Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Comprehensive Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Albany City Council Presentation

March 11, 2024

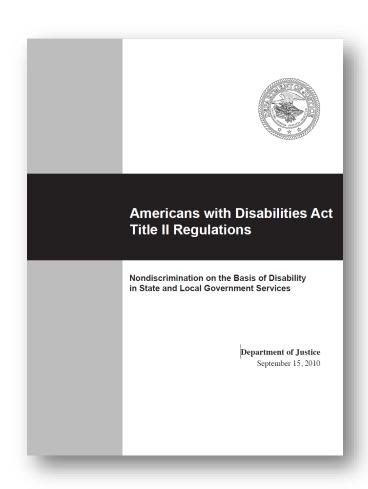


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THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA):

is a civil rights law that mandates equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

- Title I Employment
- Title II Public transportation, state and local government services
- Title III Places of public accommodations
- Title IV Telecommunications
- Title V Miscellaneous



AS A PUBLIC AGENCY THE CITY OF ALBANY IS REQUIRED TO:

- Produce an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan (SETP)
- Identify a person to oversee Title II implementation
- Publish a notice and grievance procedure for accessibility complaints
- Continue to remove accessibility barriers and document progress
- Include people with disabilities in the preparation of the plan











ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

§ 35.105 Self-Evaluation

- Evaluate services, policies, and practices
- Identify modifications

§ 35.150 (d) Transition Plan

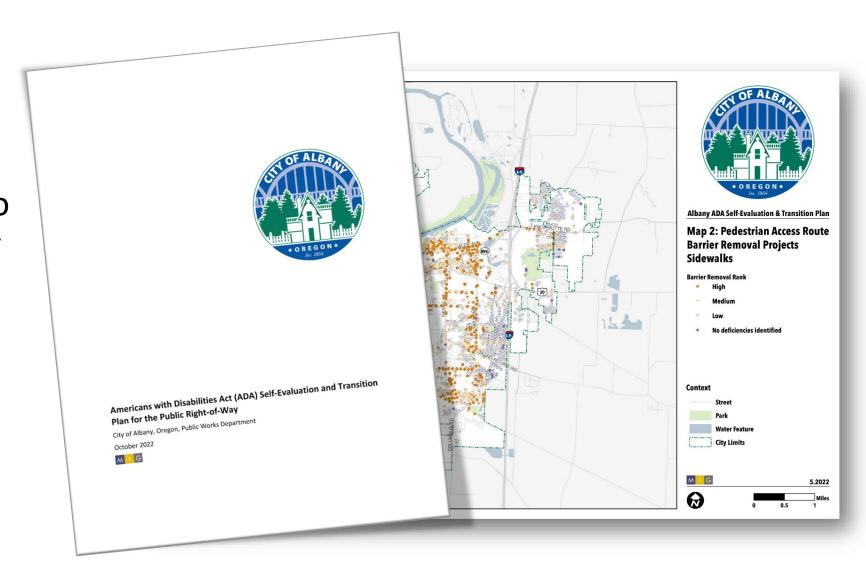
- List barriers and identify solutions
- Establish a timeline for removing barriers
- Identify the person responsible for title II compliance

Engaging the Public § 35.105 and § 35.150 (d)

 Involve people with disabilities to participate in the self-evaluation process and preparation of the transition plan.

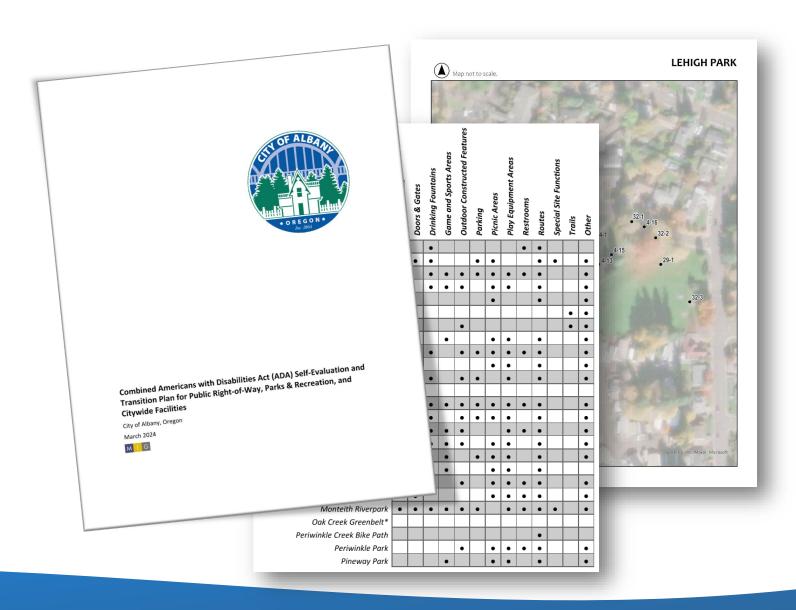
2021-2022: PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAN

- Assessments conducted in spring/summer 2021
- Final plan presented to City Council in January 2023



2022-2024: PARKS & CITYWIDE FACILITIES PLAN

- Assessments conducted in spring/summer 2022
- Incorporated the Public Right-of-Way Plan to create the Combined ADA SETP



ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN PROJECT PROCESS



Engage the public



Evaluate programs, policies, and activities



Assess park, building, trail, and right-of-way facilities



Prioritize and schedule barrier removal actions



Produce a comprehensive plan

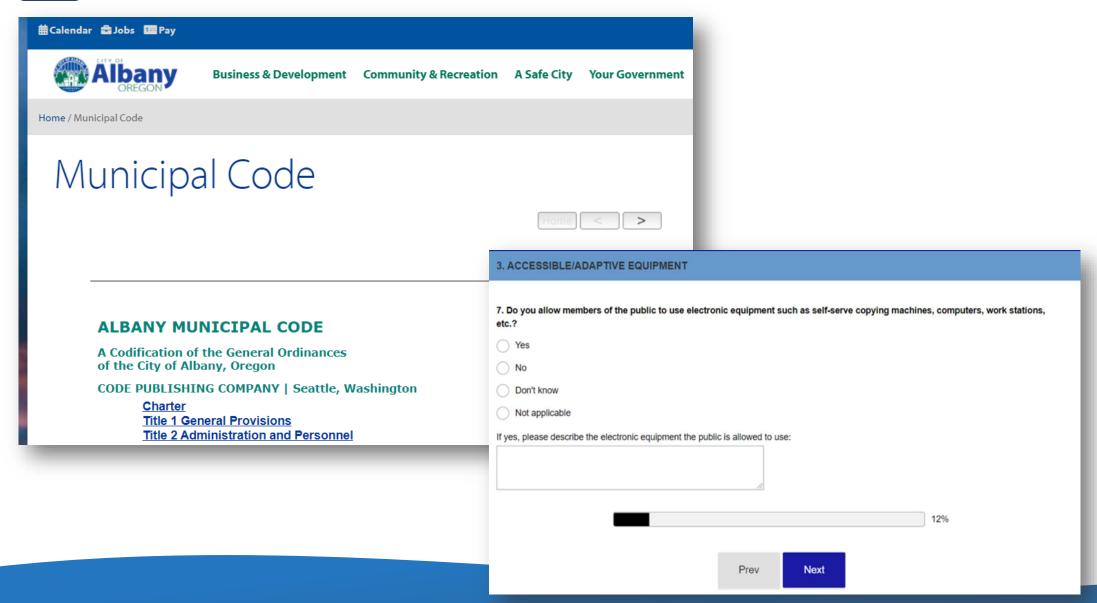


- Advisory Group Meeting June 21, 2022
- Advisory Group Meeting May 19, 2023
- Advisory Group Meeting November 11, 2023
- Public Comment Period
 December 1, 2023 –
 January 31, 2024





EVALUATE CITY PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIVITIES





SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

- Notice requirements
- Responsible employee and grievance procedure
- Customer service
- Staff training
- Contracting, licensing, or other arrangements
- Public meetings
- Program participation
- Transportation services

- Tours and trips
- Accessible/adaptive equipment
- Printed information
- Website
- Televised and audiovisual information
- Telecommunications
- Emergency planning
- Facilities



PRIOR SCOPE: PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY



- Curb ramps
- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks
- Rail crossings
- Pedestrian pushbuttons
- Pedestrian crossing times
- Transit stops
- On-street parking



ASSESS CITY FACILITIES: PARKS & RECREATION



- Assembly areas
- Doors and gates
- Drinking fountains
- Game and sports areas
- Outdoor constructed features (benches, trash receptacles, etc.)
- Parking
- Picnic Areas
- Play equipment areas
- Restrooms
- Routes
- Special site functions
- Other



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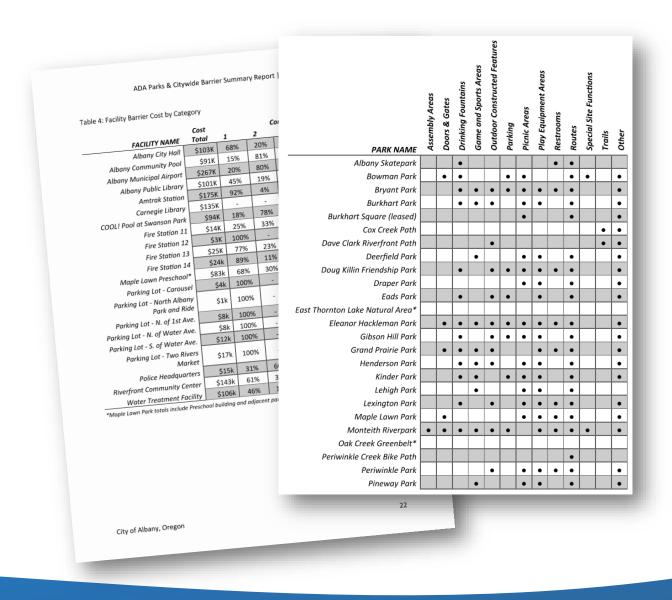


- Built-in elements
- Doors and gates
- Drinking fountains
- Elevators
- Food and dining areas
- Game and sports areas
- Interior space features
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Routes
- Special site functions
- Other



FACILITY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY REPORT

- Facility barriers by feature type
- Facility barriers planning-level costs by barrier category





Citizen rights and responsibilities

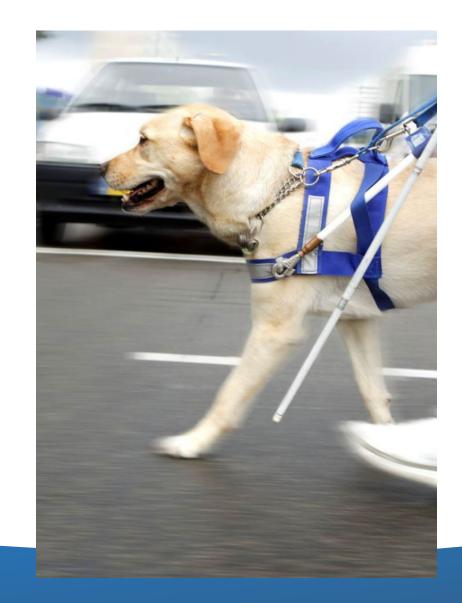
 Facilities where services are provided to exercise citizen rights—participation in City Council and Commission meetings, access to elected officials, paying taxes, acquiring permits and licenses, etc.

Level of use by the public

 Facilities that have a high level of public use are a higher priority.

Identified complaints or requests

 Facilities that have a history of citizen complaints or requests related to accessibility can be assigned a higher priority.





PRIORITIZE AND SCHEDULE

- Facilities ranked into **Tiers** based on prioritization criteria
 - Tier 1 = highest priority, renovate within the next 5 years
 - Tier 2 = medium priority, renovate in next 3-7 years
 - Tier 3 = lower priority, renovate in next 8-11 years
- Renovations split into Phases
 - Phase A: common barriers
 - Phase B: site-specific barriers

Table 2.1: Facility Phasing Schedule for City Parks & Recreation Facilities

FACILITY	TIER	2024- 2027	2027- 2029	2029- 2031	2031- 2033	2033- 2035
Albany Community Pool	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Albany Skatepark	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Bowman Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Bryant Park	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Burkhart Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Burkhart Square (leased)	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Cool! Pool at Swanson Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Cox Creek Path	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Dave Clark Riverfront Path	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Deerfield Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Doug Killin Friendship Park	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		
Draper Park	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		
Eads Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
East Thornton Lake Natural Area Part I	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		
East Thornton Lake Natural Area Part II	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Eleanor Hackleman Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Gibson Hill Park	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		
Grand Prairie Park	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		
Henderson Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Kinder Park	3				PHASE A	PHASE B
Lehigh Park	1	PHASE A	PHASE B			
Lexington Park	2		PHASE A	PHASE B		

PRODUCE PLAN





Prepare Draft
ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan



City Staff and Advisory Group Review Plan



Publish Public Review Draft



Collect Public Comment



Prepare Final Plan



COMBINED SETP REPORT CONTENTS

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Self-Evaluation
- 3. Transition Plan
- 4. Plan Implementation
- 5. Responsible Employee, Notice Policy & Grievance Procedure
- 6. Definitions
- 7. Program Accessibility Guidelines, Standards, and Resources



BARRIER REMOVAL UPDATES AS OF MARCH 1, 2024

Track #1 – Large ADA Concrete Project (Estimated completion 2024)

- Ramps
- Walks/paths
- Parking pads
- Picnic table pads
- \$200,000 estimated cost

Track #2 – Building Improvements (Per Transition Plan)

- Riverfront Community Center (RCC)
- Albany Community Pool
- followed by other facilities as detailed in the transition plan
- Low cost, high time

BARRIER REMOVAL UPDATES AS OF MARCH 1, 2024

Track #3 - General park improvements (Per Transition Plan)

- Small improvements as time allows
- Starting with Eleanor Hackleman Park.

Track #4 - Parking lot Striping (Estimated completion 2024)

- Due to changed requirements, almost all ADA striping in City parking lots needs updating
- Becky Hunter- Froemke is working on a citywide effort to update ADA striping at all City facilities

Track #5 – Assist City Departments with ADA issues (Awaiting finalized SETP)

Once the ADA plan is finalized, building maintenance will reach out to all departments with an
offer of assistance with issues identified in the finalized plan

Thank You!

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