Other recommendations included undergrounding utilities if feasible, fully signalized mid block crossings instead of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons or other similar features, and landscaping for shading.

It was moved and seconded (Sachen/Hicks) to recommend the use of single direction bike lanes for pedestrian safety and access. Approved, unanimously.

**2024 Asphalt Concrete (AC) Overlay Projects**

Ken Wick provided an overview of the current and planned overlay projects for the year. The upgrades will include updated curb ramps and accessible pedestrian signals (APS) where needed. There are about 597 ramps and 71 APS expected to be installed this year. In 2023 there were 266 ramps and 16 APS installed This led to a more detailed discussion about APS. Tom Cassera proposed bringing in Don Nguyen from SacDOT to provide more information on the County’s APS program.

**Unfinished/New Business, Announcements**

There was no unfinished or new business. Members made announcements of interest to the disability community.

**Proposed Topics for Next Agenda**

The Department of Transportation will make a presentation on Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

**Subcommittee Member Comments**

There were no additional comments.

**Adjournment**

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