



Staff Report

April 6, 2026 Council Workshop Meeting

ADA Transition Plan Update Presentation
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Time Estimate: 30 minutes

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BACKGROUND:

The City's existing ADA Transition Plan was originally completed in 2015 and requires periodic updates to maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and remain competitive for federal and state grant funding.

In March 2025, Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Apex Companies, LLC to update the City's ADA Transition Plan. This update is focused on transportation-related facilities within the public right-of-way and includes an inventory and evaluation of curb ramps throughout the city, along with prioritization of improvements, cost estimates, and implementation strategies.

As part of the update process, staff and the Citizens Advisory Committee identified the downtown area as a high-priority location for ADA improvements due to its high pedestrian activity and importance as a central community destination.

Based on this input, additional analysis was required to further refine downtown curb ramp needs, including detailed inventory, prioritization, mapping, and cost estimating.

SUMMARY: The main purposes of the plan are to:

- Identify physical obstacles in the City's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs or activities to individuals with disabilities.
- Describe how the facilities will be made accessible.
- Provide a timeframe and schedule for completing facility upgrades.
- Establish an attainable annual expenditure rate.

The draft ADA Transition Plan update provides a prioritized list of curb ramp improvements throughout the city, including both near-term, low-cost improvements and longer-term capital upgrades. The plan includes planning-level cost estimates and is intended to guide implementation through the City's Transportation Improvement Program and future capital planning efforts.

The update incorporates current field data, engineering evaluation, and community input to establish a phased and achievable approach to improving accessibility within the public right-of-way.

Staff welcomes comments on the contents and recommends approval of the plan.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: ADA improvements allow all community members to use pedestrian access routes within the public rights-of-way. This plan is in accordance with 4.4.2 Walking, Biking, and ADA Mobility Goals and Policies section of the Camas Comprehensive Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN: By planning for the removal of mobility barriers within the public rights-of-way, under the *Safe and Accessible Community* priority, *Improve transportation and recreation safety and accessibility for all ages and abilities*.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: Funding for projects within this plan must be budgeted on an annual basis.

BUDGET IMPACT: An annual budget of \$75,000 has been allotted from the general fund for the past several years. Staff is recommending increasing the annual allotment to \$100,000 in future budget years in order to complete the listed improvements in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends this item be placed on the April 20, 2026 Council Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.