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## **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.

Members of the public wishing to engage with aspects of this report may contact MOD at [mod@sfgov.org](mailto: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, June 2022:** MDC and members of the public may want to engage with the following:

### Local Legislation and Resolutions

**JFK Drive/Promenade:** There are multiple legislative updates related to this road in Golden Gate Park.

1. Referral number ([220261](#)): Park Code - **Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program** - Slow Street Road Closures (Mayor, Preston, Mandelman, Haney)

Status: Passed

- This legislation accepted the recommendations of [SFMTA and Recreation and Parks \(REC\) staff report](#) and was passed by the Board of Supervisors (7-4), in a Joint Special Meeting of the BOS and the County Transportation Authority on April 26, 2022.

As the Council knows, your [JFK Drive Resolution](#) helped to form the [Accessibility Improvements and Enhancement commitments](#) provided to the Board of Supervisors in preparation for their vote. An update on these commitments is part of today's public meeting.

2. Referral [220339](#): Park Code - **Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program - Slow Street Road Closures - Modified Configuration** (Chan, Walton)  
Status: Land Use and Transportation Committee, pending Committee action
  - This legislation amends the above legislation ([220261](#)) and makes certain street segments one-way, establishes bicycle lanes, and urges additional changes to improve access to Golden Gate Park. It was heard at the full BOS and not passed, but referred back to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.
3. Referral [220475](#): **Hearing - Museum Recovery and Progress Update on Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program** (Stefani). Status: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, to be scheduled.
  - This hearing is 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.
  - When the hearing is scheduled, MOD will distribute the information to the public.

**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.
- 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](mailto:mod@sfgov.org) or by calling 415 554-6789.

**E-Scooter Safety:** [Resolution 570-21, Urging Bicycle Share and Powered Scooter Share Programs to Enhance User Compliance and Protect Pedestrians, Seniors and People with Disabilities](#)

- Pursuant to the conditions of this Resolution, SFMTA has asked the San Francisco permitted e-scooter companies to demonstrate automated speed reduction when riders are illegally on sidewalks.

- While there is more work to be done in this area, Council Advocacy around this resolution is making an impact. The Council is encouraged to track this item as the City works with permitted scooter companies to improve speed reduction implementation.

## 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. This was discussed in your May meeting.
- This week, the State Attorney General released [guidance reminding jurisdictions to uphold disability access obligations](#), including but not limited to obligations around the provision of accessible public comment. **The Council is strongly encouraged to consider placing this item on your public agenda as soon as possible.**

**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. Thank you to all who participated in public comment, and to the MDC for endorsing MOD's participation in these efforts.

While AV's are a potential transportation benefit to some people with disabilities (especially those who are blind or low vision), there are accessibility barriers and safety concerns to consider as well. **MOD anticipates that we will be working with SFMTA to host a briefing and feedback session with San Franciscans with disabilities, specifically so that we may continue to provide feedback to the CPUC, dates to be announced.** The Council is encouraged to place this item on the agenda for an upcoming public meeting.

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.

**SB 1480: Remote Accessible Voting** Expands remote accessible vote to allow voters with disabilities to submit their vote by e-mail, potentially improving access especially for blind or low vision voters and people with certain physical disabilities. The Council is encouraged to track this effort. This bill has passed the state senate and is currently in the assembly. If the legislation passes, San Francisco would have opportunity to provide leadership in implementation, **especially if the Mayor's Disability Council specifically requests action from the Department of Elections.**

[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 service implementation timelines and the ability to pre-schedule wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) rides.

[AB: 2336: Speed Safety Pilot Program](#): 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. The Council may want to learn about this and other Vision Zero Efforts at an upcoming Public Hearing.

### COVID Response and the Disability Community

#### **COVID-19 Vaccines:**

The Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and Center of Disease Control (CDC) now recommend a 2nd booster dose with an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer or Moderna) starting 4 months after receipt of your 1st booster. This is intended for higher risk individuals, including:

- people ages 65 years and older
- people ages 50 years and older with underlying conditions
- people ages 12 years and older with moderate to severe immune compromise

You can find more details regarding the SFDPH vaccine update [here](#). To find a vaccine site near you, visit [sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19](https://sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19) or call the COVID Resource Center at 628-652-2700.

[At home vaccination is also available](#). To set it up, call the Covid Resource Center at 628-652-2700.

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

- **Annual Budget Public Comment to the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee**: June 24, 2022. In person and virtual, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ongoing. The MDC is encouraged to provide public comment, elevating potential accessibility funding that is important to you. Instructions for how to participate are here:

[https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/2022\\_Budget\\_Public\\_Comment\\_Day.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/2022_Budget_Public_Comment_Day.pdf)

- **Vacancy: Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Citizen Advisory Committee** is searching for a disability community member to fill the seat once held by community advocate Bob Planthold. Those interested may contact the TJPA at [cac@tjpa.org](mailto:cac@tjpa.org). The announcement may be found at: <https://www.tjpa.org/tjpa/cac/cacreruitment>
- **Aging and Disability Affordable Housing Needs Assessment community focus groups and stakeholder meetings:**  
Surveys, focus groups and individual interviews are underway, and will be addressed as part of today's public meeting. The effort is especially seeking feedback from all people with disabilities, but especially people with disabilities under 60, people who are blind or low vision, and people of disabilities of color.

To participate, please visit: [www.sfhsa.org/housing](http://www.sfhsa.org/housing) or reach out to [isabel.m.clayter@sfgov.org](mailto:isabel.m.clayter@sfgov.org) for more information.

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

**Time Sensitive item considerations:**

- **Hybrid public meeting participation and accessible public comment** for people with disabilities:
  - Please refer to details under AB 361, above
  - 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.
- **SB 1480 Remote accessible voting:** Please refer to legislative item above.
- **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.

**Other Considerations:**

- **Safe Passage:** In May 2022, MOD convened an interagency workgroup with colleagues from Department of Emergency Management, Public Works, Healthy Streets Operations Center, Department of Public Health, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, SF Police Department and 311 to discuss safe passage and the critical obligation to maintain accessibility on our city

sidewalks. This interagency effort is just underway, but the Council is encouraged to place this item on an upcoming public agenda.

- **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)
- **Reinstitution of the MDC Beacon Award:** previously awarded to members of the disability public for outstanding contributions to disability access awareness in San Francisco.