
Mayor's Office on Disability



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Resolution #2011 – 02

Mayors Disability Council Resolution To Recommend Remediation Of Accessibility Conditions at Municipal Transportation Agency and Clear Channel's MUNI Bus Shelter Located On Columbus Street At Washington Square

WHEREAS it is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to promote full and equal access for all citizens and visitors alike;

WHEREAS the Mayor's Disability Council mission is to advise the Mayor of San Francisco on disability issues, work with the Mayor's Office on Disability to ensure ADA Compliance and to provide a public forum to discuss disability issues;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office on Disability received several complaints on the accessibility of the public right of way near a newly installed Muni bus shelter located on Columbus Street at Washington Square, that due to the shelter's size, location on a narrow sidewalk and proximity to tree wells constricted accessible routes around and into the bus shelter;

WHEREAS, the bus shelters' location and accessibility do not meet the intent of the City's Better Streets Plan for clear and unobstructed routes for sidewalks on the public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office on Disability met with representatives of the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) to review and request remediation of the accessibility conditions in March of 2011;

WHEREAS, the accessibility conditions have not been remediated as of September 2011;

WHEREAS, at the request of several members of the public, the Mayor's Disability Council's Physical Access Committee held a publicly noticed meeting on September 9, 2011 to collect and develop public comment on the accessibility provisions contained within the Plan ;

WHEREAS, the committee, including representatives of the Friends of Washington Square, developed unanimous consensus that the current location and conditions of the bus shelter do not meet the needs of the broader spectrum of citizens who use the shelter, sidewalks and Washington Square Park;

WHEREAS, the Friends of Washington Square and another member of the public provided information and documentation that pedestrian traffic bypassing the shelter's current location is damaging Washington Square grounds;

WHEREAS, the MDC Physical Access Committee developed consensus on the following recommendations to be forwarded to the Mayors Council on Disability:

~~1. That the Clear Channel bus shelter be temporarily removed from this location until an acceptable design solution can be developed for the bus stop and shelter~~

1. MTA and the San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) jointly designate a project manager to lead and coordinate the development of an accessible design solution for the bus stop and shelter, and to coordinate the various public agencies associated with this condition, including a representative of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department;
2. That the project manager and the process to re-locate the shelter properly engage local community groups, such as the Friends of Washington Square, the MUNI Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC), the MUNI ADA and DPW Coordinators, individuals and groups that represent individuals with disabilities, to aid in development of an accessible solution;
3. That a firm time schedule be established for resolving the location of the bus shelter that meets community needs and expectations, while meeting the goals of the Better Streets Plan provisions for accessibility on the public right-of-way; and
4. Based upon the development of an accessible and acceptable design solution, the City Agencies find the methods and means to construct and deliver an accessible bus shelter and pedestrian public right of way at Columbus Street and Washington Square.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Mayor's Disability Council hereby adopts MDC Physical Access Committee's and public participants recommendations and conveys recommendations through the Mayor's Office to the Directors of MTA and DPW for their consideration and action.

September 16, 2011

Mayor's Disability Council – ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Jul Lynn Parsons, Roland Wong, Denise Senhaux, C. Wendy James, Denise Senhaux, and Tatiana Kostanian.

Absent: Idell Wilson and Raphaella Bennin

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