

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## Agenda Report

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
FROM: CAO/ADA Programs  
DATE: February 28, 2006

SUBJECT: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

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### **SUMMARY**

This informational report updates the City Council on activities of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD). The report lists MCPD accomplishments for **July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005** and includes the MCPD roster and committee assignments as of January 31, 2006.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **DISCUSSION**

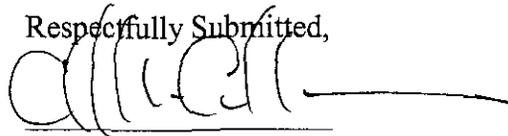
The Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities was established by City ordinance in 1980 to represent and address the issues of people with disabilities. Since 1990, the MCPD has acted as the City's designated advisory body for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. (The U.S. Department of Justice requires that cities establish a public advisory body to oversee implementation and monitoring of the ADA.)

The Commission has three active committees: Housing; Education, Employment and Outreach; and Transportation and Mobility. These committees participate in many aspects of City government and advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities in City programs, activities and services.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

None

Respectfully Submitted,



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City ADA Coordinator

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

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**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)**  
**Semi-Annual Report**  
**July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005**

Administrative Activities

- Conducted outreach to local disability organizations and recruited individual applicants to the MCPD. [Update: The nomination of Kelvin T. Brand, former commissioner and member of the Deaf Community, was approved by the City Council on February 7, 2006, along with the reappointment of two sitting commissioners, Tamar Raine and Bill Pelter. As of February 8<sup>th</sup>, the MCPD had 13 sitting commissioners and 3 vacancies.]
- The MCPD held its yearly retreat and adopted goals and objectives for calendar year 2006. *See pages 4-5 of this report.* (12/2005)
- Linda Teixeira was reelected as Chairperson for 2006. Chris Finn was reelected as Vice Chairperson. (12/2005)
- Chairperson Teixeira appointed Commissioner Eva Aguillard as Chairperson of the Transportation and Mobility Committee (TMC) for calendar year 2006. (12/2005)
- The combined Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Housing Committee was renamed "Housing Committee." The Housing Committee will address housing and emergency preparedness issues only. ADA / 504 issues will be agendized for the monthly MCPD meeting under the ADA Programs Division staff report. Chairperson Teixeira appointed Commissioner Bob Pittman as Chair of the Housing Committee for calendar year 2006. (12/2005)

ADA/504 and Housing Activities

- Provided oversight for the ADA Program Division's ADA Transition Plan and ADA Accommodations Programs.
- Monitored expenditure of up to \$250,000 of ADA Transition Plan Municipal Improvement Capital (MIC) funds for a Citywide Sidewalk Condition Survey. The project scope includes drafting a City ADA Public Right of Way Transition Plan. The Public Works Agency (PWA) is completing this project in cooperation with the TMC and ADA Programs. ADA Programs has devoted much time to refining details of the citywide sidewalk survey with the

contractor. Oakland may be the first California city, if not the first city in the nation, to perform a comprehensive ADA sideway survey.

- ADA Transition Plan Capital Project Oversight. (See attached Staff Report of October 10, 2005)
  - The MCPD moved to accept the staff report and recommendations, providing additional funding for the Sheffield Village and Montclair Recreation Center ADA Improvement Projects; allocating supplemental funds to the Martin Luther King Library Improvement Project; providing matching funds for a Peralta Hacienda Park Federal Recreation Trails Project grant proposal; and setting aside funds for the Dimond Park Fruitvale Entry Improvement Project.
  - The \$75,000 allocation to the Martin Luther King Branch Library Improvement Project will add ADA improvements to the scope of the project. This is a great partnership opportunity for the ADA Transition Plan Program. The MLK Branch Library is located at the corner of International Boulevard and 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is easily accessible by A/C Transit bus. The existing street crossing provides updated curb ramps, marked crossings and audible pedestrian traffic signals. The MLK Branch is a single-story structure with a level-in entry (no stairs). The current primary users of the MLK Branch are families but, in conjunction with the planned construction of Coliseum Gardens senior housing project, the MLK Branch will conduct outreach to seniors and people with disabilities.
  - Peralta Hacienda Historical Park, located on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Fruitvale District, is a designated Interpretive Site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The de Anza Trail is 1,210 miles of deserts, rivers, oak woodland, shorelines, grasslands, and chaparral. A RTP grant will allow the City to enhance ADA compliance/access by connecting the "Auto Tour Route" from Coolidge Avenue to the Peralta Creek. The Peralta Creek area provides an educational venue for teachers and environmentalists to expose children and adults to the wildlife and history of the region. This project will substantially improve pedestrian access for persons with disabilities to a unique and rich Oakland resource. In order to be eligible for the \$450,000 RTP grant, the City of Oakland must provide 20% matching local funds.
  - Use of the \$50,000 Dimond Park set aside is contingent upon MCPD approval of the project scope. Commissioners are particularly concerned that the Dimond Park Fruitvale Entry improvements provide increased recreational opportunities (value) for people with disabilities and frail seniors living in the area. The MCPD requested that a full proposal be brought forward describing how the funds will be used.

### Transportation and Mobility Activities

- Provided oversight and technical assistance to the PWA's Curb Ramp, Sidewalk Repair and Residential Disabled Parking Zone Programs.
- Chairperson Teixeira appointed Commissioner Gladys Hudson Jones to be the MCPD's official representative to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority's accessibility advisory board.
- Chairperson Teixeira appointed Commissioner Lorraine Rosenblatt to be the MCPD's official representative to the Accessibility Transportation Action Coalition of the East Bay, a Center for Independent Living forum focusing on East Bay Paratransit service issues.
- Discussed parking enforcement issues that impact the Disability Community, most notably vehicles parked on the sidewalk. Francine Larkrith-Thompson, Parking Enforcement Manager, explained that Parking Enforcement cites vehicles parked on the sidewalk but only "goes into neighborhoods on a complaint basis." Moreover, Parking Enforcement operates only during normal business hours. After-hours complaints are handled by the Oakland Police Department on a non-emergency basis. The TMC plans to follow up with staff to formulate a plan for swifter citation and removal of vehicles blocking pedestrian access for persons with disabilities. (10/2005)
- Discussed Alameda County's new waste management program and its impact on pedestrian access (sidewalk obstruction). Peter Sloat, Recycling Specialist, Environmental Services Division, PWA, explained Waste Management's new generation of recycling services. Constituents experiencing problems with services should contact the City's Environmental Services Division. Mr. Sloat noted that Waste Management assists constituents who are unable to move their bins curbside on pick up day. (09/2005)

### Education, Employment and Outreach (EEO) Activities

- The EEO Committee staffed an outreach table at Art & Soul 2005.
- Commissioner Finn was appointed to the first-ever official U.S.A. power soccer team. The team traveled to Portugal in October 2005 to attend an international power soccer conference. The conference established a set of international power soccer rules, which will govern international power soccer competition.
- Committee members participated in the yearly Harambee Village Gathering event on October 29, 2005. The event focuses on disability issues in the

African American Community and was held at the Caesar Chavez Educational Center.

- The 2005 MCPD awards for outstanding commitment and service to the Disability Community, to the City of Oakland, and to the goal of ensuring equal access and equal opportunity for persons with disabilities were presented at the December retreat. (12/2005)

Recipients were as follows:

1. **Honorable Alice Lai-Bitker**, Alameda County Supervisor, in the public official category.
2. **Cerebral Palsy Center for the Bay Area**, in the disability advocacy organization category.
3. **WorkAbility1/Transition Partnership (OUSD)**, in the disability service provider category.
4. **Mr. Casper Banjo**, in the disability advocate category.
5. **Mr. Denis Craig**, former MCPD Vice Chair, in the disability advocate category.
6. **Mr. Burrell Hansen**, in the disability advocate category.
7. **Ms. Adriana Mitchell**, ADA Programs Assistant, in the staff category.
8. **Ms. Linda Wong**, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services, in the staff category.

#### Committee Goals and Objectives for Calendar Year 2006

##### ***Goals and Objectives for the Transportation and Mobility Committee***

- Continued oversight of the Public Work Agency's curb ramp, street and sidewalk, traffic calming and disabled parking zone programs. Objectives for 2006 include: 1) Oversee the citywide sidewalk survey and resulting Public Right of Way ADA Transition Plan; 2) Review and amend the Residential Disabled Parking Zone Program as required to reduce unqualified applications and remove unqualified zones; and 3) Rework policies and procedures for the On Call Curb Ramp Program as follows:
  1. Reduce request turn around time to 120 days maximum.
  2. Reject requests only if applicant is unqualified or if it is technically infeasible or cost prohibitive to construct the ramps.
  3. Submit requests for more than 8 ramps to TMC for review.
  4. MCPD to act as a conduit for requests from the community.
- Primary focus on issues related to transportation for people with disabilities in Oakland, especially Paratransit services. Participate in

consumer and provider forums, with the goal of improving accountability of transportation service providers to consumers with disabilities. Work with City and County officials and advocacy organizations.

- Continued direct monitoring of Alameda County's ADA Paratransit Program and the City's Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) Program.
- Railroad crossings. To advocate for improved railroad crossing in Oakland, using the most advanced modern technology.

### ***Goals and Objectives for the Education, Employment and Outreach Committee***

- Obtain data regarding current employment of people with disabilities in the City of Oakland. Work with the City to educate employers, especially when new businesses apply for permits. Goal is to increase awareness of employers in Oakland and increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- Facilitate the local application process for the California Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities Youth Leadership Forum.
- Conduct outreach to other City commissions (Commission on Aging, Youth Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, etc.). Continue inviting guests to EEO meetings, establishing connections.
- Coordinate MCPD presence at East Bay arts/disabilities festivals (staff a table, with a display and fliers).
- Host second "Youth in Action" event in April to celebrate youth leadership in the disability community.
- Present an art exhibit in October featuring accomplished artists who have disabilities.

*Note: 2006 Housing Committee Goals and Objectives are not yet available.*

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities**  
**Roster and Committee Assignments**  
**January 2006**

Chairperson: Linda Teixeira  
 Vice Chair: Chris Finn

	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Education/ Employment/ Outreach</b>	<b>Transportation/ Mobility</b>
<b>Petrina Alexander</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Eva Aguillard</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X (Chair)</b>
<b>Lynne Cutler</b>		<b>X (Co-Chair)</b>	
<b>Chris Finn</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Gladys Hudson-Jones</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Alice Moore</b>			
<b>Bill Pelter</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Bob Pittman</b>	<b>X (Chair)</b>		
<b>Tamar Raine</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Lorraine Rosenblatt</b>		<b>X (Co-Chair)</b>	
<b>Linda Teixeira</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>Safi wa Nairobi</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Staff Report**

DATE: October 10, 2005 [rev. 01]  
 TO: Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities  
 ATTN: Linda Teixeira  
 FR: City Administrator / ADA Programs Division  
 RE: ADA Capital Improvement Activities

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**ADA Transition Plan Project  
 Status and Funding Requests**

Project Number	Description	C.D.	Amount	Balance	Description
	<b>FY 2005-06 STARTING BUDGET</b>				
C888xx	FY 2004-05 Roll Over	-	461,050		
C274210	FY 2005-06 Budget	-	522,500		
			\$983,550	\$983,550	
	<b>PRIOR YEAR OBLIGATIONS</b>				
C88850	Rockridge Green Belt Ph. 2	1	100,000		Prior Year Allocation
C888XX	Citywide Sidewalk Survey	ALL	100,000		Prior Year Allocation
C888XX	Temescal Pool Aquatic Lift	1	20,000		Prior Year Allocation
G250620	Lincoln Square Park ADA	2	40,000		Prior Year Allocation
			<b>\$260,000</b>	\$723,550	
	<b>FY 2005-06 ALLOCATIONS</b>				
C2742xx	Peralta Hacienda Historic Park	5	90,000		20% Fed. Grant Match
C2742xx	Willow Park Improvements	3	50,000		ADA Improvements
C888xx	Dimond Park Fruitvale Entry	4	50,000		ADA Improvements
C888xx	Martin Luther King Library	6	75,000		ADA Improvements
C888xx	Montclair Rec Ctr ADA	4	25,000		Supplemental Funds
C888xx	Sheffield Village Rec Ctr ADA	7	15,000		Supplemental Funds
			<b>\$305,000</b>	<b>\$418,550</b>	

Note: C.D. = Council District