

Legislation Text

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IDAX DATA SOLUTIONS FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT INVENTORY OF SIDEWALKS AND ACCESSIBLE RAMPS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

COUNCIL INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Improve Transportation System

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: REQUIRED

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City of Longview is required to develop an ADA Transition Plan in accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Failure to prepare an ADA Transition Plan will subject the City to losing all federal funding, and the City may be the subject of third party lawsuits regarding compliance with the ADA. To prepare the ADA Transition Plan, the City must evaluate all city-owned or operated facilities, buildings, and service programs to identify barriers that limit access for individuals with disabilities; and then create a plan identifying how the City will upgrade its facilities, buildings, and programs to remove accessibility barriers.

The ADA Transition Plan must include the following components and processes:

- Policies and practices regarding how the City will comply with ADA requirements;
- Evaluation of City-owned or operated facilities, buildings, and programs;
- Methods and procedures describing how to make the facilities and programs accessible;
- Schedule for implementation of the identified ADA upgrades;
- Cost estimates for the identified ADA upgrades;
- Public outreach and involvement during development of the Plan.

Phase I of preparing the ADA Transition Plan is to complete an assessment and inventory of ADA compliance regarding sidewalks and accessible ramps (curb ramps) within the public right-of-way. Staff evaluated the cost and time to conduct the assessment and inventory, and during the May 5th Budget Workshop, provided Council three options for completing this work: In-House using existing Staff; a combination of using In-House Staff and hiring Part-Time Staff; or by hiring an Outside Firm to complete the work. At that time, Council provided direction to hire an Outside firm.

In accordance with state law, staff selected IDAX Data Solutions and negotiated a scope of work and cost to provide the services outlined in the proposed scope of work. The proposed scope of work with IDAX will take 10 weeks to complete the inventory. The information collected will be integrated into the City's Geographic Information System and Lucity asset management system for further analysis during preparation of the ADA Transition Plan.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

The estimated cost of the contract with IDAX Data Solutions is \$52,700, which will be funded by the Arterial Street fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement with IDAX Data Solutions.

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