



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Disability Advisory Commission

Chair – Chenier Derrick
Vice Chair – Frances Reyes Acosta
Board Member – Reynaldo Villarreal
Board Member – Kellie Greiner
Board Member – Vacant
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ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa
DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

10:30 AM

In Person and/or Electronic
Fresno City Hall, Room
4017N

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. Of the four members, three were present.

Present 3 - Chair Chenier Derrick, Board Member Reynaldo Villarreal, and Board Member Kellie Greiner

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Board Member Greiner, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, the above agenda was **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 26-153](#)

Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from November 18, 2025

On motion of Board Member Greiner, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, the above Minutes were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board Member Villarreal announced Valley Center for the Blind is hosting a Braille challenge competition scheduled February 21, 2026. Students in grades 1-12 who are blind or have low vision are encouraged to show off their Braille skills.

The levels for the Braille Challenge are:

Foundational

Apprentice: Grade 1 & 2 (uncontracted only)

Freshman: Grade 3 & 4

Sophomore: Grade 5 & 6

Junior Varsity: Grade 7-9

Varsity Grade: 10-12

Rookie: Grades 3-12 students learning Braille below their grade level

For more information go to <https://myvcb.org/events/>

Also, they have partnered with the State of CA for community partners and strategic communications program to offer support for government assistance enrollment and Cal Kids scholarship program.

Board Member Greiner announced they had a Transition to College night for high school seniors. Parents were invited to this event as well. A total of 31 students attended. This event focused on sharing disability services that are available for college students.

Chair Derrick gave a brief update on new paratransit drivers and new buses.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria welcomed everyone to the first DAC meeting in 2026.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated that the Right-of-Way Transition Plan will go before council on March 19 for adoption.

He also spoke about the City of Fresno Active Transportation Plan (ATP) public draft is ready for public review and commenting. The 30-day commenting period ends on March 5, 2026. The draft plan and appendices are available on the project's website under the "Get Involved" tab, along with brief instructions on "How to Comment". Comments can be submitted via email, mail, or in-person.

*Project Website: Active Transportation Plan Update
Email to submit comments: ActiveTransportation@fresno.gov*

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the subcommittee on matters not on this agenda. Your presentations are limited to three minutes per person. Please be aware that the subcommittee is generally legally prohibited from taking any action on information presented in unscheduled communication until subsequent meetings.

Upon call no public comments were received.

7. ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

[ID 26-155](#) On Demand Transit Advisory Taskforce
Presentation by Shannon Mulhall

Shannon Mulhall Projects Administrator for the Transportation Department gave a presentation on a project they are working on. It's an on demand transit improvement study. They are looking to develop a task force to look into opportunities for service modernization for the integration of subsidized (city paid) programs similar to Lift or Uber. This task force will look at the needs of the community and opportunities for improvement, especially those with disabilities. The commitment would involve participation in one meeting with the consultant. There will be a survey that will go out to the community to get input and ideas. Board Member Villarreal volunteered to participate on the task force as well as Jose de la Sota as a member of the public would also join the task force.

For more information, can contact Shannon Mulhall at shannon.mulhall@fresno.gov

Upon call no public comments were received.

On motion of Board Member Villarreal, seconded by Board Member Greiner, regarding the above Action Item on establishing a task force for the On Demand Transit Advisory. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

[ID 26-157](#) **APS Buttons/Braille**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa spoke on APS Buttons/Braille and the recent issues with vandalism. The Traffic Operations Center reported that there has been vandalism to these APS buttons. The Commission had some concerns regarding the process for replacing the braille signage. At this time, the city doesn't have a consistent process for ensuring that braille signage is replaced when they are vandalized. Joe Hinojosa will reach out to TSSL for clarity on braille signage replacement.

The Commission made a recommendation for the Public Works Department to establish guidelines and timelines on replacing damaged braille signage.

On motion of Chair Derrick, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, the

above Action Item be **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

[ID 26-158](#) Roundabouts

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa gave a presentation on Roundabouts located in the City of Fresno. Joe Hinojosa and Chair Derrick went out to inspect one of the newly installed roundabouts located at N. Fowler and Cesar Chavez. The design of this roundabout raises some concerns that could impact the disabled community. There definitely needs to be some design improvement to help with safe navigation for the disabled community. There was much discussion regarding roundabouts and the need for appropriate standards and consistency. Joe Hinojosa compared other roundabouts within the City of Fresno to check for inconsistencies. Roundabouts are being constructed more and more. Research has shown that it's safer for vehicles and fewer vehicle accidents.

The Commission would like to have a PROWAG presentation at the next DAC meeting to get more information on guidelines and standards.

On motion of Chair Derrick, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, on having a presentation on PROWAG guidelines and standards. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

At the last Transportation subcommittee meeting, Joe Vargas announced that nine new cut away buses were ordered and are housed at the yard, they should be ready for service in March 2026. These buses will replace those vehicles that are no longer in service.

DAC Coordinator Joe Hinojosa reviewed the DAC meeting dates for 2026. The Right-of-way Transition Plan is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney's office. Once approved it will go before City Council for final approval/adoption.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.