

Appendix D Transportation Technical Appendix

ADA Transition Plan

As of 2023, Comprehensive Plans in Washington are required to establish a transition plan for transportation as required in the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II. Perform self-evaluations of current facilities and develop a program access plan to address deficiencies and achieve the identification of physical obstacles, establish methods, perform modifications and identify leadership roles.

At a minimum, the plan must meet the requirements state in 28 CFR 35.150(d)(3) as follows:

1. Identify physical obstacles in the public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its program or activities to individuals with disabilities.
2. Describe in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible.
3. Specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve compliance with this section. And, if the time period of the transition plan is longer than one year, identify steps that will be taken during each year of the transition period.
4. Indicate the official responsible for the implementation of the plan. ²⁷

Identify Physical Obstacles

During the periodic update an initial assessment of existing pedestrian facilities was completed. It is intended that this first dataset established in this plan will be reviewed and expanded in the next few years to development a complete dataset.

The following facilities under Lewis County's Jurisdiction were inventoried using Google Earth:

- Intersections
- ADA Facilities in the Public Right of Way
- ADA Facilities at Lewis County Owned Buildings
- Sidewalks
- ADA Parking Stalls
- Crosswalks
- Crosswalk Signals or Lights

²⁷ Revised Code of Washington 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(iii)(G) <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=36.70A.070>

The following attributes were assigned to each feature identified:

- Land Use Designation – See the Land Use Element for designations.
- Urban Growth Area – Identifies whether the feature is in an Urban Growth Area or unincorporated rural Lewis County.
- ADA Compliance (ADA Comp) – Notes whether the feature is compliant with current ADA standards.
- Pedestrian Facilities – Notes whether the feature is a pedestrian facility in the public right of way.
- Priority – Signifies a low, medium, or high priority for improvements. Facilities with high priorities were in Urban Growth Areas or near public facilities.

Most of the local roads in the County do not have any side treatments of sidewalk, curb, or gutter, it is unlikely these roads will receive such treatments therefore these facilities were not reviewed during the analysis.

Gaps

In Urban Growth Areas and near public facilities there are large gaps in ADA facilities, there are little existing facilities to be improved to current standards.

No field work was performed for this initial analysis, Lewis County will assess high priority facility improvements out in the field before moving forward with implementation of projects.

Park facility improvements are typically included in Parks and Recreation plans and therefore park ADA facilities were not reviewed during this process. See the Lewis County Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan on the Lewis County website.

Schedule

Lewis County will prioritize ADA improvements based on greatest need and proximity to Urban Growth Areas or other dense rural areas or facilities with a high volume of visitors, like senior centers. Lewis County will also prioritize ADA facilities that are necessary for climate hazard mitigation or evacuation routes as identified by the Department of Emergency Management.

Implementation

The Public Works department will continue to revise inventory of existing ADA facilities and incorporate transition of ADA in order or highest need for users based on levels of service and proximity to public facilities.

FIGURE 20 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF ADA FACILITIES

