



**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Special Meetings – City Hall Council Chamber**  
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# **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Development Update**



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# Presentation Outline

- History & Background on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Development
- Transition Plan Base Document, 5 Plan Components & Project Lists
- ADA Transition Plan in the Long Term & Project Funding
- Establishment of City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee (CLAAC) & Charter Document
- CLAAC Members, Public Input & Ongoing Survey
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# History & Background on ADA Transition Plan Development

- Federal Requirements

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Often referred to as the civil rights act for people with disabilities, this Act requires that all organizations receiving federal funding make their programs available to people of all abilities.

- Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I of 1990

Prohibits private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

- Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II of 1990

Prohibits the City from denying persons with disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in its programs, activities or services either directly or indirectly through contractual arrangements.

# History & Background on ADA Transition Plan Development

- March 2015 - Staff kicks off the process to develop plan to create a ADA Transition Plan, building organizational structure, roles & responsibilities.
- January 2017 - City council establishes a work plan initiative addressing quality of place to develop an ADA transition plan. Base document of the city ADA transition plan is drafted. Document can be provided digitally upon request and is available on the city website.
- June 2017 - City council by Resolution #2223, establishes a city Accessibility Advisory Committee and adopts its operating charter and committee guidelines. Document can be provided digitally upon request and is available on the city website.
- January 2018 to Current - City staff begins conducting a self-assessment in preparation to develop ADA transition plan.
- May 2018 - City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee (CLAAC) holds first meeting.
- Current - Staff is preparing draft project lists from self assessment to be vetted through the CLAAC, in preparation for adoption into the city ADA Transition Plan.

# Transition Plan Base Document

## 5 Plan Components & Project Lists

- Overview of City of Longview ADA Transition Plan base document.
- Projects identified having ADA mobility and/or accessibility related qualities will be considered for addition to ADA transition plan project list in one of these five plan components.

### **Section #1 - Accessibility to city programming, services & activities:**

Oversight by Information Technology Department & Impacted City Department

### **Section #2 - Accessibility to city buildings and facilities:**

Oversight by Facilities & Fleet Services Department

### **Section #3 - Accessibility for sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian crossings, pedestrian signal and push buttons:**

Oversight by PW Administration including streets & traffic divisions

### **Section #4 - Accessibility to city parks, recreational infrastructure and recreation programming:**

Oversight by Parks & Recreation Department

### **Section #5 - Accessibility regarding transit services:**

Oversight by RiverCities Transit (City of Longview)

# ADA Transition Plan in the Long Term & Project Funding

- Creates a working document that can be integrated into the city budgeting process to create and prioritize project lists and estimate associated costs to each project.
- Use the plan to assist in short and long term project planning and create an estimated timeline for project implementation.
- Plan will allow leadership to assign funding sources for improvement projects that limit mobility and accessibility throughout city infrastructure.
- Plan will be reviewed on an incremental basis and updated as required.
- All project improvements tied to the transition plan will be subject to available funding.
- Meet federal requirement for the implementation of a ADA transition plan for the City of Longview.



# Establishment of City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee (CLAAC) & Charter Document

- Establishment
  - Provide review and guidance to staff on Department of Justice requirements and general regulatory compliance as identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
  - Assist the City, and its staff, on accessibility determinations to current services, activities, buildings, and right-of-ways.
  - Assist the City, and its staff, in reviewing and advising on the prioritization of projects to improve City buildings, infrastructure, right-of-ways, parking, and new development accessibility.
  - Assist the City, and its staff, in reviewing and advising on the prioritization of projects to improve accessibility to City services and activities. Those services include, but are not limited to, parks and recreation, RiverCities Transit, and other City of Longview provided services.

# Establishment of City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee (CLAAC) & Charter Document

By council directive, the committee's purpose is to assist and advise the City of Longview on the most appropriate means by which to make its programs, services, activities and facilities accessible to all of its residents and visitors.

- To accomplish this purpose, the committee's primary roles are:
  - Advise the City on issues related to accessibility. In this role, the committee will act as a sounding board for City staff. Committee members will provide input when City staff is soliciting specific feedback.
  - Bring to City staff's attention issues related to accessibility. In this role, the committee will bring issues that its members observe in the community and for which the City has jurisdiction and responsibility.
  - Provide support to the City ADA Coordinator. In this role, the committee may be asked to advise the City ADA Coordinator, help prioritize projects, prepare letters of support, attend meetings, etc.

# Questions to Staff



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# CLAAC Members

- Chair, Bill Josh – Local Business Community (2020)
- Vice Chair, Scott Carson – Parks & Recreation (2020)
- Evelynna Castro – RiverCities Transit (2019)
- Jennifer Fenton – Community At Large (2021)
- Colleen Holten – Disability At Large (2019)
- Lawrence Lanning – Professional Engineer (2019)
- Joanne Laurent – Disability At Large (2021)
- Allan Rudberg – Downtown Business Services (2021)
- Vickie vanFossen – Disability At Large (2020)
  
- City Council Liaison – MaryAlice Wallis

# CLAAC & Community

- Active involvement with the community
- Educate
- Inform through multiple forms of media and sources
- Create an interactive process
- Seeking continuous input from the community through committee interaction and surveys

# Public Input & Ongoing Survey

- The City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee (CLAAC) is seeking your input!
- *What mobility and accessibility challenges do you have in your daily functions when navigating city services, activities, buildings, and right-of-ways?*
- *What mobility and accessibility barriers are the most problematic in your lifestyle, and how would you like to see these challenges addressed?*
- *What mobility and accessibility challenges do you and/or your family have with the use of transportation systems within the City of Longview? How can these systems better serve you?*
- *What mobility and accessibility services would you like additional information on within the City of Longview? How would you prefer to see access that information (email, website, social media, smartphone application, pamphlet, other, etc.)?*
- *Is there any additional information or concerns that you would like to share with the City of Longview Accessibility Advisory Committee?*

# Questions to CLAAC Members

