



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Disability and Communication Access Board

Standing Committee on Transportation Meeting

January 13, 2025
11:00 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.

Public In-Person Meeting Location

Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Room 118
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Participate Virtually via Zoom

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Public Testimony

Oral testimony - Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during Committee meetings shall be limited to three minutes per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB office in advance of the meeting. This rule shall be placed at the beginning of all Committee meeting agendas. Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or testimony is presented, the Committee shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Committee.

Written Testimony - To ensure the public as well as Committee members are able to review testimony prior to the meeting, we request written testimony be submitted 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date and time.

- 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 November 15, 2024
- V. Old 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. Proposal for the City and County of Honolulu to establish a second base yard for the HandiVan in Central or West Oahu.
 - d. U.S. Access Board [Webinar](#) on Accessible Bus and Van Transportation Available in Archives.
 2. Streets and Highways
 - a. Maui County Council - [Bill 141 \(2024\) relating to taxicabs and surcharge for motorized wheelchairs.](#)
 - b. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Proposed Rule – [Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Pedestrian Head Protection, Global Technical Regulation No. 9; Incorporation by Reference.](#)
 - c. Meeting with City and County of Honolulu – Metered parking for On and Off Street Parking Lots

3. Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment
 - a. [Montgomery County Accessible Design Guide](#)
 - b. City and County of Honolulu [Press Release](#) - \$3.45 Million in Grant Funding for Roadway Safety Improvements.
4. Air Transportation/Airports
 - a. Procedure for the Inspection of Service Animals Upon Out of State Arrival at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.
 - b. Airport Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - c. Request to check for Blue ID cards at Interisland Parking Accessible Parking Spaces.
 - d. [Article on Airport Autonomous Passenger Shuttle Pilot Program](#).
5. Water Transportation and Harbors – No Updates
6. Update from Standing Committee on Parking
 - a. Meeting with enforcement agencies/Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer (VSEO) programs.

VI. New Business

Proposed amendment to DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians: “7) Support regulations that new vehicles are designed to prevent pedestrian collisions or to minimize their impact, including through the use of technology such as pedestrian automatic emergency breaking.”

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

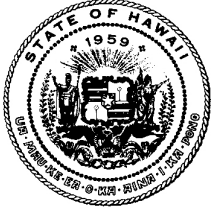
VIII. Next Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

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The agenda and meeting materials for this meeting are available for inspection at the DCAB office located at 1010 Richards Street, Room 118, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 and on the DCAB website at: <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/dcab-agendas-and-minutes/>.



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MINUTES

Standing Committee on Transportation Meeting

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

Date: January 13, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Violet Horvath, Chairperson; Teri Spinola-Campbell, Charlotte Townsend, Board Members; Kirby Shaw, Kristine Pagano, Bryan Mick, Elizabeth Pearson, Sue Radcliffe, Staff

ABSENT: Gerald Ohta, Board Member

- I. Chairperson Violet Horvath called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. Committee members and staff introduced themselves.
- III. Chairperson Violet Horvath reported no written public testimony was submitted.
- IV. The Committee approved the November 15, 2024, meeting minutes (M/S/P Townsend/Horvath).
- V. Unfinished Business

A. Standing Agenda Items

Public Transit and Paratransit

Bryan Mick reported that the City and County of Honolulu's Rate Commission meets on January 15, 2025, and Mayor Blangiardi will be submitting his annual budget soon. So those will hopefully provide information on the low income fare for HandiVan, if a taxi voucher program will be piloted, and if the City still intends to establish a second baseyard for HandiVan.

Bryan Mick reported that the United States Access Board has posted a recent webinar on "Accessible Bus and Van Transportation" on its archive page.

Streets and Highways

Bryan Mick explained that Bill 141 (2024) was introduced to the Maui County Council and would amend the rates and surcharges taxicabs may charge customers. The bill proposed to distinguish between a motorized and non-motorized wheelchair and to charge a fee for the motorized chair, which likely would be a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It would also charge a fee for non-motorized chairs if the user of the wheelchair was

not present. While that would not be an ADA violation, it would be hard to enforce and serves as a detriment to those who are presumably taking the wheelchair to someone who needs it. DCAB submitted testimony suggesting the bill be amended to exempt all wheelchairs from any surcharge. The County Council amended the bill.

Bryan Mick reported DCAB submitted testimony in support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Proposed Rule which would create regulations for the design of automobiles which eliminate collisions of pedestrians and automobiles or minimize the impact to the pedestrian when they are unavoidable.

Bryan Mick reported that he and Kirby Shaw met with representatives from the City and County of Honolulu about a comprehensive bill the Mayor will be proposing. The bill would raise the City's parking rates to discourage vehicles parking all day and to ensure that a street or lot always has available parking. They also want to install new meters which will allow payment via a Holo card and for the creation of a subsidized meter rate for low income users. There is also some thought about eliminating cash as a payment option. There are some concerns within the disability community and especially the elderly community about transportation services and facilities that only take payment via a card or an app.

Pedestrian Mobility and Built Environment

Bryan Mick reported that the Board packet included the Montgomery County Accessible Design Guide which could be a useful model for Hawaii counties to emulate.

Bryan Mick also reported that the City and County of Honolulu issued a press release as they recently were awarded \$3.45 million dollars for pedestrian safety improvements.

Air Transportation and Airports

Bryan Mick mentioned that staff had received a concern about the procedure at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport to inspect a service animal arriving from out of state. The full Board will consider at its next meeting the creation of a Permitted Interaction Group so Board members can perform a site visit to the inspection station.

Bryan Mick reported he has been unsuccessful in attempts to have a discussion with the airport parking enforcement supervisor about targeted early morning enforcement at the interisland terminal.

Bryan Mick shared an article about how the autonomous passenger shuttle pilot project at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport is likely to not be extended. The Committee members had visited the shuttle and discovered there to be some things which were not optimal for passengers with disabilities.

Update from Standing Committee on Parking

Bryan Mick reported staff was contacted by a Honolulu Deputy Police Chief and is trying to set a date to meet to discuss enforcement issues and their Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer Program.

VI. New Business

Proposed Amendment to DCAB Guiding Principles on the Mobility and Safety of Pedestrians.

Bryan Mick explained staff would like the Board to add another item to the guiding principles in support of regulations requiring new vehicles to incorporate technological features that avoid or minimize collisions with pedestrians. The Committee members suggested the full Board amend the principles to include “7. Support regulations that new vehicles are designed to prevent pedestrian collisions or to minimize their impact, including the use of technology such as pedestrian automatic emergency braking.”

VII. The next meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

BRYAN K. MICK