

Elements of the ADA Transition Plan Update

The City of Dallas Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan will be updated in multiple phases. Phase 1 of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan included documentation of City's efforts to-date related to Title II compliance, inventory of City programs, services, activities to be evaluated in future phases, and development of a budget and schedule to complete the programs, services, activities Self-Evaluation. A website accessibility review was completed for select City webpages. Areas identified for improvement will be implemented throughout the City website. Phase 1 also included an ADA compliance review of 23 City buildings and associated parking lots including paths of travel. Possible solutions to bring any non-compliant elements that are not considered to be a de minimis barrier and are not "safe harbored" into compliance were provided. A review of the City's existing public rights-of-way data was completed to determine the adequacy of the information related to accessibility. Staff training was also provided to City Council, City staff, and Senior Management that provided an overview of the ADA, disability awareness for customer contact staff, and maintenance training. An external ADA Focus Group was formed to provide an opportunity to interested persons to participate in the self-evaluation process and development of the transition plan by submitting comments. An ADA Transition Plan was developed to document the City's efforts to-date related to Title II compliance and to document the tasks completed in Phase 1.

Phase 2 of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update included the Sidewalk Master Plan. The Sidewalk Master Plan established policies for sidewalks through the use of data driven model and stakeholder input to prioritize improvements. Determination of priority areas will be based on geographical data, which is in proximity to places of public accommodations (e.g., schools, mayor public destinations, major health facilities, bus stops, and commercial districts), the City of Dallas Equity Index (incorporate economic status, race, and age), pedestrian safety, street classification system, date of requests, and activity areas. The Plan includes details to aid in the continued development of the ADA Transition Plan Implementation, Safe Routes to School program, and the Five-Year Infrastructure Management Plan.

Phase 3 of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Updates will include on-going draft evaluations of current services, policies, and practices for several city departments in accordance with Title II §35.105 Self-evaluation. Recommended improvements to its services, policies, procedures, and practices are included to provide staff resources related to ADA compliance. Phase 3 also includes an ADA compliance review of 32 City buildings and associated parking lots including paths of travel. Possible solutions to bring any non-compliant elements that are not considered to be a de minimis barrier and are not "safe harbored" into compliance will be provided. 43 hours of training has been provided to City staff on various topics related to digital accessibility. City staff have also received training on the Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public

Rights-of-Way (PROWAG). The City's ADA Transition Plan will be updated to reflect the completion of additional tasks.

Phase 4 of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update will include an evaluation of current services, policies, and practices for a selection of City departments. An ADA compliance review of a selection of City buildings, parks, and associated parking lots including paths of travel. Possible solutions to bring any non-compliant elements that are not considered to be a de minimis barrier and are not "safe harbored" into compliance will be provided. Additional staff training will also be provided. The City's ADA Transition Plan will be updated to reflect the completion of additional tasks.

Future phases of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan could include, but are not limited to:

- Development of existing facility inventory of sidewalk/trails within parks and building sites to determine the number of miles of sidewalk/trails that need to be evaluated;
- Evaluations of parks and associated parking lots including paths of travel, park sidewalk and associated curb ramps, unpaved pedestrian trails, pedestrian bridges, signalized intersections, public rights-of-way sidewalks and associated curb ramps and railroad crossings, and transit stops, including determination of compliance status, possible solutions, cost estimates to implement possible solutions, and prioritization of evaluated facilities for implementation; and
- Update of Transition Plan to document additional work.

Design Standards

The City will use the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design and 2023 Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Rights-of-Way (PROWAG).