



**CITY OF FULLERTON
INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

INFRASTRUCTURE DATA SHEET

Date: February 2020

Asset: AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN

Asset Description: On July 26, 1990, President Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law. There are five Titles within the Act.

- Title I governs employment practices.
- Title II addresses the needs to disabled persons in relation to the facilities, activities and programs of public entities.
- Title III regulates private entities that have public accommodations.
- Title IV governs the telecommunications industry.
- Title V covers other miscellaneous provisions

The City is responsible to address the provisions of Title II. As such, the City is currently preparing a new/updated Transition and Self-Evaluation Plan. The Transition Plan involves inspection of all City facilities and buildings for structural and physical obstacles/barriers that prevent access for the disabled. The Self-Evaluation Plan is a department by department analysis of every City program and activity for possible obstacles to disabled persons. The result of the Transition and Self-Evaluation Plan is a list of recommendations and requirements to improve and/or remove obstacles.

The City will be completing Transition and Self-Evaluation Plan in four phases:

- Phase I – Public Buildings & Facilities
- Phase II – Standalone Parking Lots and Parking Structures
- Phase III – Park Sites, including parking lots and restrooms, etc.
- Phase IV – Citywide Public Street Right of Way

The City will be addressing Phases I and II this fiscal year. Phase III and IV will be programmed for future fiscal years pending funding.

Asset Components:

The Transition Plan will include evaluating existing elements and determine if barriers are present. It shall identify and prioritize any existing improvements not in accordance with ADA, State, and local accessibility requirements, in the order of preference advised by the Department of Justice in Title II requirements.

The Transition Plan shall summarize, by facility, all identified barriers to accessibility, associated costs for barrier removal, and recommended solutions with associated costs to achieve compliance requirements. In addition, this plan will prioritize recommendations for barrier removal.

The Self-Evaluation identifies and corrects City policies and practices that are inconsistent with Title II's requirements, such as methods of communication with the public, emergency evacuation techniques, rationale for making decisions that providing access poses an undue financial or administrative burden, or building and construction policies.

Asset Needs:

To Be Determined, however, structural and physical obstacles/barriers are expected to exist within City facilities, including, but not limited to:

- Parking lots
 - Curb ramps, ADA stalls, etc.
- Restrooms
 - Sinks, toilet stalls, handrails, etc.
- City buildings and restrooms
 - Doors, accessible routes, protruding objects, etc.
- Parks
 - Accessible routes, signage, etc.

Total Current Need: To Be Determined

Allowable Funding Sources: General Fund, Grants, Facility Capital Repair, Park Dwelling

Current Annual Funding: \$ 0 specifically to address Plan.

Typically Annual Improvements/Maintenance:

Barrier removal and upgrades are completed as part of overall project improvements, such as:

- Curb ramps during street improvements
- Restroom upgrades during building modifications
- Accessible routes during park improvements

Recommended Strategy & Associated Costs:

Completion of Phases III & IV of the Transition Plan. Cost to complete Phase III is estimated at approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000. Cost to complete Phase IV is estimated at approximately \$500,000 or more.

Costs and schedule to complete barrier removals will be determined upon completion of each phase of the Transition Plan. Appropriate funding levels and sources can be discussed at that time. However, it is expected additional funding will be required to address any recommended priority barrier removals. These funds would be in addition to any funds allocated for typical maintenance needs.

At this time, staff is assuming a cost of at least \$250,000 per year will be required to implement the recommendations and requirements of the Transition Plan.

Recommended Additional Annual Funding:

\$250,000 (This number serves as placeholder until transition plans are complete. It is anticipated the recommended improvements may require significant investment beyond this figure.)