



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**6.C. ADA Self-Evaluation and
Transition Plan**

January 22, 2024



Agenda

- **Purpose:** Provide BPAC an update to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on the Public Review Draft Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
 - **Background:** why the effort was undertaken
 - **Process:** work completed and next steps
 - **Overview to the report:** summary of contents, findings, and recommendations



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA is a civil rights law that mandates equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

- Title I – Employment
- **Title II – Public transportation, state and local government services**
- Title III – Places of public accommodations
- Title IV – Telecommunications
- Title V – Miscellaneous provisions



As a Public Agency City of Santa Clara is Required to*:

- Produce an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
- Include people with disabilities in the preparation of the Plan
- Provide a notice to the public about their rights and the public entity's responsibilities under the ADA.
- Publish a grievance procedure for accessibility complaints
- Identify an ADA Coordinator to oversee Title II
- Continue to remove accessibility barriers and document progress

*Please note that the City completed an ADA Self-Evaluation/Transition plan and other requirements under Title II in 1993 and has been actively addressing accessibility prior to and since that time. This current effort is considered an extension and update to guide the City moving forward.



Activities Completed to Prepare this Plan

Project Initiation:	Confirmed efforts to be completed under the project, including facilities to be evaluated
Public Involvement:	Performed public outreach and ADA Committee meetings
Self-Evaluation:	Reviewed Policies, Programs, and Services
Physical Barrier Evaluations:	Completed evaluations of Facilities and Public Right-of-Way
Prioritization and Approach:	Completed prioritization and approach for physical barrier removals
Current Activity:	Public Review Draft Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Report



ADA Self-Evaluation

- Self-Evaluation: An assessment of services, policies, and practices to identify barriers to access.
- Activities completed under City's Self-Evaluation:
 - Administered Questionnaire to City staff in all service areas, and analyzed responses
 - Reviewed City's policies and programs including city code, administrative rules, public documents, forms, applications and the City's programmatic offerings
 - Reviewed City's standard details and specifications for construction in the public right-of-way
 - Performed physical audits of facilities and the public right-of-way to locate accessibility barriers



Physical Barrier Evaluations

- Completed physical evaluations at:
 - **Facilities:** Public Buildings (40 Locations) and Parks (41 Locations)
 - General Government sites, Convention Center, Libraries, Parks, Historic Buildings, Cemeteries, Police and Fire stations
 - **Public Rights-of-Way:**
 - Pedestrian ways including curb ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks, railroad crossings, and pedestrian signals



Summary of Findings (Facilities)

- Approximately 7,000 individual instances and removal actions identified across all sites.

Category	Number of Instances
1 – Main Accessible Routes (e.g. parking, walks, entrance doors, etc.)	1,390
2 – Program Use Areas (e.g. counters, restrooms, public areas, etc.)	5,530
3 – Amenities (e.g. drinking fountains, site furnishings, etc.)	440
4 – Not-Required to be Modified (e.g. no public programs, duplicate features)	160
5 – Within Historic Sites (May not be required to fully comply)	190



Prioritization Criteria for Barrier Removal at City Facilities

- Identified complaints or requests
- Level of use by the public
- Program uniqueness
- Citizen rights and responsibilities
- Geographic distribution
- Recognized user groups
- Planned obsolescence



Transition Plan for Facilities

- Barrier Removals Prioritized for Interim Solutions or Maintenance Projects
- Facilities Operated by Others
- Phases for Remaining Project Types
 - Phase A: Small Capital Projects (costs < \$50,000)
 - Phase B: Large Capital Projects (costs > \$50,000)
 - Phase C: Large Capital Projects (significant reconstruction or replacement)
- Priority Ranking for Small and Large Capital Projects
 - Priority 1 facilities
 - Priority 2 facilities
 - Priority 3 facilities



Summary of Findings (Public Right-of-Way)

- Public Right-of-Way
 - Curb Ramp Barriers: Approximately 7,400 instances
 - Pedestrian Routes (Sidewalks & Hazards) Barriers: Approximately 88,000 instances
 - Crosswalk Barriers: Approximately 4,700 Instances
 - Rail Crossings: Approximately 42 Instances
 - Pedestrian Signals: Approximately 950 Instances



Transition Plan for Public Right-of-Way

- Specific practices and activities to remove barriers are identified for each pedestrian element in the right-of-way (e.g., curb ramps) with anticipated methods for barrier removal over time.
- High priority barriers
 - Primary focus
- Medium and Low priority barriers
 - Address on a project-by-project basis.
- On-going barrier removals
 - Concurrent with routine or ongoing operations
 - New construction and alterations
 - Public requests
 - Funding opportunities



Next Steps

- Complete Planning Phase
 - Finalize the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
 - City will review all comments and determine revisions to the Plan
 - Present the Plan to the ADA Committee
 - Present the Plan to the City Council
- Begin Implementation Phase
 - Following Plan acceptance by City Council
 - Implement recommendations identified under the Self-Evaluation
 - Implement physical barrier removals over time per the Plan



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