



# Disability & Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC)

May 22, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.





# Welcome & Meeting Logistics Review



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# Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) is to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California.

DACLAC will ensure the involvement of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, older adults, and/or other partners who provide services or represent consumers.

DACLAC will advise the California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS), in addition to other state entities, on community living policies and programs, including but not limited to long-term services and supports, transportation and housing, and employment opportunities.

# DACLAC Committee Members

## **Stakeholder Co-Chairs**

- Sheri Burns, *Silicon Valley Independent Living Center*
- Hagar Dickman, *Justice in Aging*

## **State Co-Chairs**

- Susan DeMarois, *California Department of Aging*
- Joe Xavier, *California Department of Rehabilitation*

## **Stakeholder Committee Membership**

- Patricia Blaisdell, *California Hospital Association*
- Mareva Brown, *Office of the Senate Pro Tempore*
- Megan Burke, *The SCAN Foundation*
- Sabrina Epstein, *Disability Rights California*
- Melinda Forstey, *Serving Seniors*
- Elizabeth Fuller, *Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care*
- Jason Gabhart, *Alzheimer's Association*

# DACLAC Committee Members

## **Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)**

- Barbara Hanna, *California Association for Health Services at Home*
- Corinne Jones, *Senior Network Services*
- Kathy Kelly, *Family Caregiver Alliance*
- Kawon (Kay) Lee, *California Association for Adult Day Services*
- Peter Mendoza, *Consumer Advocate*
- Kim Mills, *A Better Life Together, Inc.*
- Carolyn Nava, *Disability Action Center*
- Marty Omoto, *California Disability Community Action Network*
- Jeannee Parker Martin, *LeadingAge of California*
- Joe Perales, *The Arc of California*



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## **Stakeholder Committee Membership (cont.)**

- Andrea Robert, *Consumer Advocate*
- Gabriel Rogin, *North Bay Regional Center*
- Michelle Rousey, *Consumer Advocate*
- Rosanna "Rosie" Ryan, *Consumer Advocate*
- Robert Taylor, *Konocti Senior Support*
- Jeff Thom, *California Council of the Blind*
- Debbie Toth, *Choice in Aging*
- Nina Weiler-Harwell, *AARP California*
- Janie Whiteford, *CA In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance*
- Sylvia Yeh, *Friends of Children with Special Needs*

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# Remarks: DACLAC State Co-Chair

***Susan DeMarois***

*Director*

*California Department of Aging (CDA)*



# Remarks: May Revise Budget Review

***Marko Mijic***

*Undersecretary*

*California Health and Human Services Agency  
(CalHHS)*

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***Hagar Dickman***  
*Justice in Aging (JIA)*

***Sheri Burns***  
*Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC)*

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# DACLAC Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussions



***Hagar Dickman***

*Justice in Aging (JIA) & DACLAC Stakeholder Co-Chair*



# Committee Member Discussion and Comments

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# DACLAC Housing Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussion



***Marty Omoto***

*California Disability Community Action Network &  
Housing Subcommittee Chair*

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# **DACLAC Housing subcommittee priorities**

**May 22, 2024**

# OVERVIEW

- IMMEDIATE
- SHORT-TERM
- LONGER-TERM



# IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES

**Action Step: Housing Subcommittee recommends to the stakeholders advocates on the full DACLAC Committee to advise State and Legislature to not make reductions or impose delays in implementation in the following housing programs or housing supports and services:**

**Proposed cuts to Home Safe and Housing & Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)**

**Proposed cuts to HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program under, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program**

## IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES (continued)

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**Proposed cuts in IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) impacting people who are undocumented**

**Proposed delay (from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025) of full implementation of the regional center provider rate reform increases that includes supports in the home (such as supported living services)**

## **IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES (continued)**

**That the State identify and consider the impact of ALL proposed reductions and delays that impact the whole person rather than just looking at how it impacts that service or support within a specific department budget - and also looking at the impact over a two year budget period.**

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## Short-term priorities

- **Action steps to help break down silos and develop inventory of state and local government services related housing, housing supports, homelessness prevention, renter protections, etc. and provide input to the efforts to develop a "No Wrong Door" that include housing and homelessness prevention**
- **Action steps to improve access and transparency to CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) housing-related community supports including housing navigation, rental assistance/security deposits, tenancy sustaining services, housing modifications. Make these services statewide**

## Short-term priorities (continued)

- **Action steps for State to review housing assessment tools including coordinated entry system used to assess housing needs and homelessness prevention**

## Short-term priorities - (continued)

- **Recommend that the State pursue federal funding for a pilot shallow subsidy program targeting rental assistance for older adults and people with disabilities at imminent risk of homelessness (Master Plan for Aging Initiative #2)**
- **Recommend adoption of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) rent cap protections applied to current LIHTC properties (the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee state regulations now have rent caps for future construction)**

## Short-term priorities - CONTINUED

- Recommend adoption of rent protections for mobile homeowners who rent the land from park owners not protected by local ordinances.**



## **Short-term priorities - CONTINUED**

- Recommend clarification of rental cap protections on RCFE (Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly) and ARF (Adult Residential Facilities) and strengthening of protections from additional service costs**
- Recommend that remaining Community Care Expansion funds be directed to funding Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and other publicly subsidized housing in the community**

# LONGER-TERM PRIORITIES

**Renter Protections and Rent Stabilization - seek statewide funding for targeted rental assistance for acutely low-income older adults and adults with disabilities at imminent risk of homelessness (Initiative #2 of the Master Plan for Aging)**



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# DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee: Key Priorities Discussions



***Michelle Rousey***  
*Transportation Subcommittee Chair*

# DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee

## Key Priorities

- **Michelle Rousey**, DACLAC Transportation Subcommittee Chair
- **Kaleo Mark**, Seamless Bay Area
- **Debbie Toth**, Choice in Aging
- **Jeff Thom**, California Council of the Blind
- **Sheri Burns**, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

# Master Plan for Aging Transportation Initiatives

- **Initiative 7:** Leverage state and federal funding
- **Initiative 8:** Enhance transportation project decision-making through mobility and demographic data, incorporating feedback from the Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee
- **Initiative 9:** Expand integrated, accessible transportation through strategies such as strengthening Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSAs); innovations in flexible transportation; and developing free/reduced fares, fare integration, and transit rider education
- **Initiative 10:** Improve community walkability, increase pedestrian safety, and provide accessible and connected transportation options
- **Initiative 11:** Support local/regional clean energy programs that focus on transportation solutions for older adults and people with disabilities
- MPA Initiatives

MPA Initiative	Topic	Description	Presenters	Present	Recommend
Initiative 7	Leverage state and federal funding	Leverage funding to promote access to safer, sustainable, and more equitable multi-modal mobility	Adina Levin, John Cunningham	December	February
Initiative 8	Better project decision making	Review mobility and demographic data and incorporate feedback from the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee to enhance decision-making.	Sequoia Erasmus - Interagency Equity Advisory Committee	July	N/A
Initiative 9	Expand integrated, accessible transportation	[A] Exploring opportunities to strengthen Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies	Arun Prem, FACT SD	April	May
N/A	N/A	[B] Encourage innovation in flexible transit options in rural communities	Raeleen Nunn	May	TBD
N/A	N/A	N/A	Daveed Mandell	June	TBD
N/A	N/A	[C] Benefits eligibility, transit passenger experience and affordability through the California Integrated Travel Project.	Andy Walker, CalITP	February	May
Initiative 10	Active Transportation	Improve community walkability, increase pedestrian safety	Drennen Shelton, MTC	TBD	TBD
Initiative 11	Climate Programs	Support local programs and regional initiatives focused on expanding clean climate transportation options	TBD	N/A	N/A



# Policy Background

## Assess Funding Needs

Two current initiatives are authorized by state law to assess and make recommendations regarding transportation funding. **These initiatives should assess and recommend funding to implement recommendations from multiple previous state studies.**

- SB 1121 (2022) requires California Transportation Commission in consultation with CalSTA and Caltrans to prepare a needs assessment of the cost to operate, maintain, and provide for the necessary future growth of the state and local transportation system for the next 10 years. The Needs Assessment is due on or before Jan 1, 2025 and every 5 years thereafter.
- SB 125 (2023) requires CalSTA to convene a Transit Transformation Task Force to develop policy recommendations relating to transit funding, improving the transit experience for all users, and growing transit ridership. CalSTA, in consultation with the task force, is required to submit a report of findings and policy recommendations based to the Legislature on or before October 31, 2025.

# Guide existing funding

- **Better Utilize Coordinated Plan Funding Guidance for Federal Funding**

Federal law requires locally developed Coordinated Plans to guide Section 5310 federal funding intended for transit dependent and transit disadvantaged people – including the elderly, disabled, and persons of limited means. Caltrans reaffirms this in its State Management Plan.

California case study shows an insufficient alignment between the priorities identified in the Coordinated Plans and the State Management Plan and the uses of Section 5310 funding. **This alignment should be improved.**

- **Reform “Unmet Needs” Process for State Funding**

California’s Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires jurisdictions to identify unmet transit needs and those needs that are reasonable to meet in order to guide state TDA funding.

**The determination of unmet needs should consider the needs identified in Coordinated Plans so that TDA funds can be used for Coordinated Plan implementation, and should include a public review process to provide transparency.**

# Overview: California Integrated Travel Project

California Integrated Travel Project (Cal-ITP) is a statewide program working to make transit travel payment simple and more cost effective.

- Cal-ITP enables open payments (pay with credit / debit card)
- Cal-ITP Benefits is a free web application available to transit providers to help automate eligibility verification and enrollment for people receiving reduced fares, making it significantly easier for older adults and people with disabilities to receive and use discounted transit.
- Cal-ITP is also working to standardize eligibility requirements across the state as different jurisdictions have varying qualification policies for discounted fare programs that make it confusing and time consuming for users.

# Policy Recommendations:

## California Integrated Travel Project

### Statewide

- Caltrans to set standard statewide definitions of those eligible for benefits.
- Create a single statewide digital “source of truth” to determine eligibility
- Require transit operators that receive TDA state funding to honor eligibility from a centralized service alongside their existing processes
- Create a standard definition of caregiver to streamline provision of benefits to caregivers
- Continue to allow cash payment until/unless there are ubiquitous and convenient options for the unbanked and underbanked

### Regional/subregional

- Recommend transit agency support Open Payment and eligibility verification
- Regional network management authorities require agencies to honor eligibility from centralized source

# Timeline: California Integrated Travel Project

- September 2022: Senior discounts for Monterey Salinas Transit
- November 2023: Veteran discounts for Monterey Salinas Transit
- October 2024: Medicare cardholder enrollment pathway
- December 2024: Disabled person enrollment pathway



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# Remarks: Closing Comments

***Sarah Steenhausen***

*Deputy Director, California Department of Aging*

# Meeting Materials & Future Dates

❖ **All meeting materials, transcript and recording are posted after this meeting on:**

➤ [CalHHS DACLAC Meeting webpage](#)

❖ **Future 2024 DACLAC meetings:**

➤ Wednesday, August 14, 2024: (10 a.m. – 1p.m.)



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