

# Disability Rights Commission 2026 – 2027 Workplan

*This document is intended to guide the work of the Disability Rights Commission. Please see meeting agendas for information about what will be discussed at an upcoming DRC meeting.*

## Purpose and Goals

The Disability Rights Commission:

1. Recommends policy to the Mayor, Common Council and Department of Civil Rights in all areas that affect people with disabilities and their families.
2. Studies and makes recommendations to City departments, committees and commissions for better access to facilities and services for people with disabilities and their families.
3. Monitors and reports violations of disability-related city ordinances and state laws.
4. Engages with the community regarding concerns and solutions that advance access.
5. Establishes close working relationships with other City Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCC) on disability issues.

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## Agenda Planning

The Chair sets the agenda for the DRC with support from the Vice-Chair and staff.

## New Business

The DRC will request presentations from the following City agencies at least once this year. These agencies' work impacts or facilitate accessibility for people with disabilities and their families.

- Community Development Division (Housing)
- Department of Civil Rights (ADA Transition Plan Implementation)
- Economic Development

- Emergency Management
- Information Technology (Digital Accessibility)
- Office of the Independent Monitor
- Madison Public Library
- Metro Transit/Paratransit
- Parks and Recreation Division
- Parking Division
- Traffic Engineering

Referral items will be scheduled as needed.

The DRC may request additional new business items as appropriate to support the purpose and goals of the body.

## Reports

DRC Liaisons foster close working relationships with other BCCs. The Liaisons report updates at DRC meetings. Where appropriate, they bring DRC feedback to the BCC or other group.

## Action Items

The DRC may develop recommendations for items on the agenda. Any Disability Rights Commissioner may propose recommendations for development and approval by the DRC.

Staff will assist the DRC in ensuring that activities and recommendations are within the scope of the DRC's ordinance and City of Madison jurisdiction.

## 2026-2027 Goals

1. Review a list of Alders and assign a Commissioner to each Alder. Commissioners will reach out to their Alderperson(s) to introduce themselves and share about the goals and purposes of the DRC.
2. Review a list of other BCCs and identify priorities for Liaisons and relationship building.
3. Review list of City agencies and identify priorities for relationship building, collaboration, and monitoring of projects.
  - a. Emphasis on key areas of access such as housing, transportation, and accessibility of public accommodations and city facilities.
  - b. Explore existing resources or develop one-pager for accessible facilities.

4. Pursue policy recommendations related accessible housing incentives for the Mayor and/or Common Council.

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