

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 1, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Action to Consider Approval of a Resolution Adopting the 2022 Leon Valley Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan

SPONSOR(S): N/A

PURPOSE

This M & C is to consider approval of a Resolution to approval a Resolution adopting an ADA Transition Plan.

The City Council was presented with a draft edition of this plan in July of 2022. The Plan was placed on the city's website for public comment for a period of three months. Only two public comments were received, and both were placed in the plan.

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 remains committed to providing accessible services to all of our community members.

The Transition Plan identifies physical barriers that may limit access to City programs and services and develops a plan to eliminate them. Many of the potential barriers identified 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. This is a living document, to be updated every five years, and as barriers are removed and new facilities come under ownership or control of the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

Some of the barriers may be removed at little to no cost, such as modified door handles, parking signage, and curb ramps. Some will require the City plan for large expenditures over time, such as the pools, park restroom, Public Works, and the Library Annex.

STRATEGIC GOALS

N/A

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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.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve as presented.

ATTEST :

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary