

Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting the 2022 Leon Valley ADA Transition Plan



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Summary

- Question
 - Should the City Council approve a Resolution adopting the 2022 Leon Valley Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
- Options
 - Approve
 - Approve with revisions
 - Deny
- Declaration
 - The City is required to have an ADA Transition Plan in order to comply with State and Federal law

Purpose

- To consider approval of a Resolution adopting the 2022 Leon Valley Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan
- To plan for improvements to city facilities and programs to allow disabled persons to fully and actively participate in city life
- To comply with State and Federal law

Background

- The proposed ADA Title II Transition Plan update fulfills the requirements set forth in Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- The ADA states that a public entity must plan for modifications to its facilities, policies, practices, and/or procedures to avoid discrimination against people with disabilities
- The City of Leon Valley is committed to providing accessible services to all of our community members

Background

- Plan identifies physical barriers that may limit access to City programs and services & develops a plan to eliminate them
- Many identified potential barriers are associated with facilities that have accessible features such as designated parking, accessible restrooms, access ramps, accessible door hardware, and other code compliant and usable features
- Some of the barriers may be removed at little to no cost
- Some will require the City plan for large expenditures over time

Background

- Plan is also intended to provide a framework for continuous improvement of City programs & activities for people with disabilities
- Pedestrian improvements, building renovations, & delivery of services have & are being accomplished with consideration for the needs of people with disabilities
- Plan is a living document, to be regularly updated as barriers are removed & new facilities come under ownership or control of the City

Background

- Plan must outline the following:
 - How requests for modifications are made
 - A facilities evaluation of what architectural barriers exist for persons with disabilities
 - Identification of barriers for persons with disabilities and a list of evaluated facilities
- The proposed plan was developed after a facilities investigation was performed
- Input was then requested from all departments, and their comments and suggestions were incorporated into the Plan

Background

- Plan was made available on the City's website for review and comment by the public for 3 months
 - Only received 2 comments – front entrance to City Hall & requests from Library
- All comments, suggestions, and concerns were added to the Plan
- City Council will determine the course of action to be taken, based on financing and other concerns, and add funding to fiscal year budgets where feasible
- Plan is to be updated every 5 years

Fiscal Impact

- Some improvements to minor corrections can be made in each budget year
 - Correcting parking areas, installing handrails, minor modifications to restrooms/buildings
- Some improvements will need careful planning as they will be costly
 - Public Works facility, pools, Library Annex
- City Council will have to determine what budget years to make the final completions
- Staff will be investigating all grant opportunities available

S.E.E. Statement

- *Social Equity* – Bringing city facilities into compliance with ADA regulations allows people with disabilities to work, play, and use all taxpayer funded facilities – the City has a duty to ensure effective communication , the provision of auxiliary aids, and all city-offered services, so that individuals with disabilities may participate in civic life
- *Economic Development* – All people with disabilities will be able to take part in, and benefit from, the programs and services of our local government, which may encourage relocation by families with disabled members
- *Environmental Stewardship* – Bringing older facilities into compliance with ADA regulations and other considerations has the happy consequence of removing environmentally hazardous construction materials, such as asbestos, and improving energy efficiency, contributing to the City's carbon neutral goals