



# **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN:**

## **PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the Transition Plan is to ensure that the City of Sumner creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. The City of Sumner has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of its pedestrian facilities. The Transition Plan identifies physical barriers and prioritizes improvements that should be made throughout the City of Sumner. This Transition Plan describes the existing policies and programs to enhance overall pedestrian accessibility.

### **IDENTIFIED OBSTACLES TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF- WAY**

The City of Sumner completed a detailed survey of sidewalks, crosswalks, driveways and curb ramps in 2011. Each category was evaluated for compliance with the ADA. Locations were given an identifier along with a code for any/all barriers. The information was entered into a database to assist in mapping each barrier. The database and maps will be available on the website and at City Hall.

### **REMOVING BARRIERS**

#### *METHODS*

The City of Sumner utilizes many different approaches in removing barriers in the public right-of-way, including proactively identifying and eliminating the barrier; responding to public grievances; and ensuring the appropriate design and build-out of new construction following the most recent design guidelines.

#### *PRIORITIES*

The City of Sumner bases barrier removal priorities on a number of factors; special request, location, priority ranking, cost effectiveness, and any other pertinent considerations of the removal.

### *Special Request*

Sumner will attempt to give priority to any site where a disabled person has requested help.

### *Location Priority*

Sumner has identified locations with high levels of importance. They include:

- Intersections serving government facilities
- Intersections serving commercial and employment centers
- Intersections serving popular pedestrian routes
- Intersections serving other areas

### *Priority Rank*

The City of Sumner determines the priority of improvements by identifying which barrier(s) are present as well as the location and overall improvement to the accessibility of the pedestrian facility.

### *Cost Effectiveness*

Sumner is dedicated to maximizing the level of work accomplished for each dollar spent. Projects with complications that raise costs with little overall improvement to pedestrian facilities will be prioritized accordingly. Locations with frontage improvements related to a private development project, major roadway improvement project or pavement overlay projects should be constructed and paid for by the developer or project.

## **POLICIES**

### *New Construction and Alterations*

To ensure that the correct design of sidewalks, crosswalks, driveways and curb ramps are applied in new construction and alterations, ADA requirements are part of Sumner Municipal Code (SMC) Title 12, "Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places" and are included in the City of Sumner Development Specifications and Standard Details.

### *Reporting*

Sumner will utilize two methods to keep the public and city officials up to date with the progress that has been made in removing barriers.

First Method: The ADA Coordinator will update the Public Works Committee on an annual basis. The report will summarize accomplishments from the previous year, plans for the current year and any anticipated challenges that need to be addressed.

Second Method: The City of Sumner website will have a separate section devoted to ADA rules, plans, contact information, policies, ordinances and reports. The Annual Report to the Sumner Public Works Committee will also be available online for public review.

## **ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

The estimated cost for implementing this Transition Plan is **\$14,213,925**

The costs were estimated by using recent City project bid amounts as well as what it would take to complete the sidewalk system, replace all ramps and driveways that are out of compliance. The estimate does not include removal of material, mobilization or engineering. The breakdown by category is:

- 742 Ramps: \$1,113,000
- 284,437 LF of Sidewalks: \$7,110,925
- 1,198 Driveways: \$5,990,000

## **SCHEDULE**

The City of Sumner will make reasonable efforts to improve the accessibility of pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way by appropriating funding specifically for ADA compliance through the City Council. The Council will determine the appropriate amount to spend each year. The City of Sumner will choose areas higher on the priority list and will address special accommodations as needed. The priority list and schedule for the current year's improvements will be available on the website and at City Hall. As this is an ongoing effort, both documents will require updating when obstacles are addressed or removed.

## **RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL**

Though the Mayor and Council often receive complaints first hand, it is the ADA Coordinator that is responsible for the implementation of the City of Sumner's ADA Transition Plan for the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. At this time, the ADA Coordinator is:

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## **PUBLIC INPUT**

The City of Sumner invited the public to participate in creating the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. In June of 2015 an advisory team was created and shared their perspectives on how to best address the removal of obstacles. This team helped create the Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. The City provided the opportunities for involvement on several occasions, which included:

- June 2015 - Invitation to take part in the Advisory Team posted on the City of Sumner website

- December 2015 Self-Evaluation posted on the City of Sumner website for public review
- December 2015 document copies available at Sumner City Hall
- January 19, 2016 Council Meeting invitation to provide comments or attend the public meeting
- February 2016 Utility bill insert with invitation to provide comments or attend the public meeting
- February 9, 2016 Public Meeting for comments

Formal adoption of the Transition Plan by Sumner City Council Resolution is scheduled to take place on April 18, 2016. It is available on the website and by written request to the ADA Coordinator.