



The mission of the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) is to ensure that every program, service, benefit, activity and facility operated or funded by the City and County of San Francisco is fully accessible to, and useable by, people with disabilities.

Director's Report to the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC)

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Today's Director's Report to the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) provides a snapshot of some of the core issues that the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) has been engaged with since the most recent public hearing of the MDC. The Council is encouraged to follow up on [any of the items presented today](#). Along with this, items for future agenda consideration are provided.

MOD's 2021-2022 [Public Report to the Mayor's Disability Council](#) highlights MOD's accomplishments, as well as ongoing challenges. In addition, it offers potential Mayor's Disability Council agenda items for 2022-2023. The Council is encouraged to continue to reference this document.

Members of the public wishing to engage with aspects of this report may contact MOD at mod@sfgov.org or by calling 415 554-6789. You may join our distribution list by contacting us, or by visiting our homepage: <https://sfgov.org/mod>. This full report will be posted to our homepage and the MDC page following today's meeting.

Legislative updates, September 2022: Some of the current legislative issues impacting people with disabilities are as follows:

Local Legislation and Resolutions:

JFK Drive/Promenade Referral [220475](#): Hearing - Museum Recovery and Progress Update on Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program (Stefani). **Status:** Update heard in Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee July 14, 2022, and continued to the call of the Chair.

- This hearing was part of a response to an amendment to the passed legislation that requires quarterly reporting by Recreation and Parks and SFMTA on Museum Recovery and **accessibility improvements**.
- As the Council knows, your [JFK Drive Resolution](#) helped to form the [Accessibility Improvements and Enhancement commitments](#) that prompted this update hearing
- The next hearing, if held, is at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Given this, the Council may consider scheduling an update to this item in the near future.

Shared Spaces: Referral 211301: [Limits on Fines for Shared Spaces Violations](#) (Peskin et al): Status: **Passed**

- This legislation limits issuance of fines for violations on some businesses utilizing outdoor dining, while maintaining the ability to fine for physical access for persons with disabilities, and first responder access. The permanent program takes effect in March 2023.
- Work on a PSA about accessibility and Shared Spaces is in progress. If you are interested in being part of a PSA video, please contact MOD at mod@sfgov.org or by calling 415 554-6789.

[220957](#) **E-Scooter Safety:** New Resolution **Urging SFMTA to Enforce Powered Scooter Safety Violations and Modify Permits Accordingly.** **Status:** To be heard in Land Use and Transportation Committee on October 3, 2022.

- This resolution urges SFMTA to empower Parking Control Officers to issue administrative citations for powered scooter safety violations, including but not limited to double-riding, riding on sidewalks, and all parking violations; and immediately modify all permits to Powered Scooter Share companies to mandate an immediate cease of operations for devices not equipped with city-approved anti-sidewalk riding technology available citywide.
- The Council has supported a similar resolution in the past on behalf of persons with disabilities and may consider supporting this item again.

State Legislation:

[Virtual Meetings Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences \(AB 361\)](#). Status: Approved by Governor.

- This bill allows for continued provision of virtual meetings for government agencies until January 1, 2024, pursuant to agreement of the jurisdiction.
- Locally, the Community Alliance of Disability Advocates (CADA) is asking the City to *consider continuation virtual public meetings in some capacity beyond the State Emergency Order.*

CPUC Autonomous Vehicles (AV) Permit approval: On June 2, 2022 the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted to approve a permanent operating permit for Cruise, the first permanent operating permit in the Country. As a reminder, permission for autonomous vehicles to operate in San Francisco is regulated by the CPUC and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), not SFMTA. SFMTA and MOD are committed to supporting advocacy for the accessibility of AV's.

Upcoming public comment and any additional pending permits are not announced as of this writing.

If you are interested in being involved in advocating for continued accessibility of AV's, please contact MOD.

[SB 1480: Remote Accessible Voting](#) This proposed legislation did not pass.

[Transportation Network Company \(TNC\) legislation \(SB 1376\)](#): TNC Access for All Act is in pilot implementation phase. MOD, SFMTA and the County Transportation Authority (CTA) continue to be parties to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) comment proceeding, on the recommendation of the Mayor's Disability Council.

- The proceedings are ongoing, and are currently focused on on-time and reduced wait time performance.

[AB: 2336: Speed Safety Pilot Program](#): Status: passed as amended. Advanced and endorsed through Vision Zero, this legislation would allow San Francisco and other California cities to begin a pilot program that tests speed safety and reduction.

Federal Legislation:

In the [Spring 2022 Unified Agenda](#), the Department of Justice announced that we plan to propose new ADA regulations on the following topics:

- Advance Notice of proposed rulemaking;
 - **[Medical Diagnostic Equipment: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by State and Local Government, Public Accommodations, and Commercial Facilities: Medical Diagnostic Equipment](#)**

- **Other Equipment and Furniture:** [Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by State and Local Governments and Places of Public Accommodation; Equipment and Furniture](#)
- **Web Accessibility:** [Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability: Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Governments](#)
- **Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Street Crossings, and Other Pedestrian Facilities:** [Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by State and Local Governments; Public Right-of-Way](#)

Public Comment on these items from Deaf and Disability Community Members is welcomed and strongly encouraged. For updates and notice for when to provide public comment, go to ada.gov. On the bottom right, sign-up for e-mail updates, and participate!

Upcoming Events and Announcements: The following may be of particular interest to disability community members:

- MOD is participating in a national request to meet with Dept of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg regarding disability access and transportation. The request letter is expected to be finished in time to report to you in the October MDC meeting.
- Introducing Tess Bartlett, MOD 2022-2023 San Francisco Fellow. Tess's work is focused on:
 - Architectural Barrier removal tracking based on those identified by departments and those elevated through complaints. She will make removal recommendations to Departments, and to the Capital Planning Committee.
 - Complaints and Concerns-based strategic plan for training development for Departmental ADA Coordinators
 - Public engagement that is responsive to Community concerns, especially related to citywide training needs. She will help staff MDC meetings as well.
- Requests for Proposals: Operation of the Disability Community Cultural Center. City is in the process of verifying the accessibility of the documents, final due dates may be adjusted. MOD will post to distribution list when ready, expected final application dates in Nov 2022.
- Citywide DHR Career Fair for people with disabilities: Expected in October as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Date Forthcoming.

Agenda Items for future MDC Hearing consideration, action, or resolution:

Time Sensitive planning considerations:

- **Aging and Disability Affordable Housing Needs Assessment:** Draft near complete with 10 findings and multiple recommendations under each that directly impact Deaf and disabled persons. Expected to be presented at BOS in November
- **Hybrid public meeting participation and accessible public comment** for people with disabilities:
 - Please refer to details under AB 361, above. This remains a concern to disability community members as public bodies are returning to in-person attendance.
 - Note: Hybrid meetings apply to City Charter and Policy bodies. The MDC is a passive meeting body and is therefore allowed to meet virtually until further notice.
- **Safe Passage/Street Crisis and accessibility:** In August, MOD presented to the Emergency Management Policy Group on accessibility and disa impacts of street conditions, both for those trying to pass safely on the sidewalks and for those with disabilities living on the streets. The Council is encouraged to place this item on an upcoming public agenda.

Additional planning considerations:

- **Great Highway/Great Highway Park/Continuation of slow streets:** When the State and Local Emergency Orders are lifted, in addition to JFK Drive, other current road closures and slow streets may be under permanent closure consideration. This is of significant current concern to the disability community, especially those who question how these permanent changes may impact access for residents with disabilities citywide.
- **CCSF Digital Accessibility and Inclusion Standard:** This Citywide obligation is active and ongoing.
- **Disability employment updates:** citywide data collection efforts pertaining to employees with disabilities to potentially begin in October 2022.
- **Autonomous Vehicles in San Francisco and accessibility** (see CPUC legislative item above).

Health and Emergency Response and the Disability Community

Review these links for current [COVID-19](#) and [MPX](#) (Monkey Pox) resource information.