

Americans with Disabilities Act Draft Facilities Assessment and Transition Plan



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Draft ADA Facilities Assessment

Topics to be Covered

1. Background
2. Draft ADA Facilities Assessment / Transition Plan Project
3. Key Findings
4. Next Steps
5. Wrap-Up



Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Background– History of ADA



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Americans with Disabilities Act

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Background – Title II

Under Title II, a public entity may not deny the benefits of its programs, services, and/or activities to individuals with disabilities by maintaining inaccessible facilities, which house these programs, services and activities. The District's programs, services, and activities, when viewed in their entirety, must be made accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, except where to do so would result in:

1. A fundamental alteration in the nature of the program
2. Undue financial and administrative burdens
3. Threaten or destroy the historic significance of a historic property.

Title II requires a District to make its programs accessible in **all** cases, except where to do so would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program or in undue financial and administrative burdens.

As a whole, the District's processes and procedures provide meaningful access to individuals with disabilities.

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Background - Purpose

Why perform an assessment?

- Under Title II the District is required to have an up-to-date Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan
- Prior plans existed and were dated as late as 2016.
- These plans were not all-encompassing and did not contain projected dates for completion



Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Background – Additional Information

Compliance Date for New Construction or Alterations	Applicable Standards
Before September 15, 2010	1991 Standards or UFAS
On or after September 15, 2010, and before March 15, 2012	1991 Standards, UFAS, or 2010 Standards
On or after March 15, 2012	2010 Standards

- Buildings are not “grandfathered” in. This is a common misconception.
- All buildings are required to comply with ADA as well as applicable California Building Code (CBC) at time of construction

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Transition Plan - Project Timeline

05/26/2020	A Request for Proposals was released
08/17/2020	Sally Swanson Architects was selected to perform the work which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update of the District's ADA transition plan• A database of all barriers that is searchable and can be updated as a working document as barriers are mitigated
09/08/2020	Work begins on the project
10/05/2020	Contractor is onsite with District staff performing the analysis (5 days)
10/30/2020	Draft ADA Transition Plan was submitted by the contractor to the District for review and finalization

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Transition Plan – Facilities Assessed by the Consultant



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The scope of work identified the following District properties for assessment:

- The San Rafael Transit Center
- Division 1 – San Rafael
- Division 2 – Novato
- Division 3 – Santa Rosa
- Division 4 – San Francisco Bus Facility
- Golden Gate Bridge Offices
- The Larkspur Ferry Terminal

The following were considered outside the scope of work:

- The Golden Gate Bridge
- The Welcome Center, Round House or other areas designated for visitors to the bridge
- Bus stops at these locations (Except for the SRTC)

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Transition Plan - Elements



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To comply with the Title II requirements for accessibility to District *programs, services and activities*, this Transition Plan:

- Evaluates existing policies, procedures and practices as they pertain to the District's programs, services and activities;
- Provides findings and recommendations with regard to policies, procedures and practices;
- Identifies physical obstacles in the public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs or activities to individuals with disabilities;
- Assesses the extent of architectural barriers to program accessibility in the public rights-of-way and within the buildings, parks and other facilities operated by the District
- Describes in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible;
- Estimates costs for mitigation solutions;
- Specifies the steps necessary to achieve compliance
- Provides a schedule for barrier removal/mitigation;
- Sets priorities for barrier elimination; and
- Indicates the official responsible for implementation of the plan.

Draft ADA Facilities Assessment– Key Findings

- 1,086 total barriers identified
 - 796 in staff only areas
 - 290 in public facing areas
- \$7.5 million dollars estimated cost to bring into compliance
 - \$5,401,000 staff only areas
 - \$2,127,624 public facing areas
- Timelines need to be set but completion can take place over time



Draft ADA Facilities Assessment– Next Steps

- Today's Workshop
- Public Hearing (5/23/2024)
- Board Adoption (6/28/24)



Draft ADA Facilities Assessment Wrap Up

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