

**MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING OF THE
GENERAL MANAGER'S ACCESS COMMITTEE (GMAC)
MARCH 11, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL and Introduction of Members and Guests

GMAC members present:

Erika Bruhns, Chair	Monique Chapman
Chonita Chew	Shawn Fong, Vice Chair
Melissa Getz	Andrea Johnson
Sandra Johnson	Daveed Mandell
James Robson	James Thomas
Barbara Williams	

GMAC members absent:

Kiran Agarwal	Warren Cushman (excused)
Roland Wong	

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
Chris Durant, Assistant Director of Maintenance

Guests:

Diane Shaw, President, Board of Directors
H. E. Christian (Chris) Peeples, Board of Directors

3. ORDER OF AGENDA

The order of agenda was approved.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

4.A. Approval of Minutes

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

AYES – 9: Bruhns, Chew, Fong, Getz, A. Johnson, S. Johnson, Mandell, Robson, Williams

ABSTENTIONS – 2: Chapman, Thomas

ABSENT – 3: Agarwal, Cushman, Wong

5. REGULAR UPDATES

5.A. Seating and Introduction of New Member.

New Member Dr. James Thomas introduced himself, followed by each Committee member and Board Members Shaw and Peebles introducing themselves.

5.B. Review GMAC Members Etiquette.

Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist read through and reviewed the member etiquette.

5.C. Service Planning Update.

Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development and Planning, gave an update of the service changes, which will be implemented in June 2025.

5.D. MTC Regional Measure Update.

Maria Henderson, External Affairs Representative, provided an update on the recent polling results, principle measures, and legislative next steps of the MTC Regional Measure.

5.E. Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan.

This item will be re-agendized to the April 2025 GMAC meeting.

5.F. Review of GMAC Bylaws.

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, reviewed the GMAC Bylaws with emphasis on ARTICLE II – OFFICERS, which covers the election and terms of the Chair and Vice Chair.

5.G. Review Ramp Road Call Report.

Tammy Kylo, Administrative Coordinator, gave an overview of the Ramp Road Call report, which covered February 1 – 28, 2025. There was a total of two (2) road calls, all of which passed the pre-trip and all of which were chargeable.

6. STANDING REPORTS

6.A. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report.

6.B. Board Liaison Report

There was no Board Liaison Report.

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

There was no PAPCO meeting. The next meeting is Monday, March 24th at 1:30 pm. it is a hybrid meeting.

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

Shawn Fong, on behalf of Warren Cushman, gave an update on the EBPAC meeting that included an update on the Paratransit impacts of the Realign project, and an update on the Customer Complaint Process.

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

Kim Ridgeway, Senior Program Specialist, reported that there was no meet up in February due to a scheduling conflict at the Training Center. The next Meet up is Thursday March 20th from 10 – 12 pm.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jillian, paratransit user, commented that a lot of the public parks in the East Bay don't have access by bus or paratransit.

Michai Freeman asked about future agenda items and the ability to write comments during the meetings.

8. MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erika stated she has been honored to be the Chair of this Committee for the past two years.

Chonita announced that he 34th Annual Convention on June 3rd at Cherry Land Community Center, Hayward, CA. And the Healthy Living Festival is on Thursday, September 25th from 9 – 2 pm at the Oakland Zoo.

Mellisa Getz thanked Erika Bruns and Shawn Fong for their guidance and good will as Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & NEXT MEETING DATE

The next GMAC Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, 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 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Tammy Kylo

Secretary to the Committee