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ADA PARATRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING QUARTERLY MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026, AT 3:00 P.M.

**SIMI VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
3900 AVENIDA SIMI, SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2026
5. Report of ADA Advisory Committee Chair
6. Representative Reports
 - A. Council Member Ayala
 - B. Deputy Public Works Director (Transit) (Ben Gonzales)
7. Public Statements

This time is allotted for anyone who wishes to make a public statement or comment on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker, to allow everyone the opportunity to be heard.
8. Reports:
 - A. Update on Passenger Statistics (Transit Supervisor) (Eric Molina)

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9. New Business

- Electric buses (Ben Gonzales)

10. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Member Comments

This time is allotted for Committee members to make a statement or comment on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee, which may include announcements and/or requests for future agenda items.

11. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Coordinator's Report

- ADA Recruitment update (Eric Molina)

12. Suggested Future Agenda Items

13. Adjournment

14. Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.; Location Senior Center.



Ronald K. Fuchiwaki
Public Works Director

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mary Elaine Beaty called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mary Elaine Beaty	A
Ruth Lauro	A
Leanne Ford	P
Roberta Galiano	P
Isabel Huerta	P
Karen Bobango (alternate)	A
Rebecca McCann (alternate)	P

P: Present A: Absent V: Vacant

Staff: Eric Molina, Transit Supervisor
Mary Lozano, Transit Operations Manager
Ben Gonzales, Deputy Public Works Director (Transit)

3. Agenda Review

4. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2025

Rebecca MacCann motioned for approval of the Minutes and Leanne Ford seconded the motion.

5. Report of ADA Advisory Committee Chair

Mary Elaine Beaty reported not having availability when attempting to schedule a ride five days in advance.

Eric Molina noted that availability may be limited during periods of high demand. He also reminded Mary Elaine of the seven day in advance booking.

6. Representative Reports

A. Deputy Public Works Director, Transit (Ben Gonzales)

Ben Gonzales reported that the Transit Department continues to recruit to hire more drivers, are receiving applications, and have a couple of drivers in training.

Mary Elaine Beaty inquired if the new drivers being hired were for Transit Fixed Route or Dial-A-Ride.

Ben Gonzales stated that they are interchangeable for all Transit services.

7. Public Statements

Ms. Pettis believes that the scheduling is not correct. At times she has noted that there is another person waiting for Dial-A-Ride at the same location she is at, but they are both picked up by different drivers.

Eric Molina explained why at times some passengers are picked up by different drivers even when they are at the same pick-up location and it may be based on their drop-off location and time.

8. Reports:

A. Update on Passenger Statistics

Eric Molina went over the statistical rider data for the last quarter and reported that ridership is continuing to increase compared to the previous quarter and previous year.

9. New Business

Ben Gonzales reported that the Microtransit/On Demand ridership is steadily increasing. The passenger percentage using the service are 50% Seniors, 30% general public, and 20% College students.

Ben Gonzales noted that the department is exploring a zone expansion to provide supplemental service in areas where SVT is currently unavailable, aiming to better support residents.

Rebecca McCann stated that one of the advantages of using Microtransit is that you can make trip reservations same day but the downside is that it does not cover a large area of Simi Valley. For example, a person would have to cross the street on Los Angeles to get a ride where there is service coverage and if they are in a wheelchair is not an easy thing to do.

Eric Molina reported on the status of the recruitment for five ADA Committee member positions whose terms are ending as of May 31, 2026. Recruitment opened February 2, 2026 would conclude February 28, 2026.

10. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Members Comments

Isabel Huerta inquired about a policy for passengers boarding the vehicles with an open beer.

Eric Molina responded and stated that no open beverage containers are allowed on our vehicles.

Isabel Huerta inquired about the protocol for drivers when a passenger boards with an open container of alcohol.

Eric Molina explained the no food or drinks policy to the Committee and stated that the drivers remind the passengers of the no open container of any kind policy and any open alcoholic beverage should be reported to a supervisor.

Roberta Gagliano suggested SVT conducting trips to specific locations offered at certain times of the day.

Mary Lozano clarified that ADA Dial-A-Ride cannot provide that specific service, as it would be classified as a specialized service beyond their current scope.

Roberta Gagliano inquired if the service could be conducted as an event bus.

Mary Lozano stated that it could not be done as this service would be considered more of a charter bus and would require a different source for funding to provide the service.

Roberta Gagliano comment that with so many veterans living in Simi Valley would Dial-A-Ride allow the veterans to ride for free on Veterans Day?

Mary Lozano responded that it's something that can be looked into since we offer free rides for veterans on Veteran's Day on the fixed route service.

Leanne Ford stated that she always uses the lift when using Dial-A-Ride and the drivers are always helpful assisting her.

Isabel Huerta complimented the Transit dispatchers, stating that they are always very helpful when booking her trips.

11. ADA Paratransit Advisory Committee Coordinator's Report

Eric Molina reported on an upcoming Travel Training class taking place on February 12, 2026, at the Senior Center.

12. Adjournment: By consensus of the Committee present, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.