



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Transportation Meeting

May 7, 2024
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

The Disability and Communication Access Board will be meeting remotely using interactive conference technology. The public is welcome to participate as follows.

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Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
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Written testimony may be submitted by one the methods listed below:

- By email to: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov
- By U.S. Postal Mail:
Kirby Shaw, Disability and Communication Access Board, 1010 Richards Street,
Room 118, Honolulu, HI 96813
- By facsimile to: (808) 586-8129

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
Review Remote Meeting Procedures
 - This meeting is being recorded.
 - A quorum of Committee members is required to be visible on screen.
 - Raise hand to speak unless called upon.
 - Identify yourself before speaking.
- II. Roll Call/Introductions
- III. Written Public Testimonies Submitted - Review
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2024
- V. Old Business
 - A. Review of Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus and Paratransit Service.
 - B. Review of DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities and proposed amendments.
 - C. Kauai County Suspension of Bus and Paratransit Service on Sundays – Update.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Standing Agenda Items
 1. Public Transit and Paratransit
 - a. City and County of Honolulu’s low income rate for paratransit.
 - b. City and County of Honolulu’s Taxi Voucher Program.
 - c. [House Bill \(HB\) 2082 House Draft \(HD\) 1](#) – [Relating to School Bus Services](#). Establishes standards for public education bus services, including an equity assessment.
 - d. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 2769 Senate Draft \(SD\) 1](#) – [Relating to Climate Change](#). Requires zero emission buses.
 2. Streets and Highways
 3. Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment
 - a. [HB 2071 HD1 SD1](#) / [SB 2348 SD1](#) – [Relating to Photo Red Light Imaging Detector Systems](#). Clarifies enforcement for red light photos.

- b. [SB 2443 SD2 HD2 Conference Draft \(CD\) 1](#) – Relating to Highway Safety. Establishes automated speed enforcement program.
 - c. [SB 2738 SD1](#) – Relating to Transportation. Establishes 3 year pilot program to examine signalized intersections.
 - d. [SB 3002 SD1 HD2](#) – Making an Appropriation to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, Established Pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Appropriation to implement recommendations of the task force on mobility management.
4. Air Transportation/Airports
 - a. [Universal Access in Aviation Biennial Conference](#) – Sept. 24-26, 2024, Seattle Washington.
 - b. Daniel K Inouye International Airport New Electric Miki Shuttle
 - c. U.S. Department of Transportation Revised Form for a Person Flying with a Service Animal
 5. Water Transportation and Harbors
 6. Update from Standing Committee on Parking
 - a. [HB 2446 HD2 SD2](#) / [SB 3135 SD1](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Allows suspension of a driver license if person is caught using a deceased persons parking permit, remits 50 percent of fines to agency that issues the citation, and authorizes counties to enforce design requirements.
 - b. [HB 2447 HD1](#) / [SB 3136](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Creates a travel placard.
 - c. [SB 370 SD1](#) – Relating to Electric Vehicle Charging Systems. Aggregating electric vehicle charging spaces.
 - d. Maui County - [Bill 65 \(2023\)](#) – A Bill for an Ordinance to Amend the Traffic Code by Expanding the Volunteer Parking Enforcement Program. Expanding Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer (VSEO) Program.

B. Review of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Plan of Action and Proposed 2024-2025 Plan of Action (see attachment)

VII. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda for consideration on a future Committee agenda.

VIII. Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT

7. Transportation and Travel

Transportation and Travel includes all means of public and private transit both intrastate and interstate. Persons with disabilities must have equal access to transportation services to secure and maintain employment, utilize community resources, and participate in social and recreational activities.

The goals and objectives in the area of **Transportation and Travel** are:

- 7.1 When provided, public and private ground transportation systems in all counties will be fully accessible, as provided by law.

Objectives:

- 7.1.1 Provide technical assistance to public and private transportation providers on the requirements for accessible vehicles and transportation services under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, to include but not be limited to the fixed-route bus, paratransit, shuttle, taxi services, and ride hailing services. **(Priority 2)**

[Attended five meetings of the City and County of Honolulu's Rate Commission and one meeting of the City and County of Honolulu's Committee on Accessible Transportation.](#)

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.1.2 Provide technical assistance to the City and County of Honolulu and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation to ensure the train cars and services adequately serve persons with disabilities. The Section 103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes review process already covers the facility, but not the actual transit vehicles. **(Priority 3)**

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.1.3 Monitor and provide testimony in accordance with the Disability and Communication Access Board guiding principles on public transit fixed-route bus and paratransit service on proposed federal, State, and county legislation and regulations relating to transportation services, including public transit, paratransit, and alternate transportation modes that impact people with disabilities, including fare and fare categories for paratransit service and for fixed route service. **(Priority 1)**

[Standing Committee on Transportation drafted amendments to the Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus and Paratransit Service.](#)

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.1.4 Monitor private transportation network companies and encourage them to utilize accessible vehicles as part of their fleet. **(Priority 2)**

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.1.5 Advocate for additional seating and transit safety measures for persons with disabilities beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. **(Priority 3)**

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.2 Travel to, from and within the State of Hawaii for travelers with disabilities shall comply with the provisions of the Air Carrier Access Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Objectives:

- 7.2.1 Provide technical assistance to the Department of Transportation Airports Division and other agencies working at the airport to increase accessibility for all air carrier passengers with disabilities to ensure compliance with the Air Carrier Access Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, while advocating they exceed minimum standards when possible. **(Priority 2)**

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.2.2 Update the “Hawaii Traveler Tips” annually, post on the Disability and Communication Access Board website, and encourage links to the site from other travel or visitor websites. **(Priority 3)**

Updated the Traveler Tips for each county.

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.2.3 Monitor and provide comments, as appropriate, to the proposed federal changes in the Air Carrier Access Act. **(Priority 3)**

Provided written testimony to the Department of Justice on their proposed rule titled “Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers With Disabilities Using Wheelchairs.”

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.2.4 Provide testimony in support of the State authorizing the creation of an Airport Authority, with the goal of it being more responsive to the public and able to implement changes at State airports in a timely manner. **(Priority 3)**

- 7.3 Pedestrian safety efforts shall adequately consider the needs of people with disabilities.

Objectives:

- 7.3.1 Monitor and provide comment on proposed federal, State, and county legislation and regulations relating to pedestrian safety. **(Priority 2)**

Standing Committee on Transportation drafted amendments to the Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities.

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.

- 7.3.2 Participate in public education efforts and committees in accordance with the Disability and Communication Access Board's guiding principles on pedestrian safety for persons with disabilities. (**Priority 2**)

FY 2025 recommendation: No change.



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MINUTES

Standing Committee on Transportation Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom and 1010 Richards Street, Room 118

Date: May 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Violet Horvath, Chairperson; Gerald Ohta, Teri Spinola-Campbell, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Elizabeth Pearson, Bryan Mick, Sue Radcliffe, Staff

GUESTS: Donald Sakamoto, Gita Nofieka Dwijayati

- I. Chairperson Violet Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.
- II. Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Violet Horvath reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- IV. Chairperson Violet Horvath stated the minutes needed to be amended under guests as Ricky's last name is spelled "Hyunh." The Committee approved the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes as amended (M/S/P Townsend/Spinola-Campbell).
- V. Unfinished Business

- A. Review of DCAB Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus Service and Paratransit Services and DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities and proposed amendments

The Committee had adopted revised language at its last meeting. Before presentation to the full Board, staff realized the word advocate would be better placed in the mission statement and not in certain individual principles. That kept the document consistent.

- B. Review of DCAB Guiding Principles on Public Transit Fixed Route Bus Service and Paratransit Services and DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians with Disabilities and proposed amendments

Committee member Teri Spinola-Campbell commented that she had brought up the principle regarding the removal of accessible features such as a curb cut in the Standing Committee on Facility Access meeting. She suggested DCAB provide the counties with guidance on how to effectively communicate to people with communication related disabilities when changes to infrastructure are made.

Bryan Mick mentioned that the City and County of Honolulu always refers to a study which indicated mid-block marked crosswalks were more dangerous than unmarked ones, as the unmarked ones induce pedestrians to walk to the nearest intersection to cross. This ignored the fact that for some people with disabilities, walking to an intersection is a challenge. It also ignores the overall conclusion of the study which was simple safety improvements at mid-block marked crosswalks make them safer than unmarked crosswalks.

Guest Donald Sakamoto commented he has been advocating for audible pedestrian signals at the Pearl City Highlands rail station crosswalk and at the Kailua roundabout.

C. Kauai County Suspension of Bus and Paratransit Service on Sundays

Bryan Mick reported that the County of Kauai Transportation Department had just responded to a letter the Committee submitted requesting additional information about the suspension of Sunday services. The main reason for the suspension is a shortage of drivers, there are eleven (11) vacancies out of seventy four (74) authorized positions. Sunday was selected as the day to suspend service as it had the lowest ridership of any day, and it is the only day that the island's dialysis clinics are closed. When the vacancy count drops to three (3) or lower, Sunday service will be resumed. Bryan Mick added that staff informed the Department that DCAB would support them in efforts to fill their vacancies, including advocating to the County Council to increase driver pay, if requested.

VI. New Business

A. Standing Agenda Items

Public Transit and Paratransit

Bryan Mick reported that he did not have any updates on the City and County of Honolulu low income fare program for paratransit riders or for a possible pilot taxi voucher program.

[House Bill \(HB\) 2082 House Draft \(HD\) 1](#) establishes standards for public education bus services, including an equity assessment; the bill did not pass this legislative session.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 2769 Senate Draft \(SD\) 1](#) requires counties to purchase zero emission buses; the bill did not pass this legislative session.

Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment

Bryan Mick reported that:

[HB 2071 HD1 SD1](#) which would clarify enforcement for red light photos, passed and was awaiting the Governor's action.

[SB 2443 SD2 HD2 Conference Draft \(CD\) 1](#) which establishes automated speed enforcement program also is awaiting Governor's action.

[SB 2738 SD1](#) which would have established a 3 year pilot program to examine signalized intersections did not pass this legislative session.

[SB 3002 SD1 HD2](#) which would have made an appropriation to implement recommendations of the task force on mobility management did not pass this legislative session.

Air Transportation and Airports

Bryan Mick mentioned that staff is unable to attend the Universal Access in Aviation Biennial Conference, but he recommends it to anyone who is interested in accessibility and airports.

Bryan Mick reported that the Board packet included information on the new automated shuttle service at Honolulu International Airport called Miki. Based on photos, staff had concerns with shuttle accessibility. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) provided DCAB additional information. DOT explained this is just a pilot project, and the vehicle is smaller than what would be ordered in a permanent program. There are attendants on the vehicles to assist wheelchair users with loading and securing tie downs. There is a portable ramp the attendant would need to install for loading and unloading persons with disabilities. DOT raised some concerns with the vendor during a recent test run.

Bryan Mick commented he was surprised a press release was issued for something which is apparently still in its beta test phase. This is an example of why DCAB thinks DOT should establish an advisory committee of airport users with disabilities. It seems like the DOT Office of Civil Rights, who provided the response, was not engaged early on in this project.

Committee member Charlotte Townend asked if staff could request a site visit for the Committee. Bryan Mick replied he would figure out the logistics for a visit.

Guest Donald Sakamoto commented he also had a concern with the accessibility of the planned pedestrian bridge between the rail station to the airport.

Bryan Mick reported that the Federal Department of Transportation recently released a revised flying with a service animal form. The revised form is concise and less burdensome to fill out, and uses terminology found in the actual federal regulations.

Update from Standing Committee on Parking

[HB 2446 HD2 SD2](#) / [SB 3135 SD1](#) would have allowed suspension of a driver license if a person is caught using a deceased persons parking permit, remitted 50 percent of fines to agency that issues the citation, and authorized counties to enforce design requirements. These bills did not pass this legislative session.

[HB 2447 HD1](#) / [SB 3136](#) would have created a travel placard. These bills did not pass this legislative session.

[SB 370 SD1](#) would have allowed a property owner of multiple lots to aggregate the required number of electric vehicle charging spaces. DCAB did not want this to decrease the number of accessible charging spaces. The bill did not pass this legislative session.

Chairperson Violet Horvath commented she is seeing more and more articles about people with disabilities being unable to use charging stations. Bryan Mick replied this is an unsettled area of the law, but the U.S. Access Board has indicated regulations will be issued soon. The basic question is do you view these as parking spaces or charging stations, which would make them akin to a gas pump. Either way has accessibility requirements, but exactly what those are depends on that decision. DCAB currently has an interpretive opinion that views them as a general feature akin to a gas pump.

Maui County - [Bill 65 \(2023\)](#) would expand the Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer (VSEO) Program. Staff has previously testified in support as it would likely kickstart the dormant VSEO program in Maui County. -Currently there is no scheduled hearing.

B. Review of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Plan of Action and Proposed 2024-2025 Plan of Action

The Committee did not have any proposed changes to the Plan of Action.

VII. The next meeting will be on July 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

BRYAN K. MICK