



ADA Community Forum. 2019 – 2nd Quarter

**Date: Friday, June 28, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Gold Hills Police Substation, 955 W. Moreno

**Subject:** Residents can come learn about the first Five phases of the Transition Plan

Accommodations provided: loop system and speaker

Rob Hernandez, Title II ADA Manager, started w/ introductions, and indicated we are on Phase 5 of the Transition Plan. Expanded on facilities included in each phase so far.

- Michael Killebrew, Title II ADA Coordinator, discussed recent projects in the Police Department. Sand Creek is a new substation with accessible restrooms, stalls, etc. Impound lot restrooms are now accessible; pavement for accessible parking and vehicle pickup area are in progress. Police Operations Center recently renovated restrooms and Assistive Technology.
- Question from audience about counter loop technology. This is technology allowing someone with a T-coil hearing aid to amplify speech directly to their hearing aid, through use of a counter loop or room loop. Rob Hernandez described recent community centers restroom renovations, including Hillside and Westside. Sertich Ice Center also had recent concrete work outside.
- Question from the audience: when will Pioneers Museum be looped? A grant has been received for looping.
- Question from the audience: what is the budget for the Office of Accessibility? Rob Hernandez indicated there are several sources of funding, including federal grants, Office of Accessibility budget, and Public Works budget, depending on the type of work.
- Question from the audience: how many phases of transition plans? 15 phases through 2021.
- Question from the audience: did we note anything as hearing accessible at fire stations or other facilities besides community centers? Rob Hernandez: looking at counter loops at different facilities, including Municipal Court, and the City Administration Building. (Anna side note: do we need a hearing loop at FDC main counter?)
- Question from the audience: how does the Regional Building Department (RBD) coordinate with the City? Rob Hernandez: RBD enforces building codes on the interior and up to 5'-0" outside the building, city Land Use Review/Planning enforces accessible parking code but not the ADA. The ADA is a Civil Rights law, and not locally enforceable. Pat Going: have we found noncompliant construction? Rob Hernandez: At Sand Creek new substation the accessible parking doesn't meet the accessible parking code but we are working with the contractor to remediate. Joe Curro: plans reviewed by the office of accessibility prior to construction and inspections during construction.



- Anna discussed her role reviewing development plans for compliance with the City's accessible parking code.
- Question from the audience: are we planning to increase the number of accessible parking spaces required since there are so many baby boomers? And there's not enough accessible parking in general. Rob Hernandez: we are evaluating the parking enterprise for number of provided accessible parking spaces.
- Dana Barton from Rocky Mountain ADA. Encourage attendees to contact DC to advocate for additional accessible parking. The ADA was last updated in 2010 and is due for a revision.
- Michael Killebrew: clarified the parking Rob mentioned is being evaluated is only for parking enterprise and parking in the right of way, and not on private lots.
- Pat Going: Questions on enforcement of accessible parking, and people using accessible parking without a placard. Rob Hernandez: we have a program, the Accessible Parking Unit within the Police Department. Lindsay Rose: \$350 fine for parking in an access aisle, or for parking in an accessible space without a placard.
- Dana Barton : is there a phone number to call if you see someone parked in an access aisle, or illegally in an accessible parking space? Joe Curro: we'll include in the notes. Rob: we need more volunteers to check if people are parking in an accessible parking space without a placard. Dana Baron: there is confusion on who is allowed to write tickets. Michael Killebrew - there are 10-15 trained volunteers. Community Service officers also respond to parking violations. Parking meter attendants in downtown area. Confusion on whether an officer allowed to enter a private parking lot to write tickets. Citizen: usually leave a message with the Police Department but she always gets a call back. There is no immediate response. Lindsay Rose: call the nonemergency number for PD. Citizen: she always gets referred to the volunteer line even if she calls the nonemergency number. Lindsay Rose: will check into this, as an officer should respond if someone is parked illegally.
- Pat Going: Promoting the accessible parking signage he brought. New brochure came out through DMV regarding eligibility for parking placard. Take some free signs. Also check out [Coloradodisabilitycouncil.org](http://Coloradodisabilitycouncil.org)
- Question from audience: what other conditions are eligible for accessible parking in addition to mobility? Prosthetics, inability to walk 200'-0", breathing problems, etc (6 conditions total)
- Dave Scalfri: Contracted programs for concrete and paving through Public Works. 2C program - 1000'-0" lane miles repaved over 5 years; generates about \$50 million per year. Program addresses curb ramps adjacent to street being repaved. Addressing over 1300 ramps per year.
- Rob Hernandez: next forum in 3 months.
- Complaint from audience about lack of notice for the forum.
- Rob Hernandez: the forum was advertised through local media, city website, etc. starting several weeks ago.



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