

## **ADA Community Forum. 2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**Date: Friday, March 22, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Metro Transit Facility, 1015 Transit Drive.

**Subject:** Residents can come learn about the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Accommodations provided: snacks, loop system and speaker, sign language interpreter (left b/c not needed)

Rob Hernandez (City of Colorado Springs, Title II ADA Manager) opened. Focus of today is the recently released transition plan. Showed the Office of Accessibility website.

ADA Title II Transition Plan. Comments will be received until April 6.

Jana Burke (City of Colorado Springs, Title II ADA Coordinator). Explained history of the City's ADA transition plan and office of Accessibility. Mike collected data. Entering into new tracking tool. Releasing in 15 phases. Includes first 4 self-evaluations: City Administration Building (CAB), city hall, Muni court, Pioneers Museum/Alamo Park. Chosen for high public traffic. All reports includes exterior areas and public interior areas such as restrooms, drinking fountains, etc.

Mike Killebrew (City of Colorado Springs, Title II ADA Coordinator). Main floor restrooms recently renovated in the CAB.

Rob. 30 day comment period for each self-evaluation phase. Phase 2 will be released next Friday. DOJ designates four priorities, with 1 being the highest.

Jana. Expanded on the four priority levels.

Rob. Last phase will be released in 2021. There are a lot of facilities to fix, but we've already fixed several facilities.

Mike. 4-5 years ago started leveraging funding such as CDBG grants, to help tax revenue go farther in renovations. Started with community centers: Deerfield, Meadows (playground in coming year), Hillside current project, West Side current project (first west building, then east building). Otis the last remaining community center. POC. We've received additional funding for Capital Improvement Plan projects. Coming up: Helen Hunt falls, lower portion of Palmer Park. Current: Patty Jewett restroom remodel.

Rob. 120 facilities. 160+ parks. Cemeteries, airport, Pikes Peak, golf courses. Bus stops.

Mike. Pikes Peak Summit House will be fully accessible. Sand Creek police substation.

Rob. The City is developing a transition plan specifically for the public ROW. We have more sidewalks than Denver, Seattle and Portland. Sidewalks and curb ramps being installed

Dave Scalfri (City of Colorado Springs, Dept. of Public Works, Contracted Programs Team). Executing the 2C program and ADA/Concrete ramp replacement program. Paving 175 lane miles of roadways. Next year 215-220. All intersections adjacent to the re-paved roadways are upgraded/updated. New inspections staff documenting the existing 27000 to 30000 curb ramps to ensure compliance with ADA. Also documenting where pedestrian ramps do not exist and develop cost estimates to add curb ramps and sidewalks in those areas. Support from management to make progress.

Christine Cosgrove (public). Asking if all areas will be paved or have gravel. Specifically asking about the bus stop at Hancock and Bradley. David Mejia would be the contact for that area. Rob provided his contact information.

Rob. DOJ doesn't require installation of sidewalks only that they be accessible where they are installed.

Jana. Thank you for coming. We want your comments on the plan and process. Each phase will be advertised on the city's social media (Facebook, Twitter), press releases, TV and print. Quarterly forums for face to face interaction. Submit comments by email. Contact information listed on the city's ADA website. Working with disability organizations in the community to build awareness of the Transition Plan and public comment periods – HLAA, Rocky Mountain ADA Center, Independence Center, etc.

Rob. Also working on the city's website. Adding hearing loops in several facilities, such as city clerk, city hall, etc. Transition plan is a living document. Thank you again. Next forum may be in different facility.

Jana. Forums may also be different day of week, different time other than lunch.

Vickie Pacheco (Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado Springs Chapter). Appreciation for increasing ADA accommodations.

Mike. Will also add looping in the Pioneers Museum this year.

Vickie Pacheco. Asking if Police Substations have counter loops?

Mike. HLAA provided grant for counter loops in the substations and the POC. Added one at the Payments Bureau, and at the courthouse in the Prosecutor's office.

Jana. New policies being developed for CSPD. Inventory of existing systems and fixing/adding systems as needed. Community room at Gold Hills has loop.

Mike. Large button audible adjust phones, Captel phones, VRS (video relay system) – allows for full discussion in ASL.

Vickie Pacheco. Thank you for installing counter loops!

Rob. See you at the next forum. Invite others.