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## **Director's Report to the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC)**

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Today's Director's Report to the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) provides a snapshot of some of the core issues that the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) has been engaged with since the most recent public hearing of the MDC. The Council is encouraged to follow up on [any of the items presented today](#). Along with this, items for future agenda consideration are provided.

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**Legislative updates, May 2022:** MDC and members of the public may want to engage with the following:

### Local Legislation and Resolutions

**JFK Drive/Promenade:** There are multiple legislative updates related to this road in Golden Gate Park.

1. Referral number ([220261](#)): Park Code - **Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program** - Slow Street Road Closures (Mayor, Preston, Mandelman, Haney)

Status: Passed

- This legislation accepted the recommendations of [SFMTA and Recreation and Parks \(REC\) staff report](#) and was passed by the Board of Supervisors (7-4), in a Joint Special Meeting of the BOS and the County Transportation Authority on April 26, 2022.

As the Council knows, your [JFK Drive Resolution](#) helped to form the [Accessibility Improvements and Enhancement commitments](#) provided to the Board of Supervisors in preparation for their vote. An update on these commitments is part of your MDC public meeting on June 17, 2022.

2. Referral [220339](#): Park Code - **Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program - Slow Street Road Closures - Modified Configuration** (Chan, Walton)  
Status: Land Use and Transportation Committee, pending Committee action
  - This legislation amends the above legislation ([220261](#)) and makes certain street segments one-way, establishes bicycle lanes, and urges additional changes to improve access to Golden Gate Park. It was heard at the full BOS and not passed, but referred back to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.
3. Referral [220475](#): **Hearing - Museum Recovery and Progress Update on Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program** (Stefani). Status: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, to be scheduled.
  - This hearing is part of a response to an amendment to the passed legislation that requires quarterly reporting by Recreation and Parks and SFMTA on Museum Recovery and accessibility improvements.
  - When the hearing is scheduled, MOD will distribute the information to the public.

**Shared Spaces:** Referral 211301: [Limits on Fines for Shared Spaces Violations](#) (Pekin et al): Status: Passed

- This legislation limits issuance of fines for violations on some businesses utilizing outdoor dining, while maintaining the ability to fine for physical access for persons with disabilities, and first responder access.
- Now looking for members to be part of a PSA about accessibility and Shared Spaces if you are interested in this, please contact MOD at [mod@sfgov.org](mailto:mod@sfgov.org) or by calling 415 554-6789.

**E-Scooter Safety:** [Resolution 570-21, Urging Bicycle Share and Powered Scooter Share Programs to Enhance User Compliance and Protect Pedestrians, Seniors and People with Disabilities](#)

- Pursuant to the conditions of this Resolution, SFMTA has asked the San Francisco permitted e-scooter companies to demonstrate automated speed reduction when riders are illegally on sidewalks.
- The first public demonstration of this was on May 19, 2022, with the scooter companies, MOD, SFMTA, Supervisor Pekin and local press and tv in attendance.

While there is more work to be done in this area, Council Advocacy around this resolution is making an impact.

## State Legislation

**[Virtual Meetings Open meetings: state and local agencies: teleconferences \(AB 361\)](#)**. Status: Approved by Governor.

- This bill allows for continued provision of virtual meetings for government agencies until January 1, 2024.
- Locally, the Community Alliance of Disability Advocates (CADA) is asking the City to consider continuation virtual public meetings in some capacity beyond the State Emergency Order... This advocacy effort will be described in your meeting today.

**CPUC Autonomous Vehicles (AV) Comment Periods:** Permission for autonomous vehicles to operate in San Francisco is regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), not SFMTA. Cruise has currently applied for a permit to operate in San Francisco.

While AV's are a potential transportation benefit to some people with disabilities (especially those who are blind or low vision), there are accessibility barriers and safety concerns to consider as well.

- A formal endorsement by the Mayor's Disability Council for the Mayor's Office on Disability participation in Public Comment would help advance efforts in this work.

**[SB 1480: Remote Accessible Voting](#)** Expands remote accessible vote to allow voters with disabilities to submit their vote by e-mail, potentially improving access especially for blind or low vision voters and people with certain physical disabilities. The Council is encouraged to track this effort, and consider if you would like to participate in public comment.

**[Transportation Network Company \(TNC\) legislation \(SB 1376\)](#)**: **TNC Access for All Act** is in pilot implementation phase. MOD, SFMTA and the County Transportation Authority (CTA) continue to be parties to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) comment proceeding, on the recommendation of the Mayor's Disability Council.

- The proceedings are ongoing, and are currently focused on service implementation timelines and the ability to pre-schedule wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) rides.

**[AB: 2336: Speed Safety Pilot Program](#)**: advanced and endorsed through Vision Zero, this legislation would allow San Francisco and other California cities to begin a pilot program

that tests speed safety and reduction. The Council may want to learn about this and other Vision Zero Efforts at an upcoming Public Hearing.

## COVID Response and the Disability Community

### **COVID-19 Vaccines:**

The Department of Public Health (SFDPH) and Center of Disease Control (CDC) now recommend a 2nd booster dose with an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer or Moderna) starting 4 months after receipt of your 1st booster. This is intended for higher risk individuals, including:

- people ages 65 years and older
- people ages 50 years and older with underlying conditions
- people ages 12 years and older with moderate to severe immune compromise

You can find more details regarding the SFDPH vaccine update [here](#). To find a vaccine site near you, visit [sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19](https://sf.gov/get-vaccinated-against-covid-19) or call the COVID Resource Center at 628-652-2700.

[At home vaccination is also available](#). To set it up, call the Covid Resource Center at 628-652-2700.

- The Lighthouse for the Blind is considering hosting another in-person booster clinic for people with disabilities, to occur in June, 2022. Dates to be announced.

Upcoming Events of Interest: The following may be of particular interest to the people with disabilities:

- **Aging and Disability Affordable Housing Needs Assessment community focus groups and stakeholder meetings:**

Focus groups and individual interviews are soon to be underway. Some interviews have small stipends attached. Your feedback will help inform system recommendations and strategic planning around affordable and accessible housing.

Five forums will happen in June 2022 (4 in-person and 1 virtual), and a forum specifically for members of the Deaf community in July (date and location to be determined).

The effort is especially looking for feedback from people with disabilities under 60, and people of disabilities of color.

Please sign up for a forum here (<https://forms.office.com/g/KKjDrg8mUK>) or reach out to [isabel.m.clayter@sfgov.org](mailto:isabel.m.clayter@sfgov.org) or 628-652-5702 for more information.

- **Older American’s Act Seminar:** In observance of May as Older Americans Month, this informational seminar will be held Thursday, May 26 from 10:30am-noon, held virtually, and sponsored by Disability and Aging Services. The participant information is as follows:

Attendees must register for the zoom webinar; more information can be found through this link:

[https://sfhsa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XNmPBFZpSxmX\\_SUwLjKcOg](https://sfhsa.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XNmPBFZpSxmX_SUwLjKcOg)

ASL live translation will be provided. For other language translation or accessibility accommodation requests, please send an email to Sara Hofverberg at [sara.hofverberg@sfgov.org](mailto:sara.hofverberg@sfgov.org).

#### Agenda Items for future MDC Hearing consideration, action, or resolution:

##### **Time Sensitive item considerations:**

- **Great Highway/Great Highway Park/Continuation of slow streets:** When the State and Local Emergency Orders are lifted, in addition to JFK Drive, other current road closures and slow streets may be under permanent closure consideration. This is of significant current concern to the disability community, especially those who question how these permanent changes may impact access for residents with disabilities citywide.
- **Hybrid public meeting participation** for people with disabilities:
  - The Council may want to learn more about and track this effort, especially pertaining to the ongoing provision of disability access for all participants and aspects of Civic engagement. (Please see State Legislative item above regarding **Virtual Meetings** for more context)
  - Note: Hybrid meetings apply to City Charter and Policy bodies. The MDC is a passive meeting body and is therefore allowed to meet virtually until further notice.
- **Autonomous Vehicles in San Francisco and accessibility** (see CPUC legislative item above)

##### **Other Considerations:**

- **Reinstitution of the MDC Beacon Award:** previously awarded to members of the disability public for outstanding contributions to disability access awareness in San Francisco.
- **Disability employment updates:** citywide data collection efforts pertaining to employees with disabilities to potentially begin in October 2022