

Salt Lake City Accessibility Council

Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Agenda

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Room 126 – first floor
City & County Building (451 S State)

- 3:00 - Welcome & Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Input
- 3:10 Update: Ground Transportation Ordinances and Accessible Vehicles
- 3:15 Discussion: 25th Anniversary of the ADA and AXS Map Project
- 4:10 Committee Updates (5 minutes each)
2) Legislation/Housing/Employment/Membership – Michael Lefevor
3) Architectural Barriers/Accessibility – Glenn Reeves
1) Parking & Ground Transportation – Craig Carter
Regular Committee Dates/Times ??
- 4:25 Announcements & Future Agenda Items
- 4:30 Adjourn (until Tues, June 2)

NOTE: Next two meetings are on June 2 and June 30 !!

Please mark your calendars.

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Committee Assignments

<i>1. Parking / Ground Transportation</i>	<i>2. Legislation / Housing / Employment / Membership</i>	<i>3. Architectural Barriers / Accessibility</i>
	2nd Monday of each month 1:30 pm, Utah Independent Living Center, 3445 S Main St.	
Craig Carter (Chair) Georg Stutzenberger Michael Barnes Mike Marshall	Michael Lefevor (Chair) Rich Foster Patrick Perry Leah Lobato Everette Bacon	Glenn Reeves (Chair) Jim Huber Todd Clafin (Eleanor's old seat) G Wright
a) 1 in 6 Van Accessible Requirement b) Sugar House plaza c) Taxi cabs	a) By-laws changes b) Medicaid expansion	a) Self-evaluation b) Accessibility brochure c) Public way barriers (curbs, snow, construction...)
<i>Top 5 Priorities for the Council (Identified 2014)</i>		
#3 Parking problems in Sugar House: new development, monument plaza, and streetcar. Other on-street parking areas of concern are 9th and 9th, Foothill Village, 15th and 15th.	#2 Snow removal issues. #5 Planning & zoning ordinances and permitting process for ADA accommodations.	#1 Crosswalk issues for people with disabilities: timing for people with disabilities, need for verbal commands, right-hand turners failing to yield, left-hand turners failing to yield, flags for visibility. #4 Sidewalks: watering lawns 24 hours a day blocking sidewalks, barriers/access through constructions zones (not so much Downtown but a problem in other areas; education may be a solution), Sugar House 1100 East going north-south sidewalks are awful; 1700 South sidewalk by SLCC.

Accessibility Council – MINUTES – March 24, 2015

Welcome & Introductions

Guests: Matt Haney & Jared Taylor with Precision Concrete Cutting. Don Winder representing Yellow Cab.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Rich Foster to approve the February minutes. Seconded by Patrick Perry. Passed unanimously.

Agreeing to Ground Rules: Todd summarized the discussion from last meeting and we invited others who have not signed the commitment to sign it today. Todd talked about tightening up the order in the meeting by addressing the chair and getting the floor, and also having a time-keeper and topic-keeper who would be the vice chair or chair, whoever is not chairing the meeting.

Public Input: Matt Haney & Jared Taylor (Precision Cutting) introduced a program which is pro-bono trip hazard repair. They would like to coordinate with the City to identify individuals who rely on ADA improvements. They will take care of a block face and would have employee interaction with the resident with disabilities who would be benefiting from the program.

Discussion: Accessibility Improvements on Sidewalks: Michael Stott summarized the 2015 Capital Improvement Program funding from Lynn Jarman's handout from last meeting. He asked the group whether there is a recommendation they would like to make to Mayor Becker this month for his consideration in his budget which he will propose in May.

Motion by Everette Bacon to recommend to Mayor Becker to fund the entire amounts requested by the Engineering Division for public way accessibility/sidewalk improvements in the 2015-2016 budget in the interest of access for people with disabilities and safety for all pedestrians and in line with the City's work toward overall improvements for alternative forms of transportation, equal opportunity and enjoyment of sidewalks by all people, to improve the image of the city to tourists and all visitors including convention-goers and patrons of major events. Seconded by Rich Foster. Call for the question by Rich Foster. Passed unanimously. This is where the rubber hits the road.

Discussion: Ground Transportation Ordinances and Accessible Vehicles: Michael Stott summarized the issue. The main questions are whether the city's recent changes to ground transportation ordinances to allow for networking transportation companies and the city's going away from its taxi cab contract would result in a net loss of wheelchair accessible vehicle providers in the city, and whether the city can and should do something to require or incentivize wheelchair accessible vehicle service.

Everette Bacon asked if there would be an added challenge for the networking companies to provide accessible vehicles due to the nature of independent drivers signing up with the networking companies and using their own vehicles. Don Winder said taxi cab companies generally operate under a similar principle where an independent taxi cab owner contracts with a company to operate under their agreement with the city.

Discussion about insurance requirements. Everette said Uber and Lyft already had an insurance policy of \$1.5M. Mr. Winder said those companies recently got the state to put caps on insurance requirements of \$1M while carrying a passenger.

Michael S asked how logistically a company that contracts with independent drivers can meet a quota for accessible vehicles. Mr. Winder said Ute Cab bought two accessible vehicles which they lease to drivers. Other companies, especially billion dollar companies like Uber and Lyft, can figure it out in this market. There are other cities that are requiring this. Everette said there are some services like Uber Assist that make accessibility accommodations available to passengers with those needs.

Michael S noted that this council made a recommendation a couple months back that the City do away with ordinance 5.76 which limits accessible transportation providers to those with a certificate of public convenience. Michael S said some other options for the group to consider along with Mr. Winder's recommendation are (1) to retain 5.76 with a certificate of public convenience or (2) to change that process to a contract/RFP process. George Stutzenberger asked about looking for one company that specializes in that service. Michael S also suggested an option to provide an incentive in the registration process by reducing the fees required of the city. Mr. Winder said the fees of only a couple hundred dollars may not be enough incentive to offset the costs of a wheelchair accessible vehicle--in the neighborhood of an additional \$10k above standard vehicle costs.

Committee Updates

1) **Parking & Ground Transportation:** Craig Carter said the ADA is federal law and it applies to all levels of government. Craig showed a magazine that talks about designing accessible parking structures.

2) **Legislation/Housing/Employment/Membership**: Michael Lefevor said there is no update this month.

3) **Architectural Barriers/Accessibility**: Glynis reported they would like to look at accessibility of the State Fair and accessibility at and around the Sugar House Monument Plaza during construction.

Announcements & Future Agenda Items

Other: Georg Stutzenberger shared about 1800 Market just south of Costco. All of the accessible parking signs were removed. Georg notified them of the problem and within two weeks all of the signs were replaced. The city should do more along these lines.

Future Agenda

- Ground Transportation (check with Everette on inviting Uber; also enforcement issue)
- 25th anniversary of the ADA and AXS effort