



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, September 9, 2025

10:30 AM

In Person and/or Electronic,
Fresno City Hall, Room
2165N

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. Of the four members, three were present.

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

Excused 1 - Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 25-1207](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory
Commission Minutes from May 13, 2025

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

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

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board Member Villarreal announced the upcoming "Dine in the Dark" event sponsored by the Valley Center for the Blind. The sold out event is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Board Member Villarreal mentioned that someone from the public had a concern regarding street work at the River Park location which is affecting public transportation access. ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will contact the reporting party to address his/her concerns. Joe Hinojosa did state that notices go out to surrounding neighborhoods impacted by any street work, sidewalk, landscape work, etc.

Chair Derrick stated FAX has sponsored a table at the "Dine in the Dark" event.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria welcomed the newest addition Kellie Greiner to the DAC Commission.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated that the High Speed Rail construction has impacted public commute. He has received numerous complaints. Road projects have increased and it's understandable that this will impact traffic flow. Concerns/complaints can be directed to the Call Center by calling 311.

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 ITEM/PRESENTATIONS

[ID 25-1208](#) **Introducing new Commissioner Kellie Greiner**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa welcomed our new DAC Commissioner Kellie Greiner. Kellie is the Director of the Disabled Student Program at Clovis Community College. She is a Fresno State graduate returned to Fresno last year, 2024. She is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and National Board Certified Counselor. She is interested in learning about other public programs that serve individuals with disabilities and connecting with service providers. We are happy to have her onboard.

Board Member Greiner briefly spoke about her background, experience and areas of focus as it pertains to the disabled community. She ran a disability office for five years in South Lake Tahoe. She stated that the college is breaking ground on a new athletic facility for adaptive P.E. She is very excited about the new project.

[ID 25-1210](#) **Appointing Chair/Vice Chair**

FY 25/26 Chair/Vice Chair Selection. Board Member Greiner and Board Member Villarreal nominated Chenier Derrick for Chair and Frances Reyes Acosta for Vice Chair.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

[ID 25-1211](#) **Right-of-Way Transition Plan update**

ADA Joe Hinojosa shared with the commission the 2025 updates and revisions to the ADA Transition Plan for Curb Ramps, Sidewalks, and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). The Right-of-Way Transition Plan consists of three areas:

- 1. Curb Ramps*
- 2. Sidewalks*
- 3. Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)*

The goal of the Right-of-Way Transition Plan is to ensure that the City maintains accessible paths of travel in the ROW for people with disabilities. The City has committed to completing 300 curb ramps per year for the next 10 years. A total of six crews consisting of 40 staff dedicated to working on ADA infrastructure compliance.

Sidewalks - The goal of the Concrete Repair Program is to maintain and improve the usability of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters within the ROW. DPW has established an ongoing facility maintenance and management process whereby the city's sidewalks are evaluated in response to reported needs, work areas are prioritized, and work is forecast. The Concrete Repair Program operates within the Street Maintenance Division of DPW. When DPW receives a report of a barrier to access on the sidewalk, every effort is made to respond to the location within 96 working hours to assess the location and conduct temporary mitigating measures, such as concrete grinding or patching. Part of the transition plan will include 27,000 linear feet a year of new sidewalk.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals - Annually, the DPW Traffic Signal & Street Light (TSSL) Division conduct Preventative Maintenance Inspections (PMI) on all traffic signals. The PMI includes checking the operation of pedestrian

signals, buttons, and audible settings to ensure that they are programmed within the recommended range of the MUTCD. While it is not the city's policy to retrofit every existing intersection with APS, it is the City's goal to be able to readily provide them in high impact locations when requested. The COF approaches retrofitting traffic signals with APS on a case by case basis utilizing both quantitative and qualitative methods in the evaluation of intersections. Currently the City of Fresno exceeds the national average and has approximately 33 percent of intersections with current APS standards. The following basic considerations and evaluation factors are utilized to determine whether a location is eligible to be a candidate for APS and to determine its relative position on the priority list. Evaluation and scoring of factors are conducted by an evaluation team consisting of a certified orientation-mobility specialist, a visually impaired/blind traveler and a traffic engineer. Candidate locations shall be requested by the COF DAC, its working groups, and constituent requests to the ADA Coordinator's office.

APS normally will be considered for installation only if the following conditions are met:

Intersections must be signalized

Signals must be feasible for retrofitting

Signals should be equipped with pedestrian signal actuations

Location must be suitable to installation of audible signals

There must be a demonstrated need for the audible signals in the form of a request from an individual or group that would use the audible signal

Signalized intersections without pedestrian actuations may be considered for evaluation under the APS Policy, provided the following conditions are met:

There must be a demonstrated problem or need that can be alleviated by the installation of an audible signal in the form of a request from an individual or group that would use the audible signal

The evaluation team must unanimously concur with the need

Appropriate pedestrian actuation buttons and circuits must be provided as part of the APS installation

The ADA Coordinator and Traffic & Engineering Services Division maintain the running list of priorities and requested APS installation locations. Joe

Hinojosa responded to questions from the commission. He will provide the commission with a list of APS locations. He will also email the Transition Plan to the commission for their comments and input. The DAC Commission would like to receive APS updates on a quarterly basis. The Right-of-Way Transition Plan will go to council for approval in October.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report out for Transportation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.