



Behind the Scenes

Executive Director's Report

The Access Services Board of Directors met on May 26, 2026.

- > The Board approved the renewal of employee health benefit contracts through June 30, 2027.
- > The Board approved two IT contracts to support its Oracle Fusion ERP platform and the Rider360 application.
- > The Board approved the extension of the architecture and engineering contract for the Antelope Valley facility through June 2028.
- > The Board approved the renewal of the self-insured retention program for FY27 along with various auto liability policies.
- > The Board heard two presentations, one on the current status of the facilities program and the other from the agency's local, state and federal lobbyists.

The next full meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for June 22, 2026.

Andre Colaiace
Executive Director

Access attends Society of Women Engineers-LA Conference

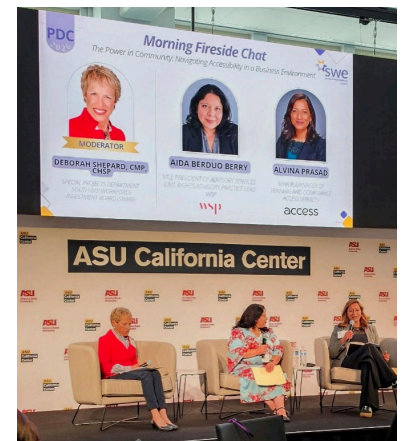
I was honored to participate in the 2026 Society of Women Engineers—Los Angeles (SWELA) Professional Development Conference, an event that brought together industry professionals to explore key challenges and emerging priorities in project development, including compliance and accessibility.

Alongside Aida Berduo, WSP's Civil Rights Practice Lead, I co-led a fireside chat on the power of community, with a focus on civil rights practices and accessibility. The session was moderated by Deborah Shepard of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Our discussion highlighted the growing importance of integrating compliance and accessibility considerations throughout the project lifecycle—from early planning through final implementation.

We explored how evolving regulatory requirements are shaping project delivery and emphasized the need for organizations to take a proactive approach in addressing civil rights obligations and accessibility standards. The session offered attendees practical insights into aligning project development with regulatory expectations while advancing equitable and inclusive outcomes.

Special recognition goes to SWELA Conference Co-Chairs Leslie Jasmine Lopez and Cindy Hsu Davis for incorporating this critical topic into the program, reflecting its increasing relevance across industries.

Alvina Prasad
Senior Manager, Training & Compliance



CalACT holds its Spring 2026 Conference in Temecula, California

The California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CalACT) was created to facilitate coordination between diverse transportation systems across the state. Throughout each year, CalACT hosts seminars and bus rodeos, but its largest events are the spring and fall conferences.



This year, the spring conference was held in Temecula, California, and attracted approximately 500 transit professionals and vendors to the three-day event.

The conference featured multiple sessions offering transit professionals opportunities to learn about the latest developments in bus maintenance, professional development, and social services.

The conference also provided opportunities to connect with vendors in the transit industry. An Expo showcased on-board cameras, dispatch software, consulting services, and other offerings, allowing agencies to learn about available products and solutions. In the afternoons, bus manufacturers displayed vehicles available for purchase by bus and paratransit systems.

Notable sessions included panels on expanding funding sources during times of uncertainty, policies addressing disruptive rider behavior, and safety considerations for both passengers and vehicle operators.

The next CalACT conference will take place in Sonoma, California, during the first week of November. Topics for education sessions are currently being accepted.

Eric J. Haack
Manager of Strategic Planning

Commendations

Customer Service

"Breida was very polite and very attentive and provided me with attention. She was very understanding when my wife called to file a complaint and provided wonderful service."

Jesus S.
Rider since November 2013

Antelope Valley

"I had a positive experience with reservationist Melanie. I give her 8 stars for being polite, courteous, and expedient while processing my booking."

Talbot W.
Rider since November 2017