



Agenda Planning Request Form



Instructions

Complete this form for any new or amended Agenda Planning (AP) Request. Each request requires the endorsement of **at least three (3) Directors** (including the requestor). Directors are limited to a **maximum of fifteen (15)** AP requests per calendar year, with no more than two requests made per meeting. AP requests are non-transferrable to any other Director and any “unused” AP requests shall not be carried over to the next calendar year. Requests for presentations by individuals or organizations outside of AC Transit are excluded from the AP request limit.

Prior to making a request, Directors shall make their best effort to discuss the item with the General Manager, a member of his/her Executive Staff or appropriate Board Officer in advance of the Board meeting at which the request will be made.

AP Request Forms are due to the District Secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday one week prior to the scheduled Board meeting in order for the form to be included in the agenda packet. Email completed forms to districtsecretary@actransit.org

Information

Directors Name:	Jean Walsh	Meeting Date the AP Request will be presented:	July 2024
This Request is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Amended	Include in the GMs Report:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing	Expected Staff Report Due Date (if known):	
Discussed w/ GM, Board Officer or Exec Team Member:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Item Description: (Please be thorough. Attach additional information if needed.)

Seating at bus stops is important for bus riders and helps to enhance the rider experience. AC Transit riders are often seniors and people with disabilities, making it even more important to provide a place for people to sit while they wait for the bus. Although street furniture/bus stop seating falls under the jurisdiction of the cities AC Transit works with, we do have a strong interest in supporting seating at bus stops and encouraging cities to develop programs to provide seating at bus stops.

The city of Emeryville has taken the lead on installing “Simme seats” at all bus stops in Emeryville. The city of Hayward is doing a bus stop seating pilot program.

In the cities of Oakland and Berkeley, community activists have taken it upon themselves to build, fund and install wooden seating at dozens of bus stops, placed according to AC Transit’s bus stop guidelines. However, these

community installed seats are not official and run the risk of being removed unless the cities decide to accept them as official city infrastructure.

Staff should develop a resolution in support of bus stop seating that the Board can vote to approve. A Board Resolution in support of seating at bus stops is a first step in encouraging the cities we work with to develop programs to install and maintain bus stop seating, and/or to officially recognize the bus benches that have been installed by community members.

Purpose:

An official resolution by the board of directors can be provided to all the cities we work with as encouragement for them to prioritize transit and bus riders and develop bus stop seating programs.

What will be accomplished/desired outcome:

Cities will be encouraged by AC Transit to develop programs to provide bus stop seating for riders.

For reference

<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/07/15/berkeley-bus-stop-benches-transit-activists-north-berkeley-senior-center>

<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2023/12/21/diy-bench-berkeley-bus-stop-ac-transit-rider-sat-on-sidewalk>

<https://www.berkeleyside.org/2024/02/27/guerrilla-bus-benches-berkeley-mingwei-samuel-darrell-owens>

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Information on requested additions by Board Members:

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Concurrence By: Beckles Walsh Syed McCalley Shaw Young Peeples

Tracking Number (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.