



Department of Transportation and Development

Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for Clackamas County Rights-of-Way

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy job opportunities, to buy goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services.

ADA Transition Plan

The ADA requires all local governments to provide equal access for those with disabilities to all programs, services and facilities. This means that, within the public rights-of-way on the county's transportation system, which are the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Development (DTD), all pedestrian facilities must be accessible by those with disabilities. Therefore, we have developed an ADA Transition Plan that assesses all barriers to ADA access within these public rights-of-way and identifies programs, budget, schedule and procedures for removing those barriers.

The ADA Transition Plan also:

- Includes information about the Transition Plan's applicability to DTD's services, programs and activities
- Informs the public about the protections against discrimination available through the ADA
- Provides information on how members of the public can submit requests to Clackamas County for disability access improvements or submit grievances
- Identifies those responsible for implementing the plan
- Provides the chance for interested people, including those with disabilities or organizations representing those with disabilities, to participate in reviewing and improving the Transition Plan by commenting and making recommendations



Clackamas County's ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights-of-Way

Key findings and recommendations of the ADA Transition Plan include the following:

- More than 45,000 people -- over 1/8th of the Clackamas County population -- live with a disability, including 27.1% of veterans and 34.7% of those 65 years or older.
- There are 4,531 locations in Clackamas County rights-of-way at which curb ramps must be installed, improved or replaced to enable those with disabilities to safely cross a curb.

- The locations requiring improvement include 1,917 locations with no curb ramp, 1,352 locations with a curb ramp that does not serve ADA accessibility needs and 1,476 locations with is a curb ramp that fails to meet federal standards.
- There are also several hundred curb ramps that met all standards with the exception of the presence of texture contrast (truncated dome). We expect to be able to bring many of these into compliance at a relatively low cost.
- The required curb ramp improvements are expected to cost \$49.84 million in 2016 dollars.
- There are also 44 traffic signals that must be improved to meet current federal standards, primarily by providing accessible pedestrian signal push buttons and an appropriate clear space at the button.
- The required traffic signal improvements are expected to cost \$4.4 million.



DTD Plan for Removal of Barriers to ADA Accessibility

DTD is committed to making the changes necessary to achieve full accessibility for those with disabilities. DTD will achieve these goals through the following:

- Intentionality – developing an annual program for accessibility improvements through various programs and funding sources
- Prioritization – prioritizing accessibility improvements using input received from people with disabilities
- Training – providing training to staff members to assure the full applications of ADA standards and requirements
- Standards – updating county road standards to be consistent with current federal standards
- Accountability – creating and implementing checklists and procedures to document ADA compliance for public and private projects through the entire process including project planning, design, plan review and field inspection during and after construction.
- Monitoring – implementing systems to collect data for project files and computer databases to document ADA accessibility on an on-going basis.
- Transparency – seeking input from the public on ADA accessibility needs on an ongoing basis and report to the Board of County Commissioners annually on progress in removing barriers to accessibility.

Get Involved!

If you have a physical or developmental disability; have a family member or friend who has a disability, are a care-giver, work with people with disabilities or just care about ensuring transportation access for everyone, we invite you to be part of creating this important plan.

- Review the *Clackamas County ADA Transition Plan for the Public Rights-of-Way* – The plan can be found at <http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/ada.html>.
- Provide comments – comments can be provided during March 2017 either online using the comment form (<http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/ada.html>) or by contacting ADA Coordinator Steve Williams at 503-742-4696 or swilliams@clackamas.us.

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