

CITY OF AVENTURA



ADA TRANSITION PLAN PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

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I. INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities. There are five separate Titles (sections) of the Act relating to different aspects of potential discrimination. Title II of the Act specifically addresses the subject of making public services and public transportation accessible to those with disabilities. The Act applies to all facilities, including both facilities built before and after 1990. State and local governments, public entities and agencies are required to perform self-evaluations of their current facilities relative to the accessibility requirements of the ADA. Agencies are then required to develop a Program Access Plan (Transition Plan) to address deficiencies. The Plan is intended to:

1. Identify physical obstacles that limit the accessibility of facilities to individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe the methods to be used to make facilities accessible.
3. Provide a schedule for making the access modifications.
4. Identify the public officials responsible for implementation of the Transition Plan.

The requirements of the ADA apply to all public entities or agencies, no matter the size. The transition plan formal procedures as outline in 28 C.F.R. section 35.150 only govern those public entities with more than 50 employees. The obligation to have some planning method to make facilities ADA-accessible is required for all public entities.

(Note: above information extracted from ADA transition Plans: A Guide to Best Management Practices. Dated May 2009. Prepared by Jacobs Engineering Group for National Academy of Sciences, National Cooperative Highway Research Program. (NCHRP Project Number 20-7 (232).)

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this document is to provide an ADA Transition Plan for the City of Aventura's public rights of way, no other public facilities under the jurisdiction of the city are addressed herein. The focus of the plan is solely on the City managed pedestrian facilities in the public rights of way under the City's jurisdiction.

II. SELF EVALUATION

The first task involved in preparing the ADA Transition Plan is conducting an inventory of existing physical barriers in the City's rights of way.

The following steps were followed:

1. Identified City right of way.
2. List potential deficiencies.
3. Observe conditions within the City's rights of way.
4. Prepare report of observed conditions.

Conditions within the City's rights of way were observed by Craven Thompson & Associates staff on several days during September and October 2015.

A summary of the conditions observed follows:

1. Curb ramps are provided wherever sidewalks intersect curbs and crossing opportunities are provided.
2. The City has an extensive network of sidewalks within the public rights of way that generally provide acceptable access for individuals with disabilities.
3. Deficiencies are generally limited to:
 - a. Sidewalks sections with cross slopes > 2%
 - b. Driveway turnouts that do not meet width and slope requirements for ADA compliance.

III. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The City will address deficiencies in access in the following ways:

1. The City has a 5 year Capital Improvement Program which includes the milling and resurfacing of City streets. As part of the milling and resurfacing projects ADA deficiencies in the right of way will be addressed.
2. Developers of undeveloped and redevelopment parcels will be required to address ADA deficiencies in the rights of way adjacent to their developments.

IV. PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

The official responsible for implementation of the City of Aventura's ADA Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way is:

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V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A copy of this Transition Plan will be published on the City's website and the public will be invited to provide comments. The plan will be updated, as needed, based on the comments received.