



Behind the Scenes

Executive Director's Report

The Access Services Board of Directors met on June 22, 2026.

- > The Board approved the extension of the Rider ID/TAP card production memorandum of understanding with Metro through June 30, 2027.
- > The Board approved the proposed FY2027 budget that will provide for over 4.4 million vehicle trips to the region. Overall, the operating budget is based on a funding level of \$346.9 million of which Contract Operations represents 90.6% of the total operating budget. Capital funding is budgeted at \$30.8 million.

The next full meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Andre Colaiace
Executive Director

California Transit Association 2026 Spring Legislative Conference

Access Services Chair Doran Barnes, Executive Director Andre Colaiace, and I attended the California Transit Association's 2026 Spring Legislative Conference in Sacramento in late



May, joining transit leaders, policymakers, and industry partners from across the state to discuss the legislative, regulatory, and funding issues shaping public transportation in California. The conference focused on statewide transit priorities, direct engagement with lawmakers, and strategies to strengthen local advocacy.

The program featured a keynote address by Lauren Sanchez, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, who outlined the state's climate priorities and the regulatory landscape affecting transit providers. Additional sessions covered the Association's legislative and budget agenda, implementation of the Innovative Clean Transit regulation, and the uncertainty surrounding transit funding. Together, these discussions gave attendees a timely view of the policy and budget decisions likely to affect service delivery in the months ahead.

For Access, the conference provided valuable insight into the decisions shaping the future of public transportation and strengthened our ongoing advocacy on behalf of the communities we serve.

Randy Johnson
Director Government Affairs & Outreach

Access attends Celebration of Community Leadership



I recently had the honor of representing Access Services at the City of Los Angeles Commission on Disabilities meeting, where we gathered to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions to our community. It was a meaningful event that underscored the importance of advocacy, inclusion, and continued efforts to improve accessibility across Los Angeles County.

A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of former Access Boardmember Theresa May de Vera, who received a Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor of Los Angeles. Theresa's 19 years of dedicated service as a member of the Access Services Board, along with her many contributions to the disability community, have made a lasting impact on the agency and the people it serves.

Her leadership, advocacy, and commitment reflect the values at the heart of Access Services' mission. The event was a meaningful opportunity to celebrate Theresa's well-deserved honor and the continued work to promote accessibility and equity for all.

Please join us in congratulating Theresa on this well-deserved recognition.

Karen Gilbert
Manager of Eligibility

Commendations

Eligibility Services – MTM

"Maritza from the Eligibility Center was wonderful and informative during my evaluation. She taught me about having a Personal Care Attendant and gave great directions. She deserves a raise."

Elroy G.
Rider since March 2026

Antelope Valley

"I am so thankful. I just want to tell him. He was truly awesome. I got home safe and secure, and I appreciate the service from Access."

Loraine D.
Rider since February 2021