



CITY of MAPLEWOOD ADA TRANSITION PLAN FOR FACILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Introduction

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. Since the adoption of the ADA, the City of Maplewood has striven to provide accessible pedestrian features that meet ADA standards within the public rights-of-ways.

This document has been created to specifically cover accessibility within the public rights of way and does not include information on City/County programs, practices, or building facilities not related to public rights of way.

Policy

The City of Maplewood's goal is to continue to provide accessible pedestrian design features as part of the City's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and maintenance projects. The standards and procedures will be kept up to date with nationwide and local best management practices.

The City of Maplewood will consider and respond to all accessibility improvement requests. All accessibility improvements that have been deemed reasonable will be scheduled consistent with transportation priorities. The City will coordinate with external agencies and contractors to ensure that all new or altered pedestrian facilities within City jurisdiction are ADA compliant to the maximum extent feasible.

Request for accessibility improvements should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Maplewood Public Works Engineering Department.

Improvement Schedule

Each year the city council approves a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). ADA compliance and improvements are planned and incorporated into each of these CIP projects.

Self-Evaluation

The City, as part of its 2030 Comprehensive Plan, performed a high level review of the existing pedestrian facilities. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for future plans of trails, sidewalks, and bicycle routes.

Each City CIP project, scheduled street/utility project, and pedestrian facility maintenance project the City performs a detailed review of the existing facilities for ADA compliance and which facilities require upgrades.

As additional information is made available as to the methods of providing ADA accessible features, the City will continue to update their procedures to accommodate these methods.

Public Outreach

Public meetings are held during the feasibility study for all CIP projects prior to design and construction to gather input from the public. Additionally input from residents regarding areas that are not part of a CIP project are evaluated on an individual basis. Information about ADA facilities and requirements within the public rights-of-way is also available on the city web site and in monthly news articles.

Grievance Procedure

If users of the City of Maplewood's facilities and services located within the public rights-of-way believe the City of Maplewood has not provided reasonable accommodations, they have the right to file a grievance.

A complaint from a citizen should be made in writing addressed to the attention of the ADA Coordinator. A response to the complaint will be made within thirty days. If the complainant feels that an equitable resolution has not been reached they may appeal to the City Council.

External Agency Coordination

Other agencies are responsible for some pedestrian facilities within the jurisdiction of the City of Maplewood. The City will coordinate with those agencies to ensure that any new or altered work on those facilities is ADA compliant to the maximum extent feasible.

ADA Coordinator

The ADA Coordinator may be contacted by calling the Public Works Engineering Department at 651-249-2400. All written correspondence shall be sent to the following address:

Attn: City of Maplewood ADA
Coordinator City of Maplewood
1902 County Road B East
Maplewood, MN 55109

Implementation Schedule

The City of Maplewood will utilize two methods for upgrading pedestrian facilities to the current ADA standards. The first and most comprehensive of the two methods are the scheduled street and utility improvement projects. All pedestrian facilities impacted by these projects will be upgraded to current ADA accessibility standards. The second method is stand alone pedestrian facility improvement projects performed by City maintenance staff.

Design Procedures

Curb ramps, blended transitions, sidewalks and trails will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement and maintenance projects. There may be limitations which make it technically infeasible for an intersection corner or segments of sidewalks and trails to achieve full accessibility within the scope of any project. Additionally, the City will coordinate with other agencies for all signalized intersections to ensure that they meet ADA requirements to the maximum extent possible within the scope of any project. Regardless of if full compliance can be achieved or not, each intersection corner, sidewalk and trail, shall be made as compliant as possible in accordance with the judgment of the City Engineer and staff.

