



# Behind the Scenes

## Dear Access Stakeholders:

I hope you are well and staying safe!

## Meal Program Volunteer Recognition

Director of Government Affairs and Outreach Randy Johnson and I attended a non-virtual but socially-distanced event to thank the drivers and road supervisors who have been on the front lines providing meal delivery services to seniors and people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was sponsored by Los Angeles City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez and the Los Angeles Department on Disability. Volunteers from Southern California Honda Dealers provided all the drivers and other staff with a free lunch as a small thank you for their service during the pandemic.



As we approach the 200,000 meal mark, I would also like to thank everyone - both contractor and Access staff - for their commitment to making this effort a success. It was amazing to see the meal delivery team in action and great to see Access' road supervisors - Colin Obeso and Phillip Rice - in person after working remotely for so many months!

## CTSA Extension Goes Virtual

I'm excited to share that CTSA Extension is introducing virtual trainings to its Learning and Development program. As part of this new webinar series, Access will be hosting the following classes via Zoom:

Training	Date	Description
<b>Intergenerational Training</b>	Part I: August 6, 2020 Part II: August 7, 2020	Re-introduced due to popular demand, this two-day training focuses on strategies for effectively engaging with customers and employees across generations in the workplace.
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion in the Workplace (Guest Speaker Forum)</b>	October 14, 2020	This online forum explores the value of fostering a diverse and inclusive culture in an organization.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 situation, CTSA's learning platforms will play a critical role in connecting the transit community with knowledge, resources and tools essential to providing superior service throughout the county. For more information, please see: [https://accessla.org/training/professional\\_development\\_train.html](https://accessla.org/training/professional_development_train.html).

### **Community Advisory Committee Vacancy**

Just another reminder that a vacancy on the CAC currently exists and needs to be filled. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the position, please do the following:

- > Click on [https://accessla.org/about\\_us/cac.html](https://accessla.org/about_us/cac.html) to obtain an application in either English or Spanish; or call 213-270-6000 if you would like the application in an alternative format.
- > Please mail, fax, or email the completed application to:  
Access Services, Attn: Community Advisory Committee,  
PO Box 5728, El Monte, CA 91734.

If you have any questions, please contact Rycharde Martindale-Essington at 213-270-6024.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Continued thanks to everyone at Access for assisting our communities during this difficult time, particularly the dedicated and heroic Access drivers, Access Road Safety Inspectors and other frontline staff. For additional information about Access' response to the COVID-19 emergency, please go to <https://accessla.org/covid-19-updates.html> or contact me at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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