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Revitalizing Madison's ADA Transition Plan
ADA Design Standards Overview
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ADA Transition Plans

ID1: Black and white image of the Capital Crawl

ID2: Arrow pointing to next image

ID3: Photo of George H. W. Bush signing the Americans with Disabilities Act

ID4: Arrow pointing to next image

ID5: International symbols of accessibility including person in a wheelchair, neurodivergence, ASL, and person using a white cane

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Public Entities

A public entity shall operate each service, program, or activity so that the service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. 28 CFR § 35.150 (a)

ID: Black and white photo of a diverse group of Disabled people

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Background

- Madison enacted an ADA Transition Plan in the 1990s
- Has maintained compliance, although some of the elements of that compliance have become somewhat decentralized over time.
- The City of Madison has grown and changed significantly since the 1990's.
- The compliance requirements have evolved.

As a result, our ADA Transition Plan needs to be updated to **ensure legal compliance accessibility and usability** of the City's programs and facilities.

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A Transition Plan must

- Identify physical barriers in public facilities that limit the accessibility of programs or activities for people with disabilities,
- Describe the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible,
- Make a specific schedule with steps to be taken each year that are necessary to achieve compliance; and
- Name the official responsible for implementation of the plan.

(28 CFR § 35.150(d)(3))

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Project Roles

Lead Staff: Rebecca Hoyt, Disability Rights and Services Specialist

Lead Agency: Department of Civil Rights

Key Collaborators: Office of the City Attorney, Access to Independence, Public Right of Way Workgroup, Engineering, and other relevant agency staff
Agency Responsibilities: Self-Evaluation; Schedule, cost and priorities for removal of barriers

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Process & Elements

- ✓ Designation of Responsible Employee (ADA Coordinator)
- ✓ Complaint Process
- ✓ Develop internal design standards
- ✓ Self-Evaluation
- Approving a schedule and budget for the Transition Plan
- Notice & public engagement
- Monitoring the progress on the implementation of the Transition Plan.

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Application

Programs, Activities, and Services
Facilities [highlighted]
Employment
Public Right of Way

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Facilities Evaluation

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Self-Evaluation

Each Department completed an evaluation for all relevant facilities within their jurisdiction.
Buildings, Offices, Recreation facilities - [2010 ADA Design Standards Existing Facilities Checklist](#)
Public Transit Facilities - [Final FTA ADA Circular 4710.1](#).
Residential facilities dwelling units were evaluated based on US Access Board [Accessibility Standards Section 233](#)
City Shelters based on US Access Board [Accessibility Standards Section 244](#).

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Facilities

May not have the effect of excluding people with disabilities
Must provide access to objectives of service, program, or activity
Must be the most integrated setting possible
Accessible and usable
Maintain accessibility features
Must be accessible to service animals
and mobility devices
ID: graphic showing specification for the location of wayfinding sign at door entrance

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Exceptions

Not necessarily required to make each existing facility accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities

Updates that threaten or destroy historic property or historic significance of a property

Fundamental alteration of the nature of a service, program, or activity

Undue financial or administrative burden

Safe Harbor Facilities do not have to comply with 2010 Design Standards, but may have to comply with other standards

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Desing Standards

Date of construction or alteration	Standards
Before January 26, 1992	Not required to comply
On or after January 26, 1992, and before March 15, 2012	Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards or the 1991 ADA Design Standards
On or after September 15, 2010, and before March 15, 2012	2010 ADA Design Standards, Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, or the 1991 ADA Desing Standards (except for elevators)
On or after March 15, 2012	2010 ADA Design Standards

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What is Evaluated?

1. Space accessible to the public
2. Approach/entrance
3. Restrooms
4. Parking
5. Access to services
6. Facilities offering public tours

Not Evaluated:

1. Individual offices/work areas
2. Machine shops
3. Storage facilities
4. Public right of way facilities (sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.)
5. Quasi-governmental facilities (facilities owned by the City but operated independently by another entity)

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Priorities

Priority 1 – Approach and Entrance: includes elements needed to get into the building like parking, accessible route, curb ramps, ramps, entrance, elevators, etc.

Priority 2 - Access to Goods & Services: includes elements needed to access areas of the building like seating areas, rooms and spaces, wayfinding signs, service counters, elevators, and more.

Priority 3 - Toilet Rooms: includes all aspects of an ADA compliant public restroom.

Priority 4 – Additional Services: includes additional elements like water fountains, public telephones, audible and visual fire alarms, etc.

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General Principals – Access for Wheelchair User

- Parking (where applicable)
- Smooth unobstructed surface
- Path of travel
- Turning radius
- Reach range
- Knee and toe clearance

ID1: Graphic showing side reach range

ID2: Graphic showing forward reach range

ID3: Graphic showing knee and toe clearance

ID4: Graphic showing path of travel measurements

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General Principals – Access for the Blind and Visually Impaired

- Cane detection
- Wayfinding signage
- Tactile Indicators
- Audible Indicators

ID1: Graphic showing protruding objects for a white cane user

ID2: Graphic showing ADA complaint Restroom sign with contrasting text, raised characters and Braille

ID3: Photo of detectible warning plate at train stop

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Other Accessibility Features

- Handrails
- Slope
- Stable, firm, and slip resistant ground surfaces
- Pull force
- Operable parts

ID1: Graphic showing handrails at ramp and stairs to a building entrance

ID2: Graphic showing access to fire extinguisher, water fountain and fire alarm in a hallway

ID3: Graphic showing types of accessible door hardware

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ID: “The Future is Accessible” in colorful letters and ASL letter sign