



# **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan**

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When choosing a method of providing program access, the City is required to prioritize the method that results in the most integrated setting appropriate to encourage interaction among all users, including individuals with disabilities. In compliance with the requirements of the ADA, the City must provide equality of opportunity.

### **1.3 ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Requirements and Process**

The ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan is intended to provide a framework for the continuous improvement of City programs and facilities for people with disabilities. The Plan is intended to be a living document that is regularly updated as programs and services change, as barriers are removed, and new facilities come under ownership or control of the City.

The ADA Self-Evaluation identifies and makes recommendations to correct policies and practices in the City's programs and services that are inconsistent with title II regulations and result in limited access for people with disabilities. As part of the Self-Evaluation, the City:

- Evaluates services, policies, and practices;
- Identifies modifications needed to services, policies, and practices; and
- Involves people with disabilities in the self-evaluation process (28 CFR 35.105).

Programs, activities, and services offered by the City to the public must be accessible for people with and without disabilities. Accessibility applies to all aspects of programs or services provided by the City, including:

- Notice, Responsible Employee, and Grievance Procedure;
- Customer Service;
- Staff Training;
- Contracting, Licensing, or Other Arrangements;
- Public Meetings;
- Program Participation;
- Transportation Services;
- Tours and Trips;
- Accessible and Adaptive Equipment;
- Printed and Online Materials;
- Website;
- Televised and Audiovisual Information;
- Telecommunications;
- Emergency Planning;
- Facilities.

The Transition Plan is a document that outlines a strategy for the City to progress toward compliance with the ADA. The Transition Plan identifies physical barriers for persons with disabilities and a schedule to remove those barriers over time and must:

- List barriers;
- Identify feasible solutions to each barrier;
- Establish a timeline for removing barriers;
- Identify the person responsible for title II compliance; and
- Involve people with disabilities in the preparation of the Plan (28 CFR 35.150 (d)).

## **Self-Evaluation**

The City of Lake Oswego evaluated its policies, programs, and procedures to determine current levels of service and the extent to which its policies and programs created barriers to accessibility for persons with disabilities. Recommended actions for City programs, activities, and services are incorporated as part of this Plan.

## **Transition Plan**

The City completed a physical audit of facilities to identify potential facility barriers and identify recommendations and alterations to meet state and federal accessibility standards. The type of facilities evaluated include:

- City-owned and maintained parks;
- City-owned and maintained buildings;
- City owned parking facilities; and
- City-owned and maintained facilities in the public right-of-way.

At the time of the facility evaluations, the following resources were used to identify barriers at City facilities: the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 2015 Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards for Outdoor Developed Areas, 2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Chapter 11 Accessibility which incorporates by reference ICC A117.1-2009 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities and the Oregon Transportation Commission Standards for Accessible Parking Places August 2018, 2011 Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way (PROWAG), and the 2009 r1 and r2 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Building codes and standards are revised every few years. The barrier evaluations conducted provide an assessment of current conditions as viewed by current code and provide a baseline for future barrier removal.