

**DRAFT MINUTES  
HYBRID MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL MANAGER'S ACCESS COMMITTEE (GMAC)  
October 14, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL and Introduction of Members and Guests**

**GMAC members present:**

Kiran Agarwal (1:25)	Erika Bruhns
Chonita Chew	Warren Cushman
Shawn Fong, Chair	Melissa Getz, Vice Chair
Andrea Johnson	Sandra Johnson
James Robson	Dr. James Thomas
Barbara Williams	

**GMAC members absent:**

Monique Chapman (excused)	Daveed Mandell (excused)
Roland Wong (excused)	

**Staff:**

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator  
Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist  
Mallory Nestor-Brush, Accessible Services Manager  
Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development and Planning  
Maria Henderson, External Affairs Representative  
Jonathan Bair, Marketing/Communication Manager  
Nichele Laynes, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Cecil Blandon, Director of Maintenance  
Arlee Young, Director of Transportation  
Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Exec Director of Planning & Engineering  
Chris Durant, Assistant Director of Maintenance

**Guests:**

Christine DiBella  
Lucky Maxwell

**3. ORDER OF AGENDA**

The order of agenda was approved.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.A. Approval of Minutes.**

MOTION: Getz/A. Johnson approved the September 9, 2025, GMAC meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES – 9: Agarwal, Bruhns, Chew, Cushman, Fong, Getz, A. Johnson, S. Johnson, Robson

ABSTENTIONS – 2: Thomas, Williams

ABSENT – 3: Chapman, Mandell, Wong

## **5. REGULAR UPDATES**

### **5.A. Service Planning Update.**

Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development and Planning, gave an update and received questions and comments on service planning.

### **5.B. MTC Regional Measure Update.**

Maria Henderson, External Affairs Representative, gave an update and received questions and comments on the MTC Regional Measure.

### **5.C. Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Enforcement Update.**

Cecil Blandon, Director of Maintenance, gave an update and received questions and comments on the Automated Bus Lanes and Bus Stop Enforcement pilot project, which has been in effect for 11 months.

### **5.D. Disability Employment Awareness Month.**

Jonathan Bair, Communications Manager, gave an update and received feedback on AC Transit's Disability Employment Awareness Month initiative in conjunction with the 35th Anniversary of the ADA.

### **5.E. Review Ramp Road Call Report.**

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reviewed the Ramp Road Call Report, for September 1 – 30, 2025. There was a total of five (5) road calls, all of which were chargeable.

## **6. STANDING REPORTS**

### **6.A. Chair's Report**

None.

### **6.B. Board Liaison Report**

None.

### **6.C. Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) PAPCO Report**

Sandra Johnson reported that there was no PAPCO meeting. The next meeting will be on October 27, 2025, at Alameda CTC, 1111 Broadway, Oakland.

### **6.D. East Bay Paratransit Access Committee (EBPAC) Report**

Warren Cushman gave an update on the September 2nd EPBAC meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 4th at 12:30 pm. This is a hybrid meeting.

### **6.E. GMAC/Veteran Bus Operator Meet Up Report**

Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist, reported that the last GMAC/Veteran Bus Operator meet up was held on Thursday, September 18th and Jim Robson, Melissa Getz, and James Thomas were in attendance. Jim, Melissa and James all spoke about their experience. The next meet up is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **8. MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reminded the Committee Member to complete the Title VI form that was emailed on October 14th.

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reported that there will be no meeting on November 11th due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next GMAC Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. This will be a hybrid meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

- Discussion on travel training/orientation and mobility [Requested by Warren Cushman on February 13, 2024]
- Discussion on Oakland bus shelter, MTC Funding and Wayfinding [Requested by Warren Cushman on December 10, 2024]
- Website Accessibility [Requested by Melissa Getz on July 8, 2025]
- Emergency Preparedness Training Update [Requested by Melissa Getz on July 8, 2025]
- Discussion on Visual Interpretation and AIRA. [Requested by Daveed Mandell on September 9, 2025]
- Discussion on IVR System akin to VTA's system. [Requested by Daveed Mandell on September 9, 2025]

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Tammy Kylo

Secretary to the Committee