Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Public Meeting

January 16, 2019
ADA Transition Plan Public Meeting

- Restrooms / Drinking Fountain

- Agenda
  - Sign In Sheet
  - Presentation
  - Q & A (general)
City Staff Introductions

- Brandon Brodhag
  Civil Engineer/ADA Title II Coordinator
- Jim Kosluchar
  Public Works Director
- Luke Cardona
  Communications Manager
Public Meeting Agenda

- Plan development
- Self-evaluation
- Timeline/Schedule
- Public input
- Grievance Form
- Contact information
What is ADA?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, is a civil rights law prohibiting discrimination against individuals on the basis of disability.
ADA History

ADA regulations and guidance are frequently updated. Several significant milestones include:

- 1968: Architectural Barriers Act
- 1973: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- 1990: Americans with Disabilities Act
- 1998: ADA Accessibility Guidelines published
- 2010: ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 2011: Proposed Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way (PROWAG)
ADA Transition Plan Introduction

The City of Fridley is committed to breaking down barriers for residents and to be a fair, inclusive and equitable community in its practices, programs and services.
Plan Goals

• Striving to meet accessibility needs of all residents

• Maintain, program & construct accessible pedestrian facilities

• ADA Coordinator

• Method for recommending changes
Plan development - What is the ADA Transition Plan and why do we need it?

- Plan Need and Purpose
- Plan Management - Living Document
- Agency Requirements
  - Programs
  - Policies
  - Practices
  - Procedures
Phases of the Plan

- Public Right-of-Way
- Parks (Coming Later)
- Buildings (Coming Later)
- Website (Currently Fully Compliant)
Self-evaluation - How accessible is the City of Fridley?

- Survey inventory was completed in 2017 for Public Rights-of-Way Pedestrian Ramps

- City of Fridley is currently 13.6% fully compliant to modern standard
Inventory of Ramps (353 Ramps Surveyed)
What makes a pedestrian ramp compliant?

- Slopes
- Dimensions
- Truncated Domes
- Cracks
- Obstructions
Worst Rated Pedestrian Ramp
Pedestrian Ramp with minor defect
Fully Compliant Pedestrian Ramp
Policies & Practices

- Addressing insufficiencies in self-evaluation
- Accessibility improvement requests
- Maintenance
Existing City Policies

- Temporary Pedestrian Access Route
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Winter Maintenance
Winter Maintenance Map
Timeline/Schedule - What is anticipated for the future?

- Priority Areas:
  - Project Areas
  - Schools
  - Hospitals
  - Senior Living Areas
  - City of Fridley Facilities
  - Public Input
External Agency Coordination

- **MnDOT ADA Transition Plan (Adopted in 2010)**
  - [http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ada/transitionplan.html](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ada/transitionplan.html)
  - MnDOT Standards fully developed in 2013

- **Anoka County ADA Transition Plan (Adopted in 2018)**
  - [http://anokacountyada.com/](http://anokacountyada.com/)
Implementation

• Methodology:

☑ Scheduled street and utility improvement projects
☑ Stand alone sidewalk and ADA accessibility improvement project in priority locations
Implementation

• Schedule:

☐ Existing conditions/current baseline: 13.6% (Fully Compliant with modern standard)

☐ After 5 years, 25% of accessibility features within the priority areas identified by City staff would be ADA compliant.

☐ After 10 years, 50% of accessibility features within the priority areas identified by City staff would be ADA compliant.

☐ After 20 years, 90% of accessibility features within the jurisdiction of the City staff would be ADA compliant.
Public input - What can you do to help the City of Fridley? Where are the priority areas?

• Draft plan comments welcome on City Webpage & City’s Polco Survey website (http://bit.ly/FridleyVoice)

• Will be heard by the City Council on 2/11/2019

• Grievance Form
Public Works ADA Transition Plan

The City of Fridley is committed to breaking down barriers for residents and to be a fair, inclusive and equitable community in its practices, programs and services.

The Engineering division has prepared a American Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition plan to guide its efforts to ensure pedestrian facilities located within the city's public right-of-way meet the accessibility of all residents.

What is the transition plan?

As required by Title II of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and 28 CFR 35.105, the City of Fridley has conducted a self-evaluation of its facilities throughout the city and has developed a transition plan detailing how the organization will ensure that all of its facilities are accessible to all individuals.

The plan will be used to maintain, program and construct accessible pedestrian facilities in the right-of-way. It provides an inventory of pedestrian ramps that fall under city jurisdiction for ownership and maintenance.

How do I review the plan and provide input?

The full plan is already available on our website as a readable and searchable PDF. You can also request a paper copy of the plan by calling 763-238-8086, emailing Brandon.Brothag@FridleyMN.gov or stopping in to City Hall.

View the draft ADA transition plan

Input can be provided by filling out an online comment card. The information will be submitted to our Engineering staff for review.
Public Outreach

- Public Meeting
- City Council Workshop Meeting
- Webpage for ADA Transition Plan
- Links on Social Media
- Hard Copy of plan at City Hall
Grievance Form - What is the grievance form and how do you report a concern?

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, each agency is required to publish its responsibilities in regards to the ADA. A draft of this public notice is provided on the next slide. If users of City of Fridley facilities and services believe the City has not provided reasonable accommodation, they have the right to file a grievance.
Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Grievance Form

The city has developed a grievance procedure to ensure that accessibility concerns are resolved quickly and fairly, as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

If you have issues with the form, or to file an oral grievance, call 763.572.3554.

Complainant – person filing grievance
Name: __________________________________________ Date: ________________________________
Street address: _________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State: __________________________ Zip code: __________________________
Phone number: ______________________________ Email: ________________________________

Person claiming accessibility issue (if different from above)
Name: __________________________________________
Phone number: ______________________________ Email: ________________________________

Complaint
Where is the location of the problem? Please include city, street name, intersection (if applicable), facility name and/or location if other than a roadway.

What efforts have been made to resolve this complaint? If you have documentation, copies would be helpful. Examples are letters, email messages, written notes, etc.

Has the complaint been filed with any federal or state agency?  □ Yes  □ No
Name of agency: __________________________________________
Contact name: __________________________________________ Date filed: __________________________

Please attach additional pages if you need more room.
Signature of complainant: __________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Return to: Engineering Division
7071 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432
publicworks@fridleymn.gov

Grievance Form

• City Webpage
• Hard Copy
Contact information - Who should I talk to about the City of Fridley accessibility?

City of Fridley ADA Title II Coordinator
Brandon Brodhag
Civil Engineer
7071 University Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432
Brandon.brodhag@fridleymn.gov
763-238-8086
Thank You for Attending!

Learn more about the plan at FridleyMN.gov/ADAplan
Questions?
Active Transportation Plan
How do we compare vs. neighboring cities?

- Fridley: 13.6%
- Columbia Heights: 15%
- Coon Rapids: 10%