



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

06/19/2025

10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Raj Chahal called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Introductions given by City Staff present: Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mike Liw, Staff Aide I Kelly Conoscenti, Office Specialist III Therie Velasco-Gonzales, Principal Engineer Falguni Amin, Transportation Manager Steve Chan, Parks and Recreation Director Damon Sparacino, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Dale Seale, Communications Manager David Knight, Community Development Director Afshan Hamid, Director of Public Works Craig Mobeck.

Introductions given by online attendees: Assistant Building Official David Tran, Michele Mashburn – All Things Disability Equity, Communications Coordinator for Housing Choices Gia Pham, City Librarian Patty Wong.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.A** [25-579](#) Americans with Disabilities Act Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Americans with Disabilities Act Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2024

Recording [3:25]

A motion was made by **Chair Chahal**, to Note and File the Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024, seconded by Director of Public Works **Craig Mobeck**.

Noted and filed

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

Recording [4:08]

Chair Chahal emphasized the significant work that staff has completed since the last ADA Committee Meeting. He noted that 2026 will be a very busy year with FIFA and Superbowl events taking place in the City and many improvements have been made to Levi's Stadium from an ADA aspect in preparation.

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Recording [4:57]

None.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.A [25-580](#) Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update

Recording [6:20]

Mike Liw introduced the item, noting that Council approved the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) in late 2024.

Falguni Amin gave a presentation on the ADA SETP Project, including the background, update on activities completed to date, current implementation status, and future activities.

Michele Mashburn thanked staff for their continued dedication in serving the disabled community. She spoke on the difference between "compliance" and "equity" when it comes to people with disabilities, and while meeting legal compliance is important and essential, true equity requires looking beyond the checkboxes and considering the lived experiences of the community members. Compliance ensures we meet standards, but equity asks whether those standards actually work for everyone. She also suggested looking at the full cost analysis of decisions, including the costs to disabled people when they encounter barriers.

Gia Pham had a question about what projects fall under Measure I ADA improvements and whether that includes housing.

Craig Mobeck explained that the projects that are part of the City's ADA SETP relate to the Public Right-of-Way (PROW), so any housing or private construction does not fall under what the City funds.

Chair Chahal thanked staff for the detailed report and for focusing on implementing whatever improvements can be done.

5.B [25-581](#) Public Works Verbal Update (Liw)

Recording [25:55]

Michael Liw provided a verbal update to the Committee on various projects in the City in design and construction that entail ADA components. The Projects currently in the design phase are: Central Park New Entrance, Access and Parking Lot Improvement; Henry Schmidt Park Playground Rehabilitation; Warburton Park Playground Rehabilitation; Bowers Parking Lot Rehabilitation; Emergency Operations Center Security Upgrades; International Swim Center Rehabilitation Phase I; 2024 Miscellaneous Asphalt and Concrete Rehabilitation Project; 2026 Annual Street Pavement Maintenance and Rehabilitation; Uncontrolled Crosswalks Improvements Phase 2; Lafayette Street Class IV Bikeway and Pavement Rehabilitation; De La Cruz, Lick Mill, and Scott Boulevards Bicycle Improvements. The Projects currently in the construction phase are: Lick Mill Pedestrian Beacons Upgrade; Monroe St - Los Padres Blvd Traffic Signal Modification Project; Great America Parkway and Mission College Boulevard Intersection Improvements; 2025 ADA Curb Ramps; 2025 Annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation.

Craig Mobeck added that the Public Works Department is also part of the private development review process in the City and looks at anything bordering the PROW that would need to include ADA upgrades.

Michele Mashburn had a question about whether we are using the updated PROW Act that came out

in 2024 and mentioned that the ADA is the floor and not the ceiling of what we can do in terms of design and accessibility and reiterated her hope that City is doing deliberate outreach to people with disabilities.

5.C [25-582](#) Parks & Recreation Department Projects Verbal Update
(Sparacino/Seale)

Recording [31:50]

Dale Seale provided an update to the Committee on Parks projects with ADA compliance aspects: Westwood Oaks Park; Magical Bridge All-Inclusive Playground; Central Park New Entrance Project; Henry Schmidt Park; International Swim Center; Bowers Parking Lot; Warburton Park and Playground; Freedom Circle. There are also a number of new parks that will open as part of new development areas: 2200 Calle Del Luna; 2263 Calle Del Mundo; 2343 Calle Del Mundo; 5123 Calle Del Sol; Lawrence Station Area; Mission College Boulevard; Patrick Henry Drive.

5.D [25-584](#) Traffic Engineering Verbal Update (Chan)

Recording [41:05]

Steve Chan provided an update to the Committee on traffic projects and programs in the City that entail ADA Components. The following plans and studies were discussed: Creek Trail Network Expansion Master Plan; Santa Clara Vision Zero Plan; Stevens Creek Boulevard Vision Study; Benton Street Bike Study; De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Bike Study; Monroe Street Class II Bike Study; Walsh/Martin Bike Study; De La Cruz, Lick Mill, Scott Boulevard Bike Study; There was also an update given on the following Programs: Safe Routes to School; Shared Mobility; SV Hopper; LED Upgrade to Pedestrian Signals and Lighting; Crosswalk Flag Pilot Program; Slow Down Santa Clara initiative; Quick Build Improvements. Upcoming planned studies: Bowers Avenue Bike Study; Central Santa Clara Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

5.E [25-585](#) Levi's Stadium Verbal Update (Chan)

Recording [49:52]

Steve Chan provided an update to the Committee on Stadium events, which kicks off this weekend with a concert. As part of each event's parking and traffic planning efforts, ADA parking and drop off are evaluated and adjusted to meet the specific event needs.

Chair Chahal asked if we have a standard ADA plan for the bigger stadium events. **Steve Chan** responded that the ADA plan will be specifically tailored to meet the needs of each event and adjusted as needed based on the size of event. **Chair Chahal** recommended having one standard procedure document that can be shared with the public and modified as needed for each specific event.

Recording [52:22]

David Knight gave an update to the Committee on the ADA efforts that are part of Communication's current Citywide Website Audit project. He mentioned that the City is in the process of looking into on demand accessibility services such as document translations, sign language interpreters, and braille services

6. ADJOURNMENT

Recording [53:58]

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD

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