



**City of Oakland**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, April 21, 2025  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Hearing Room 1, First Floor  
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

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**Commission staff:** Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Program Analyst I

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## Agenda

- 5:30 1. In-person meeting logistics and rules
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

- 5:35 3. Open Forum  
Any person may directly address the Commission on any items within the jurisdiction of this Commission not on the agenda for today. Speakers wishing to address a specific item on the agenda may do so when invited at the time the item is being considered. ***There is no discussion allowed during Open Forum.*** Please raise your hand if you wish to comment and wait to be called on.

In-person public comment will only be taken during Open Forum and during specific requests for public comment. There may be time limits put on comments if necessary.

All discussion topics are first opened to MCPD commissioners for comment and then for public comment, unless otherwise stated. Staff will read any e-comments that were submitted.

- 5:45 4. Agenda Modification  
MCPD Commissioners may move around the agenda items to better conduct the meeting.

5. Approval of February 2024 Minutes (***Exhibit A***)

- 5:50 6. Commissioner's Announcements  
Commissioners will provide brief updates on their activities and make announcements relevant to the commission and the Strategic goals of the Commission. ***There is no discussion during announcements.***

- 6:00 7. TheCIL Overview with Emma Martin and Adriana Zaldivar (***Exhibit B***)

- 6:20 8. OakDOT Pedestrian Right-of-Way Program with Sarah Fine (***Exhibit C***)

- 6:40 9. Staff Updates and Announcements  
Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager

Future Agenda Items

Staff will briefly update on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

See MCPD scheduler at [tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner](http://tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner).  
Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome; email [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov) for suggestions.

- 6:55 10. Adjournment  
(Meeting shall end no later than 7:30 p.m., unless extended by majority vote of the Commission.)

Note: The Commission May Take Action on Any Item on the Agenda

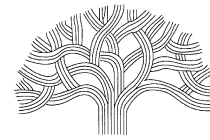
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Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, March 17, 2025 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
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**Minutes**

**Commissioners:** Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Jia Wilson, Fatimah Aure, Linda St. Julian, James Carter, Raven Foote, Brittaney Creswell, Kaitlin Roh

**Commission staff:** Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Programs Division Program Analyst I

**Presenters:** Jasmine Pomar, Stephen Tu, Noel Pond-Danchik, Mica Amichai, Drennen Shelton

**Other attendees:** Sheela Gunn

**Attendees on Zoom:** Victor Pineda, Ryan Manriquez, Lauren Reed

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Mark Romoser begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 1 to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- Drinks must be in a closed container to prevent any spills or accidents.
- When commissioners speak- please press the top red button that says "mic" and when you are finished, please press the button again.
- To ensure clarity and transparency, when commissioners speak, please state your name before speaking.
- When a member of the audience is speaking or commenting- please first state your name and any affiliations you may have.
- Restrooms are located outside Hearing Room 1, near the elevators.

## ***Exhibit A***

Chair Baroudi called the meeting to order at 5:40.

### **Roll Call**

- At roll call, quorum was established with six of nine commissioners present.

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu (Co-Vice Chair)	X
Fatimah Aure (Co-Vice Chair)	X
Linda St. Julian	Absent
Jia Wilson	X
James Carter	X
Raven Foote	X
Brittaney Creswell	Absent
Kaitlin Roh	Absent (excused)

### **Open Forum:**

- There were no public comments.

### **Approval Of Minutes**

- Comm. Carter moved to approve the December and January minutes. Co-Vice Chair Bartu seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

### **Commissioner's Announcements**

- There were no commissioner's announcements.

## ***Exhibit A***

### **Strategic Plan 2025**

- Jasmine Pomar passed out copies of the final strategic plan.
- Comm. Wilson made a motion to approve the 2025 strategic plan. Comm. Foote seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

### **BPAC Pedestrian Plan**

- Mr. Tu and Ms. Pond-Danchik made their presentation.
- Comm. Carter asked about the maps and if they were available online. Ms. Pond-Danchik replied that they were drafts but would be willing to share screenshots. He then asked about the Grand Lake area and why it was separate from Adams Point. Ms. Pond-Danchik replied that they were looking at analyzing commercial districts. He then asked how people going out drinking or for dinner impacted the analysis.
- Comm. Wilson asked about existing infrastructure such as greenways that are not connected. Ms. Pond-Danchik replied that that is something they've worked on, especially for bikes. Comm. Wilson added that undercrossings were problematic. She then asked about multimodal transportation. Ms. Pond-Danchik replied that where bike share stations are placed is analyzed. She then said the 2002 plan served physical disabilities and asked if the newer plans include other disabilities. Ms. Pond-Danchik mentioned wayfinding and tactile buttons. Comm. Wilson then mentioned the curb ramp transition plan and emphasized directional crosswalks, and noted that the Institute for the Blind researches this and that Deafscape does streetscapes for Deaf people.
- Chair Baroudi said the division of planning areas could be redrawn, such as Lake Merritt as one unit, Adams Point and Grand Lake, and Grand Ave. being in one of the districts rather than a boundary. He added that car-free streets, bike boulevards, etc. are important, and asked where pedestrians are walking now and if Oakland is a Vision Zero city yet. Ms. Pond-Danchik mentioned PROWAG (public right-of-way access guidelines) and noted that the graphic displayed was dense.
- Comm. Carter asked if e-scooters were pedestrians or bikes. Ms. Pond-Danchik said they were neither. He then asked if a street ever changes class, noting that 51<sup>st</sup> St. between Broadway and Telegraph looks like an arterial street but acts like a collector. Ms. Pond-Danchik replied that they were looking to lower street classifications where needed. Mr. Tu mentioned slow streets and traffic calming.
- Sheela Gunn stated that they need directional ramps, since flared ramps are confusing because their ears follow the traffic. Also, raised lines cause them balance problems, they are not fond of bulbouts or beacons, and catching a bus on Fruitvale is difficult because of traffic. Ms. Pomar suggested that we invite

## **Exhibit A**

Sarah Fine from DOT to present on this topic and noted that OakDOT considers diagonal ramps to be non-compliant.

### **OakDOT Crash Analysis**

- Mica Amichai gave their presentation.
- Comm. Foote asked if they were working with OPD, especially regarding hit-and-runs. Mx. Amichai replied that they were working with OPD, but didn't know about hit-and-runs.
- Chair Baroudi asked if there were gaps in data, or if it took a long time to get. Mx. Amichai replied that this was the first year they got traffic stop data, and there is a review process within OPD. Chair Baroudi asked if they get it once a year. Mx. Amichai replied yes. Chair Baroudi then asked if it would be more useful to get real-time data. Ms. Pomar replied that they get a large chunk of data annually, that they do have real-time data for fatalities, but not all crash data like stops, and that the rapid response program could be expanded with more staff capacity.
- Comm. Wilson asked about the OPD data and what would make our streets feel safer, like at senior centers. Mx. Amichai replied that some cities are creating maps that analyze street design.
- Sheela Gunn mentioned terrible sidewalks that have potholes like streets, and the 14<sup>th</sup> St. project, during which buses and other vehicles have problems reaching City Hall.

### **MTC Coordinated Plan**

- Drennen Shelton gave her presentation.
- Chair Baroudi asked whether MTC does funding, regulations, and/or advocacy. Ms. Shelton replied that among the things it does are funding, coordinating, planning, incentives, working with cities, counties, and NGOs, Clipper, and Fastrak.
- Comm. Wilson asked about MTC's service area. Ms. Shelton replied that it is the nine-county Bay Area. Comm. Wilson then asked if MTC was working with ValleyLink. Ms. Shelton replied that that may be a brand name for a service that an agency provides, like Tempo for AC Transit's bus rapid transit service.
- Chair Baroudi asked about the funding. Ms. Shelton replied that MTC is a pass-through agency. Chair Baroudi asked about the relationship between MTC and ACTC (Alameda County Transportation Commission). Ms. Shelton responded that they work together. Chair Baroudi asked why MTC, not ACTC, managed the TNC (transportation network company) money. Ms. Shelton could not think of a reason.



## **Exhibit A**

- Comm. Wilson asked about SETP (self-evaluation transition plan) funding. Ms. Shelton replied that OBAG (One Bay Area Grant) would have funding for projects listed in the transition plan.
- Chair Baroudi asked how much of MTC's funding was discretionary. Ms. Shelton replied that almost none of it is. Chair Baroudi then asked how we could support MTC's efforts. Ms. Shelton replied that they have a legislative affairs department for state and federal advocacy.
- Comm. Carter noted that he doesn't qualify for transit discounts and asked if MTC could go to DMV and get the fare policy revised rather than working with 27 different agencies. Ms. Shelton replied that the agencies, not MTC, set fare policy. Chair Baroudi then singled out BART and AC Transit.
- Comm. Foote asked for details about mobility management. Ms. Shelton replied that it's one place where you can go to help you access transportation programs, subsidies, and trip planning.
- Chair Baroudi mentioned that there were several quasi-mobility managers. Ms. Shelton replied there should be only one for each county, whereas Alameda County has Tri-Valley, ACTC, Eden I&R, 211, AC Transit, and TheCIL.
- Co-Vice Chair Bartu asked how the state is spending Section 5310 money in Alameda County. Ms. Shelton replied that Section 5310 is a legacy program that was originally meant for van purchases, and added that MTC is suggesting a local decision process, as opposed to the current practice where 100 applications go to Sacramento.
- Sheela Gunn mentioned that Ms. Shelton and others at MTC are our allies, but that the problem is with the MTC commissioners. They expressed frustration with the person holding the purse making the rules, and that MTC commissioners will not make the money a way to force compliance. They added that we need them to be forced to do the right thing, that the mobility manager should cover the whole county, and that East Bay Paratransit sent them an inaccessible PDF renewal form. Chair Baroudi also expressed interest in getting MTC to use the money to create compliance.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Mr. Romoser announced that TheCIL and CRIL are hosting a listening workshop at Ed Roberts Campus on the 18<sup>th</sup>, that the Mayor's Commission on Aging (MCOA) is conducting three final listening sessions this month, and that Oakland Public Innovation Fund and OakWEB are hosting a mayoral forum on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Co-Vice Chair Bartu made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Wilson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:19.

# Programs Overview

2024



**Center for  
Independent  
Living**  
Access for All



# History

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- 1972
- Independent Living Movement
- Disabled Student Program at UC Berkeley
- 504, ADA
- Crip Camp

# CIL Service Area

- **CIL provides services for people with disabilities and seniors in Northern Alameda County - Alameda, Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont, Berkeley, Albany**
  - Main office in Berkeley at the Ed Roberts Campus
  - Fruitvale Office in the Fruitvale District of Oakland (inside the Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation building)
  - The Wheelhouse in West Oakland - CIL's hub for our Assistive Tech, Residential Access & Emergency Preparedness Programs (by appointment only)

# Independent Living Centers

The term "independent living center" means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, non-residential non-profit organization that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities and provides an array of independent living services



**ID: Logos of various Bay Area independent living centers, including ILRCSF, ILRSCC, CRIL, RIL, and MarinCIL**

# CIL Programs & Advocacy



**ID: CIL Staff smile in ramp lobby of the ERC. Everyone wears masks, and historical photos are in the background.**

- Community Engagement
- Independent Living
- Residential Access and Assistive Technology, Emergency Preparedness

# Independent Living Services Program



- Information & Referral
- Personal Attendant Services
- Medical Advocacy
- Transitions & Diversions
- Housing
- Benefits Counseling
- Independent Living Skills Training

**ID: Ash Alunan (left) and Robin Earth (right)  
speaking on stage during a Disability Pride event.**

# Community Engagement Program



- Bilingual (Fruitvale) Program
- Youth Program
- Advocacy/Systems Change
- Transportation
- Codestars & Digital Divide Program



# RA, AT, Emergency Preparedness

- Residential Access
- Assistive Technology
  - Voice Options Program
  - Wheelchair repair
- Emergency Preparedness



**ID: "After" photo of consumer's house with newly installed aluminum ramp by RA Program**

# A Deep Dive Into EP: DDAR Program



## Disability Disaster Access and Resources (DDAR) Program

- Disability Disaster Access and Resources Center (DDARC), thanks to our partnership with CFILC and PG&E
- Provide specialized support to people with disabilities and older adults before, during, and after disasters
- Portable Back-Up Battery program for people who use electricity-dependent medical devices or assistive technology.
- Must live in high wildfire threat areas, or have had 2 or more PSPS outages

# A Deep Dive Into EP: Other Services



- Individual emergency preparedness planning sessions happen monthly by appointment
- Community education and trainings, material resources like emergency kits and other critical supplies needed during a disaster available
- Paid Peer Ambassador program piloted in Summer 2023



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## Staff Directory

### Locations

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Programs & Admin

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Spanish Language  
Programs

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Avenue, Oakland,  
CA, 94607  
Residential  
Access, AT,  
Repairs & Loans

# *City of Oakland*

# **Pedestrian Right-of-Way Program**

Sarah Fine

Complete Streets Infrastructure Division

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April 2025

# **Policy Proposals to Support Increased & Consistent Pedestrian Construction**

- Expanded Sidewalk Assistance Program
- Streamlining Contract Award for Pedestrian Right-of-Way Construction Projects
- Ensuring a Competitive Market for Pedestrian Right-of-Way Construction Projects