



Accessible Services Advisory Committee Agenda

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Accessible Services Advisory Committee Agenda

March 13, 2025 at 1:00pm

In-Person Participation: James R. Mills Building, 1255 Imperial Avenue, 10th Floor Board Room, San Diego CA 92101

Teleconference Participation: (669) 254-5252; Webinar ID: 160 578 5466, <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605785466>

NO.	ITEM SUBJECT AND DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	Roll Call	
2.	Public Comments	
3.	Approval of Minutes Action would approve the September 12, 2024 and December 19, 2024 Accessible Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.	Approve
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
4.	Comprehensive Operational Analysis (Brent Boyd)	Informational
5.	Fixed Route and Trolley Update (Keith Vann and Aaron Pitt)	Informational
6.	Same Day Paratransit Pilot (Charles Posejpal)	Informational
7.	MTS Access Update (Charles Posejpal)	Informational
OTHER ITEMS		
8.	Committee Member Communications and Other Business	
9.	Next Meeting Date: June 26, 2025 and 1:00pm	
10.	Adjournment	



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

September 12, 2024

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and Committee member comments are paraphrased.
The full comment can be heard by reviewing the recording at the [MTS website](#).]

1. **Roll Call**

Chair George Gastil called the Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A roll call sheet listing Accessible Services Advisory Committee member attendance is attached as Attachment A.

2. **Public Comments**

Sharlene Ornelas – A resident of Chula Vista made a verbal statement to the Committee during the meeting. Sharlene expressed frustration with an experience on the Blue Line Trolley.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Chair George Gastil moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, MTS Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting. Committee Member David Marino seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 in favor (Committee Member: Alyssa Ahn, Benjamin Gembler, Christina Hernandez, David Marino, George Gastil, Jacob Carson, Kacie Rodvill, Kimberly Taylor, Monique Ball, Todd Lordson) to 1 opposed (Committee Member Rene Rodriguez), with Debbie Marshall, Irene Santiesteban, Letty Zuno, and Tarrence Lewis absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **APTA Peer Review (Charles Posejpal)**

Charles Posejpal, MTS Manager of Paratransit and Minibus, presented on APTA Peer Review of MTS Access results. He presented on the observations and recommendations of the APTA Peer Review and MTS's reply to these findings. He also presented on highlights the APTA team found during this process. Key points were eligibility, policy, rider service, staffing, and data management. MTS agreed with many of the recommendations and have already started implementing changes to the Access program.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Committee Member David Marino stated that cognitive functional assessments are usually done by a licensed psychologist. He asked if the interviewer held the certification necessary to make that decision. Mr. Posejpal informed David that the agency's cognitive functional assessment determines the ability to use fixed route services or paratransit services. Mr. Posejpal elaborated that the agency wanted to build a more in-depth functional assessment.

Committee member Todd Lordson noted that in the past, they had a good working relationship with First Transit to do subscription rides, but in the past couple of years, that has been lost. Mr. Posejpal offered to connect him with the General Manager of Transdev to address those concerns.

Chair George Gastil was glad to hear the morale was good with First Transit. He noted that they should be mindful that morale is incredibly important.

Committee Member David Marino wanted to know if it was possible to expand the subscription services definition. Mr. Posejpal stated that as long as their trip qualified for paratransit services it is something the agency could investigate.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

5. MTS Access Update (Charles Posejpal)

Mr. Posejpal provided an update on MTS Access Services. He discussed the FY24 ridership data to the FY23 ridership data. Taxi had a little over 65,000 in FY24 compared to about 58,000 in FY 23. Access had about 200,000 in FY24 compared to 178,000 in FY23. The combined ridership was about 315,000 for FY24 compared to 250,000 for FY23. For complaints in FY24, MTS saw improvement for decreasing complaints and an increase in compliments compared to FY23. For eligibility, MTS saw a slight decrease of 1,200 for FY24 compared to 1,568 for FY23. There was an increase of about 50 SDM applications. MTS saw a large decrease in PRONTO Extend from 221 in FY23 to just 96 in FY24.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Committee member Tood Lordson asked if Care7 was considered a Taxi or MTS Access service. Mr. Posejpal replied that they are considered Taxi service.

Committee Member Rene Rodriguez stated the attachment numbers were small and requested for larger fonts at future meetings. Mr. Posejpal assured him that the change would be made at the next meeting.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

6. Fixed-Route and Trolley Update (Keith Vann and Brent Boyd)

Keith Vann, MTS Manager of Service Operations, presented on Fixed-Route updates. He informed the Committee of the agency's weekly hiring events due to staffing shortages, with training classes start every three weeks. MTS had a service change September 1 with no major changes, just seasonal and weekend adjustments. He mentioned the Bus Enforcement Team that has a dedicated morning team for bus operations to respond to radio calls. They have just added a night team, giving MTS about 20 hours of security coverage just for bus.

Brent Boyd, MTS Manager of Rail Planning and Performance, presented on Trolley updates. He informed the Committee of the major Trolley service change on September 29 with the change of the Orange and Green Line to the Copper Line. Currently, there is a weekday, Saturday, and Sunday schedule and service will be going to a weekday and weekend schedule. There will be a rider appreciation event at El Cajon on Monday, September 30. For the January service

change, MTS is on target to implement 15-minute service on all Trolley lines at all times. Mr. Vann also added the reminder of Free Ride Day on October 2.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Chair George Gastil noted he was under the impression that there was an increase in ridership during Free Ride Day. Mr. Vann mentioned that free ride day included all bus, Trolley and NCTD services as well.

Committee member Benjamin Gembler asked about nighttime security and whether they addressed hot spots. Mr. Vann stated that they work with the customer service department to address hotspots. Committee Member Benjamin Gembler asked if the agency had received feedback from riders with disabilities about transportation to and from Padres games. Mr. Boyd stated that at most events the agency performs 15-minute or better service as the agency has extra trains on standby. Mr. Boyd noted that generally, the agency has very good feedback.

Committee Member David Marino asked if the agency had a specific area designated for wheelchair vehicles to pull into Petco Park. He stated that drivers and passengers are not sure where they should go for pick up and drop off. Mr. Posejpal stated that common places are generally designated for pick up and drop off in the scheduling system.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

OTHER ITEMS

7. Committee Member Communications

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Chair George Gastil adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

/S/ George Gastil
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/S/ Diana Hernandez
Committee Clerk
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC) MEETING

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): September 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 1:01pm

ADJOURN: 1:46pm

COMMITTEE MEMBER		ALTERNATE		ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Voting Committee Members						
George Gastil (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASAC Chair	1:01pm	1:46pm
Letty Zuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hermes Castro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to Independence	ABSENT	ABSENT
Christian Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arun Prem	<input type="checkbox"/>	FACT (CTSA)	1:01pm	1:46pm
Debbie Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	ABSENT	ABSENT
Todd Lordson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jorge Malone	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Regional Center	1:01pm	1:46pm
Samantha Stephan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Center for the Blind	1:01pm	1:46pm
Zaccary Bradt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin Gembler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SANDAG	1:01pm	1:46pm
Alyssa Ahn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Daniela Turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caltrans	1:01pm	1:46pm
Jana Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob Carson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County of San Diego AIS	1:01pm	1:46pm
Irene Santiesteban	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christine Moore	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paratransit Consumer	ABSENT	ABSENT
David Marino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eugenia Kainz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paratransit Consumer	1:01pm	1:46pm
Rose Napoleon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rene Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route Consumer	1:01pm	1:46pm
Tarrence Lewis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walter Castillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route Consumer	ABSENT	ABSENT
Monique Ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Merritt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf Community Services	1:01pm	1:46pm
Kacie Rodvill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betsy Knight	<input type="checkbox"/>	County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services	1:01pm	1:46pm

COMMITTEE CLERK: /S/ Diana Hernandez

MINUTES

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ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

December 19, 2024

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and Committee member comments are paraphrased. The full comment can be heard by reviewing the recording at the [MTS website](#).]

1. Roll Call

Chair Gastil called the Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A roll call sheet listing Accessible Services Advisory Committee member attendance is attached as Attachment A.

2. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the September 12, 2024, Accessible Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes will be approved at the next ASAC meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Capital Projects Update (Heather Furey)

Heather Furey, MTS Director of Capital Projects, presented on Capital Projects Update. She outlined the following items: Bus Stop Improvements for various locations throughout the MTS bus network system, Variable Message Sign Upgrades, Public Address System Upgrade, America Plaza Pedestrian Enhancements, various Orange Line Pedestrian Crossing Improvements, 12th and Imperial Transit Center Rehabilitation, and Washington Station visibility Wall Modification upgrade.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Chair Gastil commented on the Orange Line's age comparable to the Blue Line. Ms. Furey added that over a decade ago, both the Blue and Green Line underwent a signaling rehabilitation, the Orange Line has the oldest signaling system remaining.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

5. Old Town Transit Center Wayfinding Sign Upgrade Project (Quincy Forward)

Quincy Forward, MTS Creative Design Manager and Brad Keen, MTS Graphic Designer presented on Old Town Transit Center wayfinding sign upgrade project. They outlined: project overview, timeline, monument sign and wayfinding signs.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Committee Member Lordson asked if there's any plans for signage to accommodate those who are visually impaired. Ms. Forward replied there are no plans to change the current braille signage.

Committee Member David Marino commented that the signage was confusing to him due to all the colors added. He asked if a focus group was used to conduct this project since it would've been helpful to have more opinions in the making of signage before finalized. Ms. Forward answered that there was no rider focus group involved when making the signage and that the only focus group was within MTS.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

6. Fixed Route and Trolley Update (Keith Vann and Aaron Pitt)

Charles Posejpal, MTS Manager of Paratransit and Minibus and Brent Boyd, Director of Planning and Scheduling, presented on the Fixed Route and Trolley Update.

Mr. Posejpal talked about the new shuttle that would be serving the December Nights event, he stated that there was positive feedback from the community. He announced free transit services during New Years Eve. Mr. Posejpal also talked about the new overnight Route 910 that would service the community from Downton to San Ysidro. He provided an update on the Route 4, Imperial Avenue Bikeway construction would conclude February 2025. Mr. Posejpal spoke about the ongoing Bus Driver shortages and the various tactics that were being used to recruit operators.

Mr. Boyd added that the new Route 910 line would also service the most popular Blue Line trolley stops along its route. Upon the launch of Route 910, trolley services will also increase to 15-minute frequencies, with a few exceptions at the end of the service time. Trolley service for New Years will be extended to 2am. Mr. Boyd also talked about a scheduled service shut down the weekend of Martin Luther King, to accommodate to maintenance on the line.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Committee Member Lordson asked if the Orange Line repairs were available for reference on the MTS website. Mr. Boyd assured the Committee that information would be available on the MTS website in January 2025.

Chair Gastil asked staff to clarify the stations that would be impacted during the Orange Line repairs. Mr. Boyd replied that Massachusetts Station would be the only one impacted with a bus

bridge. Mr. Boyd clarified that the eastbound service will be direct while westbound service will have a small deviation.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

7. MTS Access Update (Charles Posejpal)

Mr. Posejpal presented an update on MTS Access Update. He discussed: Ridership for Access and subcontracted trip numbers in comparison between Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 and its increase. He talked about the increase between FY24 and FY 25 of applications being processed by Medical Transportation Management (MTM), the contractor who administers ADA services for MTS, Mr. Posejpal announced Don Johnson, Transdev's new General Manager (GM) for Copley operations. He also talked about the updated version of Access website which is in process. Lastly, Mr. Posejpal stated that the Do Not Leave Alone (DLA) memo is being distributed to advise of end of service.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

Committee Comment

Chair Gastil commented that ending the service of DLA requires those needing additional assistance to ride with an aid. Mr. Posejpal responded stating that clients are encouraged to use a Personal Care Attendant (PCA).

Committee member Lordson commented that once he receives a copy of the DLA memo, he would forward to caretakers of his agency.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

OTHER ITEMS

8. Committee Member Communications

There was no Committee Member Communications and Other Business discussion.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Accessible Services Advisory Committee meeting March 13, 2025.

10. Adjournment

Chair Gastil adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

/S/ George Gastil
Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

/S/ Diana Hernandez
Committee Clerk
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC) MEETING

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): December 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: 2:11 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBER		ALTERNATE		ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Voting Committee Members						
George Gastil (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASAC Chair	1:00 p.m.	2:11 p.m.
Letty Zuno	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hermes Castro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to Independence	ABSENT	ABSENT
Christian Hernandez	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arun Prem	<input type="checkbox"/>	FACT (CTSA)	ABSENT	ABSENT
Debbie Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT	<input type="checkbox"/>	State Council on Developmental Disabilities	ABSENT	ABSENT
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Marianela Camarillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Center for the Blind	ABSENT	ABSENT
Zaccary Bradt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin Gembler	<input type="checkbox"/>	SANDAG	ABSENT	ABSENT
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David Marino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eugenia Kainz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paratransit Consumer	1:00 p.m.	2:11 p.m.
Rose Napoleon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rene Rodriguez	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route Consumer	ABSENT	ABSENT
Tarrence Lewis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walter Castillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed Route Consumer	ABSENT	ABSENT
Monique Ball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Merritt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf Community Services	ABSENT	ABSENT
Kacie Rodvill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betsy Knight	<input type="checkbox"/>	County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services	1:00 p.m.	2:11 p.m.

COMMITTEE CLERK: /S/Diana Hernandez



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Agenda Item No. 4

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 13, 2025

SUBJECT:

Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) (Brent Boyd)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

DISCUSSION:

A COA is a project that includes an examination and evaluation of a transit system to determine what improvements could be made to make a transit network more effective and efficient. This is a common type of project for transit agencies to implement when a fresh look at their transit networks would be beneficial.

Staff is procuring a consultant to conduct a new COA that would analyze current and potential ridership, travel patterns, demographics, land use, operating costs, and system/segment performance (as guided by Board Policy 42), and would ultimately lead to the development of two service plans for two distinct scenarios:

- Scenario 1 – Funding for Existing Needs Secured PLUS Additional Funding for Service Improvements:
 - Up to \$75 million in additional annual revenues obtained to increase frequencies and spans (or realign services) on the existing transit network.
- Scenario 2 - No Increase in Regional Transit Funding Secured:
 - Budget shortfall of \$100-plus million annually, with an estimated \$30-\$50 million in savings required to come from service reductions/changes.



Staff will provide the Committee with a report about activities associated with the COA.

/S/ Sharon Cooney
Sharon Cooney
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Comprehensive Operational Analysis

Accessible Services
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What is a COA?

A comprehensive operational analysis (COA) is a project that features an examination and evaluation of a transit system to determine where improvements could be made to make transit service more effective and efficient.



What is a COA?

Analysis of:

- Current and potential ridership
- Travel patterns
- Demographics
- Current and future land use
- Operating Costs
- Performance in relation to Board Policy 42

Recommendations for:

- Changes to transit network to improve transit productivity and availability with realistic funding scenarios

Why Now?

- Through the major impacts of COVID
- Significant recent transit investments in the region
- Changing demographics and travel patterns
- Budget concerns



Executive Committee and Board of Directors

- **Executive Committee (February 6, 2025) (AI 6)**
 - Presented summary and potential schedule for COA
 - EC voted to recommend to Board of Directors to take action to:
 - Pursue a COA to be completed by November 2026
 - Begin preliminary efforts on researching the feasibility of placing a transit revenue measure on the ballot for the November 2026 general election, and
 - Work with SANDAG and NCTD to conduct a fare study regarding potential impacts of a fare increase.
- **Board of Directors (February 13, 2025) (AI 18)**
 - Voted to pursue the above recommendations; requested additional information regarding the scope of work for the project, as well as the consultant selection process.
- **Executive Committee (March 6, 2025) (AI 7)**
 - Information item only; no recommended changes to scope

Goals of the COA

- Develop strategies to address current travel demand with projected funding levels
- Integration with the region's current and future multimodal transportation system
- Realign existing services and operational frequency and span of services based on proposed service strategies
- Develop phasing plans and financial programs to support implementation of the service plans
- Ensure that community input is considered throughout the study



Planning Scenarios of the COA

- **Scenario 1 – Additional funding procured:**
 - \$75 million in additional revenues expected to increase frequencies and spans (or realigning services) on the existing transit network.
- **Scenario 2 - No increase in regional transit funding:**
 - Budget shortfall of \$100-plus million annually, with an estimated \$30-\$50 million in savings required to come from service reductions/changes.

COA Tasks

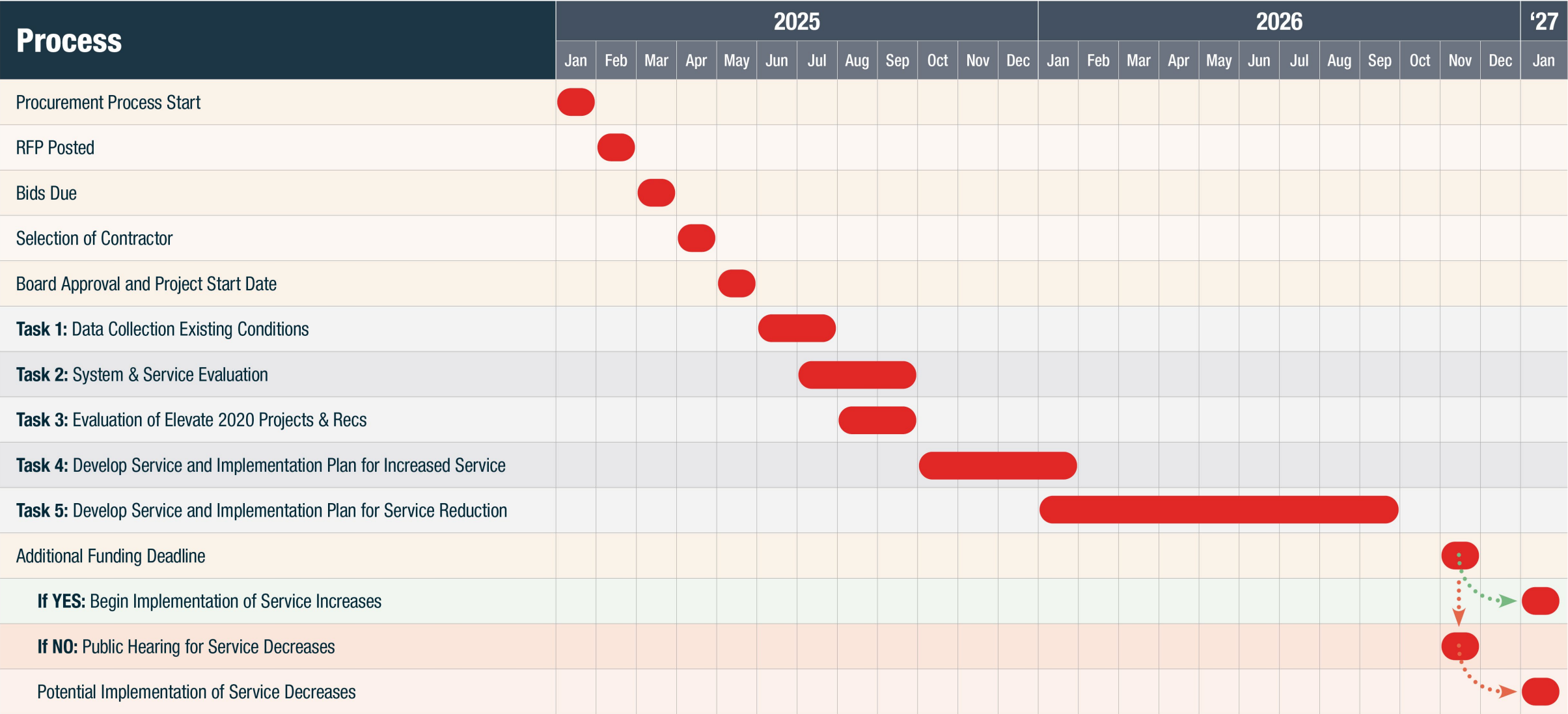
- Data Collection / Review of Existing Conditions
- System and Service Evaluation
- Evaluation of Recommendations from Elevate 2020
- Develop Service and Implementation Plan for Increased Service (Ballot measure or other funding)
- Develop Service Reduction Plan (for no increase in funding)



COA Project Management

- The COA will be managed by the MTS Planning and Scheduling Department
- MTS Marketing and Communications Department will guide outreach efforts
- A consultant will be selected to analyze existing conditions, and to work with MTS staff in crafting planning scenarios, similar to past efforts

Overall COA Timeline



Questions/Comments



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Agenda Item No. 5

**MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)**

March 13, 2025

SUBJECT:

Fixed Route and Trolley Update (Keith Vann and Aaron Pitt)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None with this item.

DISCUSSION:

Staff to provide an update on Fixed-Route and Trolley services and reports. The MTS Bus, MTS Contract Services, and MTS Trolley report provides a monthly summary of ridership. Will discuss the upcoming work for Park Blvd, the closure associated with it, and the Orange Line Improvement project. Staff will also have an update on bus operator numbers, operational changes, and special events.

/S/Charles Posejpal

Charles Posejpal

Manger of Paratransit and Minibus

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Agenda Item No. 6

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)

March 13, 2025

SUBJECT:

Same Day Paratransit Pilot (Charles Posejpal)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

None

DISCUSSION:

Staff will provide background on current complementary paratransit requirements for reserving trips and MTS's proposal for a Same Day Paratransit Pilot. Staff's presentation will include an examination of how it plans to determine effectiveness of the pilot program.

/S/Charles Posejpal

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MTS ACCESS SAME-DAY PARATRANSIT PILOT

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Americans With Disabilities Act Complementary Paratransit

- Each public entity operating a fixed route system shall provide paratransit or other special service to individuals with disabilities that is comparable to the level of service provided to individuals without disabilities who use the fixed route system.
- For any day that a transit agency operates complementary paratransit, it is obligated to allow individuals to reserve trips on the day before.
- The fare for a trip charged to an ADA paratransit-eligible user of the complementary paratransit service shall not exceed twice the fare on the entity's fixed route system.

Exceeding Minimum Requirements (Premium Service)

- Same-day trips are considered a premium service per ADA regulations.
- Premium services are optional and otherwise do not fall under the complementary paratransit requirements, transit agencies may charge higher fares for premium service trips. For example, agencies may charge higher fares for trips requested on the same day of service.

Same-Day Paratransit Pilot Development

- Focus group with SANDAG highlighted riders need for same-day trips.
- Provides flexibility with trip booking.
- Increased accessibility.
- May increase fleet efficiency.

Same-Day Paratransit Pilot

General Information

- Tentative start date of July 1, 2025.
- Trips scheduled on space-available basis for eligible MTS Access customers.
- Same-day service will be a premium service with higher fares. \$10 per one-way trip.
- Reservations for same-day service can be made from 8:00am – 4:00pm.
- Trip booking negotiation of one hour before and one hour after.

Evaluation Metrics

- This is a pilot program, which may be adjusted based on the following observations:
- Percent of requested trips that are provided and denied.
- Passengers per hour.
- Key Performance Indicator (KPI): On Time Performance (OTP).
- Qualitative data from complaints, customer comments, customer surveys.
- Cost and impact to existing service.

Questions/Comments



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Agenda Item No. 7

**MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
ACCESSIBLE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASAC)**

March 13, 2025

SUBJECT:

MTS Access Update (Charles Posejpal)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None

DISCUSSION:

Staff to provide an update on MTS's Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Service (i.e. MTS Access) monthly reports. Attached are monthly reports for the fiscal year 2025. The MTS Access report provides a monthly overview of service performance. Medical Transportation Management (MTM), MTS's third-party contractor performing eligibility certification services for MTS Access, also has a report on its monthly ADA certification summary for MTS Access.

/S/Charles Posejpal

**Charles Posejpal
Manger of Paratransit and Minibus**

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Attachment: A. MTS Access ASAC Report FY 25

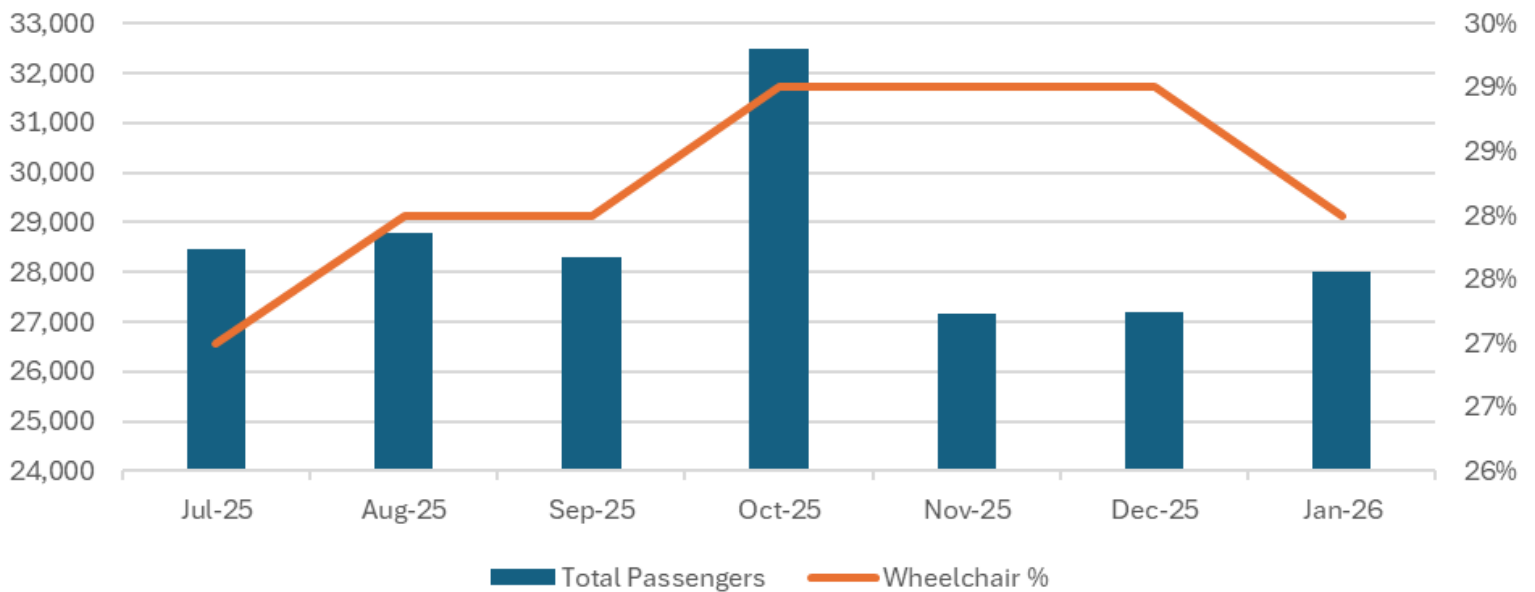




MTS Access ASAC Report FY 25

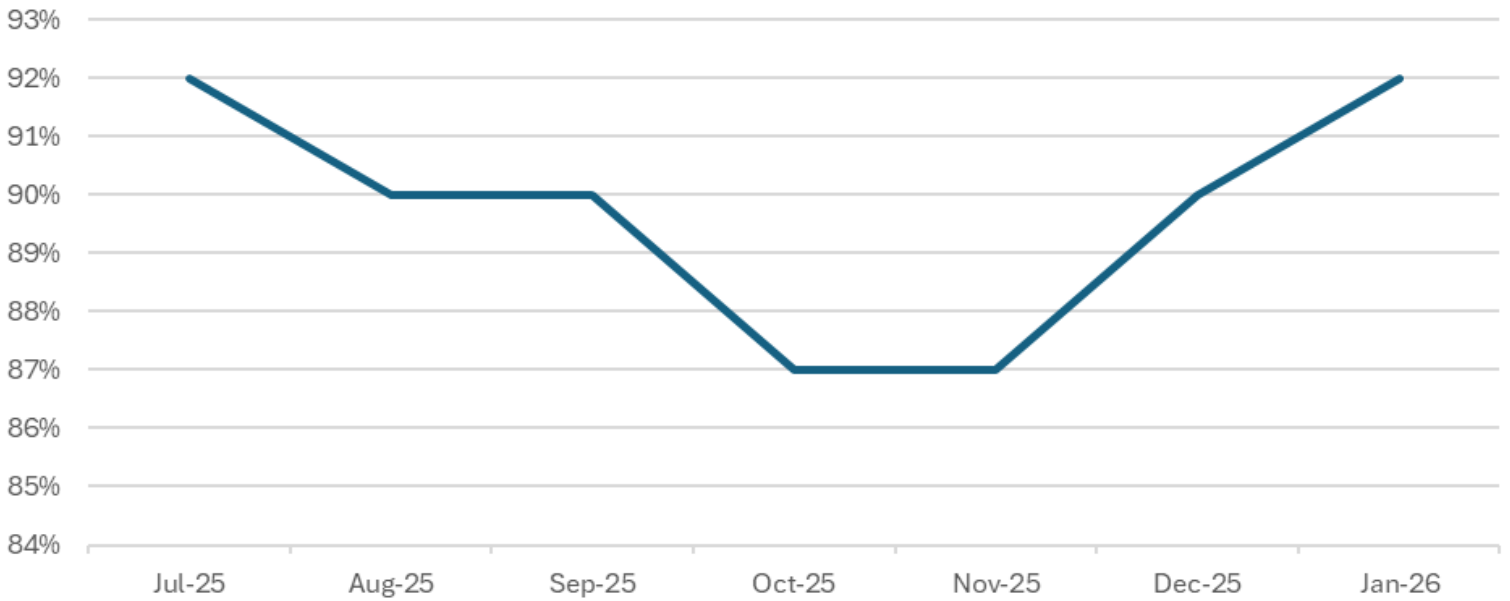
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26
Total Passengers	28,464	28,777	28,296	32,486	27,159	27,180	28,004
Wheelchair %	27%	28%	28%	29%	29%	29%	28%
On Time Performance (%)	92%	90%	90%	87%	87%	90%	92%
Valid Complaints	37	45	41	60	42	26	27
Compliments	6	8	7	6	8	3	9

Total Passengers and Wheelchair Boardings





On Time Performance (%)



Complaints and Compliments

