

**MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING OF THE
GENERAL MANAGER'S ACCESS COMMITTEE (GMAC)
APRIL 8, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL and Introduction of Members and Guests

GMAC members present:

Kiran Agarwal	Chonita Chew
Warren Cushman	Shawn Fong, Vice Chair
Melissa Getz	Andrea Johnson
Daveed Mandell	James Robson
James Thomas	

GMAC members absent:

Erika Bruhns (excused)	Monique Chapman (excused)
Sandra Johnson (excused)	Barbara Williams (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
Crystal Wang, Senior Transportation Planner
Debora Garcia, Customer Service Manager
Chris Durant, Assistant Director of Maintenance

Guests: Tyler Brown, Caltrans

3. ORDER OF AGENDA

The order of agenda was approved.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Thomas/Getz approved the March 11, 2025, GMAC meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES – 7: Chew, Fong, Getz, A. Johnson, Mandell, Robson, Thomas

ABSTENTIONS – 2: Agarwal, Cushman

ABSENT – 5: Bruhns, Chapman, S. Johnson, Williams, Wong

5. REGULAR UPDATES

5.A. Service Planning Update.

Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development and Planning, gave an update on the sign-ups going into effect June 15th and August 10th and reported that the Realign impact on paratransit report will go to the Board on April 23rd.

5.B. MTC Regional Measure Update.

Maria Henderson, External Affairs Representative, gave an update, and received feedback on Senate Bill 63, which authorizes a 10-15 year regional transportation measure for funding.

5.C. Transit-Supportive Design Guidelines.

Crystal Wang, Senior Transportation Planner, gave an update, and received feedback, on the Transit-Supportive Design Guidelines.

5.D. Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan.

Tyler Brown gave an update and received feedback on the Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan, that includes improvements in the Caltrans right of way, as well as major roads in each city.

5.E. Election of Chair/Vice Chair.

Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist, gave an overview of the procedures for electing a GMAC Chair/Vice Chair. She explained that the Chair/Vice Chair serves one 2-year term, anyone can nominate themselves or another member of the Committee, and that member must accept the nomination. Once nominations are closed, there will be a roll call vote.

CHAIR

Warren Cushman nominated Shawn Fong for the role of Chair. Shawn accepted the nomination. No other individual was nominated. Shawn was elected Chair with the following vote:

AYES – 9: Agarwal, Chew, Cushman, Fong, Getz, A. Johnson, Mandell, Robson, Thomas

ABSENT – 5: Bruhns, Chapman, S. Johnson, Williams, Wong

VICE CHAIR

Warren Cushman nominated Erika Bruhns for the role of Vice-Chair. Erika did not attend the meeting and could not accept the nomination. Warren Cushman then nominated Melissa Getz for the role of Vice-Chair. Melissa accepted the nomination. No other individual was nominated. Melissa was elected Vice-Chair, with the following vote:

AYES – 9: Agarwal, Chew, Cushman, Fong, Getz, A. Johnson, Mandell, Robson, Thomas

ABSENT – 5: Bruhns, Chapman, S. Johnson, Williams, Wong

5.F. Review Ramp Road Call Report.

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reviewed the Ramp Road Call Report, which covered March 1 – 31, 2025.

6. STANDING REPORTS

6.A. Chair's Report

None.

6.B. Board Liaison Report

None.

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

Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist, gave an update on the March 24th PAPCO meeting. The next PAPCO meeting is June 23, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

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

None. The next EBPAC meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 12:30 pm.

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

None. Kim Ridgeway reported that due to a lack of volunteers, there was no March meet up. The next meet up is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2025.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Ridgeway reported that MTC is conducting pre-Pilot testing for the Next Generation Clipper system and is looking to invite citizen advisory committees. An email will be sent to the Committee with more information.

Chonita Chew reported that the Eden Area Senior Action Group Town Hall Meeting is Wednesday, May 21st from 11am to 1:30pm, at the Castro Valley Library.

Chonita Chew announced that the USOAC 34th Annual Convention will be held June 13th at Cherryland Community Center, Hayward, CA. And the Healthy Living Festival is on Thursday, September 25th from 9 – 2 pm at the Oakland Zoo.

Mallory Brush reminded the Committee that there is a \$50 gift card incentive for volunteering for the GMAC/Veteran Bus Operator meet ups.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & NEXT MEETING DATE

The next GMAC Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13, 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]

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Tammy Kylo

Secretary to the Committee