

Executive Summary – ADA Transition Plan

The City of Lynden is committed to creating and maintaining infrastructure that provides accessibility to programs, services, and activities as part of the ADA Title II requirement. The adoption of the plan establishes the City of Lynden's ongoing commitment to providing equal access for all, including those with disabilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed by President George W. Bush in January 1990, prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA defined disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of an individual, a record of an impairment or being regarded as having an impairment (ADA.gov, 2016).

Title II of the ADA regulates government agencies, with its primary goal being to ensure that all of their programs and services are accessible to individuals with disabilities. According to the ADA, a public agency is required to prepare an ADA Transition Plan if physical or structural modifications to facilities are required to provide access to programs or services.

The City of Lynden's ADA Transition Plan for facilities within the public right-of-way or accessible to the general public via easements includes the following elements and is required to address the following:

1. Identify physical obstacles in the facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs or activities to individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible.
3. Specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve compliance with this section and, if the duration of the transition plan is longer than one year, identify steps that will be taken each year.
4. Indicate the official responsible for implementation of the plan.

The City will accept comments regarding ADA issues and the City's ADA Transition Plan. These comments may be made through the City's webpage (www.lyndenwa.org####ADATransitionPlan) or through direct communications with City ADA Transition Team staff. Future updates to the plan would reflect any changes resulting from the additional and on-going public comments.