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CITY OF HIAWATHA

ADA TRANSITION PLAN

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, CROSSWALKS, AND SIDEWALK

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I. INTRODUCTION

This plan is in accordance with the guidelines of the Cedar Rapids Metro Specifications, SUDAS, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The purpose of this transition plan is to:

- Conduct a self-assessment and inventory of needs.
- Solicit public input to increase awareness and effectiveness of the plan.
- Incorporate new practices and procedures into the plan.
- Develop an implementation schedule for the plans.
- Compliance attainment with Metro Design Standards, ADA guidelines.

II. BACKGROUND.

The City of Hiawatha, in order to meet the needs of its citizens developed this plan. It was adopted by City Council on November 7, 2018.

III. SELF-EVALUATION.

City staff began an inventory survey in the summer of 2018.
City staff created a geographic information system (GIS) based map and database to inventory ramp data. The GIS database will be utilized to prioritize and track ramp reconstruction activities.

IV. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.

Priority system

Priorities can be set by addressing both the needs and physical conditions of the ramps.

From a needs perspective the following should be considered:

A. Presence of a disabled population or specific complaints and/or requests from a disabled person or advocacy group. ADA compliant ramps will be installed/repaired within 3 months (weather permitting) at all locations requested by disabled residents if investigation confirms any existing sidewalk/ramp is not ADA compliant.

B. High volume of pedestrians, such as in the Central Business District, schools, public buildings, hospitals, senior housing, libraries, public transportation facilities, or parks.

C. Low volume pedestrian use areas such as residential subdivisions.

D. Alternative ADA compliant sidewalk route within 1 block radius.

From a ramp condition perspective, the following should be considered:

1. There is no ramp at a pedestrian crossing in an area with city sidewalks and crosswalks.

2. Existing ramp which is unsafe due to deterioration, excessive slopes, or abrupt changes in the surface elevations.

3. Where ramps are generally safe and in good condition but do not fully comply (no detectable warnings with domes, side tapers are out of compliance, etc.).

Inventory ranking system:

1 - Non-Compliant Ramps (Red): These are ramps that do not have truncated domes. Some of these have a non-compliant curb drop for the ramp at the street. Some of these ramps could be removed in their entirety as there is no need for multiple crossings at the same intersection.

2 - Partially Compliant Ramps (Yellow): These are ramps that at least have truncated domes. Further inspection of these ramps should be completed, as some could be moved to the compliant ramp category. Many of these were built by residential home builder contractors and so there was less inspection completed on these ramps.

3 - Compliant Ramps (Green): These are ramps that were constructed in 2010 or sooner and were compliant based on the standards of that time. Some of these ramps could exceed the cross slope in the street but for the most part is compliant. These ramps were mainly done as part of City Projects, in which a City Inspector was present and so the likelihood that they are compliant is good.

<u>Requirement to Act</u>

The City will, based on needs, ramp physical condition and inventory ranking system, make repairs and upgrades to non-compliant ramps following these priorities:

Priority 1.

ADA compliant city sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps will be installed/repaired within 3 months (weather permitting) at locations requested by disabled residents if investigation confirms any existing sidewalk/ramp is not ADA compliant. The cost of the installation will be funded from the Road Use Tax Fund.

Priority 2.

ADA compliant city sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps will continue to be included in newly constructed and reconstructed streets as part of City street projects. The cost of these improvements will be funded using project funds.

Priority 3.

ADA compliant city sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps will continue to be required in new commercial, industrial and residential development areas within the Hiawatha City limits. The cost of these improvements will be funded by the developer of each area.

Priority 4.

ADA compliant city sidewalks, crosswalks, and ramps we be upgraded as needed in conjunction with the City's sidewalk compliance program.

Priority 5.

The City will contract out or have City staff replace non-ADA compliant ramps as funding sources become available. These sources will include Road Use Tax, L.O.S.S.T., TIF and GO Bonds. Grants will be applied for when and if they become available.

New development and redevelopment must have accessible walks and ramps in full compliance with accessibility standards as required by the Metro Design Standards.

Alterations of facilities in the public right-of-way must make changes to city sidewalks, crosswalks, and
ramps to meet current ADA standards. Alterations are changes which affect the usability and are broadly interpreted to include work such as road reconstruction, sidewalk repairs, asphalt overlay of the street, or utility repairs that affect the city sidewalks, crosswalks, or ramps.
When work involves one corner of an intersection only that corner must have the curb ramps improved to current ADA standards and the adjacent pavement must be resurfaced as necessary to provide for a flush transition. Sidewalk work greater than 10' in length that abuts a curb ramp shall be extended to include affected ramps and those ramps must be improved to current ADA standards.

The city will also reconstruct non-compliant sidewalk ramps during adjacent street reconstruction and resurfacing projects.

V. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Winter 2018 – Spring 2018
- Create GIS based inventory system of Hiawatha sidewalk ramps.

Spring 2018 – Fall 2018
- Survey Hiawatha sidewalk ramps

Spring 2019 – Continue till Completion
- Implement sidewalk ramp reconstruction efforts based on ramp locations and availability of funds.

- After completion of the sidewalk ramp survey the City will know how many noncompliant ramps exist and can then finalize a ramp reconstruction schedule to bring those ramps up to current ADA standards.
- Sidewalk ramp reconstruction efforts will be tracked in the GIS based sidewalk inventory system to maintain a current list of non-compliant sidewalk ramps and track the number of sidewalk ramp reconstructions that the City has completed as part of its ADA Transition Plan efforts.

VI. PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY

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

Public Works Superintendent
101 Emmons St
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
Telephone: 319-393-6601
Fax: 319-393-1516
Email: streets@hiawatha-iowa.com

Web site: www.hiawatha-iowa.com

The City of Hiawatha ADA Coordination is the responsibility of the Hiawatha City Administrator.

VII. ACCOMMODATION PROCEDURE

The accommodation process is an integral part of the ADA Transition Plan. Accommodations will be evaluated according to the policies, practices, and available funding sources. Within the Engineering Department, the Public Works Division will receive and evaluate accommodation requests.

Accommodation Process: The Engineering Department acts as the central clearinghouse for curb ramp and sidewalk accommodation requests. Citizens with disabilities requiring curb ramps are encouraged to contact the office directly at 319-393-1515. Accommodation requests received by other departments or agencies will be routed to the Engineering Division. This central accommodation request processing

procedure ensures that the specific needs of each individual are accurately understood and recorded. The deficiency and specific location are then entered into a log and the matter referred to the Engineering Division for inspection and possible action. The Engineering Division then coordinates any work and keeps a record of all formal responses to the requester. A request for accommodation form is provided in Appendix

A. Accommodation requests may be received through a variety of communication methods:

John Bender, P.E.
City Engineer
101 Emmons St.
Hiawatha, Iowa 52233
Telephone: 319-393-1515
Fax: 319-393-1516
email: jbender@hiawatha-iowa.com

Website www.hiawatha-iowa.com

VII. APPENDICES

Appendix A. Request for Accommodation / Sidewalk Repair Form

Appendix A

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION/SIDEWALK REPAIR
REQUST FORM

Reporting Individual

Name _____
(Printed)

Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Telephone Number(s)_____

E-Mail Address_____

Sidewalk Requiring Accommodation

Street_____

Cross Street_____

Street Address_____

Date of Incident or Discovery_____

Describe the reason for requiring the requested accommodation or sidewalk repair. (please feel free to use additional attachments as necessary)

Signature of Reporting Individual_____Date_____

Please mail to:

City of Hiawatha, Engineering Department
Attn: City Engineer
101 Emmons St
Hiawatha, IA 52233
Email: Cityengineer@hiawatha-iowa.com

Office Use Only

Date Received_____ Received by_____

Action Taken: Date: