



## Commission on Disability Minutes re June 11, 2025

North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room  
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

### Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Pugh at 5:00pm
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People
3. Roll Call by Secretary  
Commissioners present: Commissioner Walsh, Vice Chair Fischer, Chair Pugh, Commissioner Sun, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner Paz, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Holloway, and Commissioner Nisen.  
Commissioners absent: none.  
Staff present: Thomas Gregory, Guillermo Campos, Elliott Schwimmer (presenter).  
Public members present: Nancy Rader, Kelly Hammergren, Erik Knaresboro, and Anonymous.
4. Public Comments  
The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.
5. Approval of draft minutes: May 14, 2025 meeting.  
The CoD did not believe that the draft minutes adequately represented discussion that took place at the May 14 meeting. No motion was made.
6. Approval: Order of Agenda  
“...to approve the draft agenda, but with the removal of Item #10.”  
Moved by: Chair Pugh; seconded by: Vice Chair Fischer.  
Ayes (via roll call vote): unanimous.  
Nays/abstentions: none. The motion passes.

### Presentation

7. Telegraph Ave. Multimodal Street Redesign: Concepts Under Consideration with Elliot Schwimmer, Sr. Transportation Planner, Public Works Dept.

During and following the presentation, the following issues were raised: no data on solo accidents or on accidents specifically involving people with disabilities; safety concerns about floating bus islands and cycle tracks; the need to prioritize van-accessible blue zones on intersecting streets. Learn from past problems at Bancroft/Fulton and Milvia Street redesign.

Integrate FF safety funding to move beyond curb-to-curb limits on project and integrate Auditory Pedestrian Signals (APS) and tactile guidance for safety of blind/low vision pedestrians. Need to improve lighting. Commissioners urged the city to expand data collection and consider disability community safety more explicitly.

## Discussion/Action Items

### 8. Minutes recording substantive aspects of agenda items

The “action minutes” format only captures attendance, agenda items, motions, votes, and voiced consensus — without summarizing the content of discussions. Other City commissions supply more information. Action-only minutes fail to inform the public of the CoD’s work and do not maintain a useful record of that work. Alternative suggestions included using AI transcription tools and having commissioners summarize discussions for inclusion in the minutes following the agenda item.

There was a consensus among Commissioners that, moving forward, if CoD feels that an agenda item warrants a description in the minutes (beyond what action minutes require) then CoD, during the meeting, will specify to the secretary the nature of the description desired re that agenda item.

### 9. Recommendations for FF

Additional time is needed to bring recommendations to the CoD.

### 10. Accessibility language prior to and needs at City meetings/events

This agenda item was removed by CoD vote...see Item #6, above.

### 11. Work Plan Updates and Developments

#### a. Working Group

#### b. Ideas on format, next steps and timeline

“...to allow for CoD’s Active Icon recommendation to be edited to include a total budget not to exceed \$25K and to include language supporting the increased budget, and justifying the stated amount of time needed to travel among ISAs to install Active Icon stickers on them.”

Moved by: Vice Chair Fischer; seconded by: Chair Pugh.

Ayes (via roll call vote): unanimous.

Nays/abstentions: none.

The motion passes.

#### c. Generate ideas on presentations to advance Work Plan priorities

## Commissioner Reports/Announcements

## Staff Updates

### 12. Log of Access Complaints

### 13. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission

**Adjournment** at 7:25pm.

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: \_\_\_\_\_ July 9, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

          *Thomas Gregory*            
Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission