

ADA Improvement Program – FY 2008/09 Update

The City's ADA Improvement Program was initiated with the passage of the American with Disabilities Act in 1990 and continues to be of vital importance as an ongoing City program.

ADA Transition Plan

In January of 1993, the City completed self evaluations of all City facilities to list, categorize, and provide estimated costs. This evaluation included all City buildings, facilities, and parks including: City Hall, Fire stations, Police station, Lifeguard Headquarters, libraries, community centers, parks and public restrooms. The self evaluation document and summary is on file with the City's Building Department and available for public review by appointment with the City's ADA Coordinator, Faysal Jurdi, 949-644-3275 or fjurdi@city.newport-beach.ca.us. Three categories or phases were created:

- Readily Achievable – improvements that could be initiated immediately.
- Priority Structural Work – improvements requiring formal design that could begin immediately.
- Structural Work – improvements that would require more extensive design

On May 24, 1993, City Council retained the firms of Hutson & Rome Partnership and Leesak Architects AIA, Inc. to prepare plans, specifications, estimates, and bid documents for the first two phases, Readily Achievable and Priority Structural Work.

On September 12, 1994, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Allied Engineering and Construction, Inc. to construct the Readily Achievable and Priority Structural ADA Alterations project. The work was completed in March 1995 at a total cost of \$508, 620.

In March 1996, Hutson & Partners Architecture completed plans for the remaining phase of work to complete the City's transition plan. The project included extensive structural remodeling at the following facilities:

1. Police Station
2. Washington Street Restrooms
3. 19th Street Restrooms
4. Buck Gully/Little Corona Restrooms
5. Balboa Pier & restrooms
6. City Hall
7. West Newport community Center
8. Mariners Library & Community Center
9. Irvine Terrace Park and restrooms
10. Oasis Senior Center

On May 13, 1996, City Council awarded a contract to Construct 1 One, Corp. for the construction of the final phase to complete the transition plan. Work was completed in February 1997 at a cost of \$386,150.

On August 10, 1998, the City completed a review of all City parking lots and constructed accessibility improvements at various deficient parking lots. These improvements include the addition of accessible parking spaces, van accessible parking spaces, pathways, access walkways, signing, and ramps. Work was performed at the following parking lots:

San Joaquin Hills Lawn Bowling Parking Lot
Bonita Creek Parking Lot
Beek Community Center Parking Lot
Bayside Drive Parking Lots
Balboa Yacht Basin Parking Lot
Bay Avenue, 18th Street -19th Street Parking Lot
Balboa Library and Fire Station Parking Lot
B Street Parking Lot

ADA Sidewalk Accessibility Program

Along with the transition plan, the City's Public Works Department embarked upon a multi-year program to install accessible ramps and other accessibility improvements within the public right of way. The City first adopted a curb access standard, STD 181, in 1975. That standard plan has been revised over the years since to maintain compliance with the accepted State of California accessibility standards. This standard access ramp and subsequent revisions have been incorporated in various street improvement projects over the years. Since the passage of the Americans with Disability Act, the City has appropriated funding in the form of Gas Tax, Measure M, SB821, and CDBG funding for an annual dedicated ADA accessibility ramp project. Additionally, whenever the City rehabilitates a street, improvements are included to meet the current ADA codes for accessibility.

In addition to the annual accessibility improvement projects, the City constructs improvements by request from individuals needing assistance. It is the City's policy to investigate and resolve sidewalk accessibility issues immediately. Typically, the City will use in-house or on-call construction services to expedite installation.

Recent and Current Projects

With the recent replacement of many City facilities, many barriers have been eliminated. The recently completed the Bonita Canyon Sports Park and Restrooms, Mariners Library, Fire Station #7, and Newport Coast Community Center incorporate the latest standards in accessible design. The Mariner's Park Restroom is currently under construction and Sunset Ridge Park, Marina Park, Oasis Senior Center, Little Corona del Mar Beach restroom, and the replacement City Hall are currently in design.

Questions and Comments

Anyone with questions or comments regarding our ADA programs can contact the following City staff members:

City's ADA Coordinator, Faysal Jurdi, 949-644-3275 or fjurdi@city.newport-beach.ca.us .

Individuals requesting improvements within the public right of way can contact the City Traffic Engineer, Tony Brine, at 949-644-3311 or tbrine@city.newport-beach.ca.us .