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## AGENDA

### TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

3449 Santa Anita Avenue  
3rd Floor Council Conference Room  
El Monte, CA 91731

**\*Webinar link - Please see note below**

Time	Item	Item Description	Presenter	Disposition	Pages
	1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	Chair	Action	
	2.	Approve September 11, 2025 Minutes	Chair	Action	4-8
	3.	General Public Comment	Chair/Public	Information	
	4.	Executive Director's Report	Andre Colaiace	Information	
	5.	Draft Strategic Plan	Eric Haack	Presentation	
	6.	Visitor Policy	Mike Greenwood	Presentation	
	7.	Grocery Delivery Pilot	Randy Johnson	Information	
	8.	Operations Report	Jessica Volanos	Presentation	
	9.	New Business Raised Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda	Members	Possible Action	
	10.	Adjournment	Chair	Action	

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6. When called, please state your name and limit your remarks to three minutes. An audio signal will sound at the three-minute mark and the Chair will have the discretion to mute you at any point after that. After the comment has been given, the microphone for the speaker’s Zoom profile.

**TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

TPAC Chair Fayma Ishaq called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**TPAC members and alternates in attendance:** Fayma Ishaq (METRO), James Lee (Torrance Transit), Janna Smith (LADOT), David Feinberg (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus), Silva Baghdanian (City of Glendale), Chaka Garbutt (Long Beach Transit), Lamicia Butler (Montebello Bus Lines), Tyrone Gunn (City of Redondo Beach), Britt Card (City of Pasadena), LaShawn Gillespie (Foothill Transit).

**TPAC Members absent:** Tisha Lane (AVTA), Erica Jacquez (Pomona Valley Transportation Authority), Melissa Mungia (Orange County Transportation Authority), Liliana Huerta (East Los Angeles Regional Center)

**Access staff in attendance:** Matthew Avancena, Andre Colaiace, Faustino Salvador, Eric Haack, Alex Chrisman, Mayra Perez-Calderon, Mayra Noriega, Rogelio Gomez.

**APPROVE JULY 10, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Fayma Ishaq entertained a motion to approve the July 10, 2025 minutes.

First: David Feinberg

Second: Lamicia Butler

Abstain: Britt Card

Motion: Passed

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fernando Roldan made a public comment by stating that he was a member of the AAC, which stands for Accessibility Advisory Committee for Metro, and inviting everyone to their monthly meetings. He would like there to be a partnership between Access Services and Metro, especially with the big games coming up. There are going to have a lot of different cultures and disabled, non-disabled riders attending and they need to hire more people that speak different languages.

Maria Skelton made a public comment by saying she was thankful for coming to these meetings, because they give out a lot of information. She wanted to compliment them and the staff for the amazing services, and phone calls, and emails she has been receiving.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Andre Colaiace stated that they are involved with the regional transit funding, that there is a new regional process for Access to the allocated federal money for operations. Operations are funded with a mix of local Prop C, and it used to be called STP money, but now it's called STBG money. Those are essentially federal capital funds that flex to FTA, these funds were simply allocated by the Metro board as part of their funding mix. Under this new process, which has been mandated by the FTA, these funds must be allocated by SCAG using a competitive process. Their application was scored as highly recommended by Metro staff and was part of a package of project recommendations approved by the Metro board in July. He wanted to let them know that it was a more competitive process now and will keep them updated as it progresses. The Los Angeles County general managers gathered to discuss plans for the World Cup, which will be held in Los Angeles in June and July of 2026. They have taken into consideration much of the feedback they've been given from the disability community and Access. Enabling effortless digital and physical navigation, and reducing dwell times, while establishing best-in-class globally accepted wayfinding standards for future mega events. Metro is saying this is the equivalent of hosting seven Super Bowls every day during the two weeks of the game and he looks forward to joining in the planning for this.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fernando Roldan made a public comment by stating that they are always welcome to attend their AAC meetings, especially this one coming up at 1:00 PM, where they can connect with Director Armando Roman. He also added that since it is 9/11 they also keep that in mind when ending the meeting in remembrance and also the second anniversary of the passing of CALIF director, Lillibeth Navarro.

## **2025 JOE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Mayra Noriega and Mayra Perez-Calderon presented the Joe King Memorial Scholarship to Stephanie Rodriguez from Alta Resources.

## **DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Erik Haack stated that the upcoming strategic plan will be for fiscal years 2026, and the one they're currently in, through to 2030. As they get closer to developing a final draft report, he wanted to provide them with another opportunity to weigh in on what elements they may like to see Access pursue for the remainder of this decade. The objective of creating a five-year plan for Access Services is to look actively at the years ahead and plan for the future, identify anticipated challenges and develop solutions that may roll out over multiple years. Access Services adopted its first strategic plan just over 10 years ago. This plan went on to be the basis of the next strategic plan, covering fiscal years 2022 to 2026. In this new plan, they hope to build off of the important lessons they have learned from the past years, as well as look forward to a

brighter and more accessible future. recommendations that came from Access's Board of Directors.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fernando Roldan made a public comment by asking if they do a strategic plan based on the population of LA County, or by regions. He then asked if there were comments that people provided about the ProMaster vehicles, of the changes that needed to be made. He asked them to include the extension of more rides on the Antelope and Santa Clarita rides, for the weekends. He asked they also increase the number of packages that are allowed in vehicles because some of them travel and need more luggage space.

Olivia Almalel made a public comment by stating that she submitted feedback about the shoulder restraints in the ProMasters for the wheelchair tie downs being very high, and almost choking riders that are very short. They were able to implement these little gadgets so that they can lower the straps to sit more comfortably. She is always appreciative of those changes and would like to see more community involvement in planning for the future vehicles.

### **MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Jame Lee asked if in terms of the transition to zero emission vehicles, besides battery electric vehicles, were there opportunities for other technologies such as hydrogen they are pursuing. In terms of infrastructure, how many zero-emission vehicle recharging stations do they need to have to fulfill their plan. Eric Haack responded that they were not in a place, of having control or ownership over contractor facilities. They will now have that opportunity to have these battery or fueling technologies available as they get ownership of their own facilities.

Fayma Ishaq asked if there was room for travel training enhancements in the plan. She suggested they add all the other transportation options available for riders in case they are not aware. Eric Haack responded it was a possibility.

### **TRANSMAC UPDATE**

Alex Chrisman provided an update on the Transportation Mutual Assistance Compact, or TransMAC, of which Access is a member. He stated there are now 29 member agencies. They continue to focus on growing this group, with a focus on Southern and Central California. TransMAC provides a framework for assistance and coordination among transportation agencies in the event of an emergency. They're in the process of updating the operating guide, which provides fleet and contact information to use in the event of an emergency or planned event. They are now including specific information related to the charging of electric vehicles as requested by our members.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Faustino Salvador presented the statistics for operations and shared some important highlights. He stated the Access Operation Service monitors conducted outreach at nine high trip-generating location across Los Angeles County during August. Locations visited in August included the Independent Living Center of Southern California, and Van Nuys, Southern California Resource Services in Pasadena and Arcadia, The Ultra Care Plus Adult Day Healthcare in Palmdale. Staff were pleased to report that no major service concerns were identified during these visits. They are introducing a new reservation and dispatching software in the Santa Clarita region, developed by Spare. Spare specializes in supporting transit agencies in modernizing ADA paratransit systems. Furthermore, the California Transportation Commission, CTC has recognized Access Services, and other local transit agencies for their contributions during the January firestorms in Los Angeles. Access staff attended the CTC meetings and events in San Diego on August 14th and accepted the recognition on behalf of the agency.

### **MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Fernando Roldan made a public comment by stating that the issue of shared rides is still an issue that needs to be brought up to see the average time.

### **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

In accordance with TPAC bylaws, the committee conducted the annual election for new officers. There was a motion made to vote David Feinberg as TPAC Chairperson and Lamicia Butler as TPAC Vice Chairperson

Motion: James Lee

Second: Fayma Ishaq

Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed

### **NEW BUSINESS RAISED SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Matthew Avancena mentioned that there would be no meeting in November because they would be having their annual membership meeting. With the holidays scheduling was difficult so they were only able to secure a room at the California Endowment on the week of Thanksgiving. He encouraged them to attend the meeting and wished them happy holidays.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Chair Fayma Ishaq requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Meeting adjourned at 10:53am