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To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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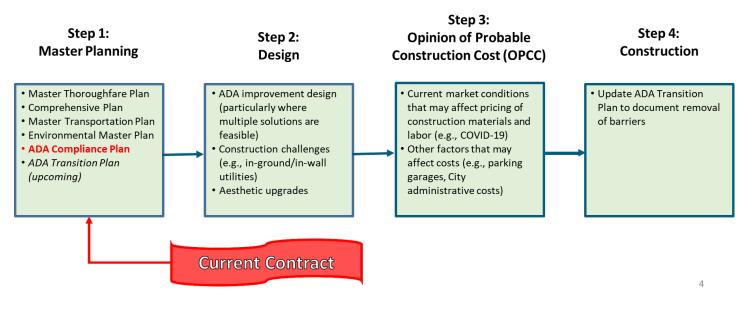
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SUBJECT: STATUS OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE PLAN

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide a status update on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Plan. On August 22, 2023, the City Council approved M&C 24-0672, authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Kimley Horn (KH) to assess the City's compliance with ADA and to prepare the scope of work for an ADA Transition Plan. The City Manager's Office subsequently convened an internal ADA Steering Committee, led by the Diversity and Inclusion Department, to guide the consultants on this work. The Steering Committee includes representatives from the City Manager's Office, FWLab, Information Technology Solutions, Transportation and Public Works, Development Services, Park and Recreation, Property Management, Communication and Public Engagement, and Aviation. The Steering Committee has reviewed the planning process diagrammed below and has begun to curate data, documentation, and maps to complete these activities.

Accessibility Project Planning Process



Current Phase Activities

- 1. Identify current programs, services, and activities required to be compliant under ADA
- 2. Quantify existing facilities required to be compliant under ADA
- 3. Quantify existing facilities that have already been evaluated for compliance with the ADA standards/guidelines
- 4. Determine level of effort to complete evaluations
- 5. Prioritize remaining facilities for evaluation
- 6. Determine phasing for evaluations

The results of data collection to date are depicted in the following table. This information, which is required to be compliant with ADA, identifies required areas that have been evaluated and areas that have yet to be evaluated.

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City ADA Evaluation Summary

Item	Total	Evaluated To Date	Remaining to be Evaluated
Programs, Services, and Activities	TBD	0	TBD
Facilities	244	15	229
Parks	300	0	300
Stand-alone Shared Use Paths and Trails (miles)	TBD	0	TBD
Sidewalks (miles)	3,162	3,162	TBD
Curb Ramps	40,050	40,050	TBD
Pedestrian Street Crossings (intersections, assumption based on 8/sidewalk mile)	~25,300	0	~25,300
Pedestrian Signal Equipment (intersections)	927	0	927
On-street Metered Parking Spaces	3,200	0	3,200

KH has recommended that the City consider facility type, spatial distribution of facilities, upcoming Capital Improvement Program projects, and equity factors to determine next steps and priorities.

Future Funding Opportunities and Community Outreach

Federal planning and demonstration funding opportunities, in the aggregate amount of \$656 million nationally, are available this year with three submission deadlines for grants under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. KH will assist the City in meeting the May 16, 2024, grant application deadline. KH will also assist the City with community outreach planning by leveraging other citywide planning activities, such as the 2050 Comprehensive Plan open-house meetings and other public outreach meetings led by the Communications and Public Engagement Department. KH will also support the City in developing a project page on the City website and the new Connect Fort Worth portal, as well as a survey, an interactive mapping tool, and links to project documents accessible to the Fort Worth community in Spanish and English, while addressing the overall needs of residents with disabilities.

Next Steps

- Diversity and Inclusion Department and KH to schedule follow-up meetings with other departments
- · Determine the level of effort to complete the remaining evaluations
- Finalize community engagement plan
- 5/16: Submit SS4A grant application
- 6/30: Submit final Compliance Plan
 - o Budget/schedule to complete remaining programs and facility evaluations
 - o Summary of City efforts to date regarding accessibility
 - Community engagement plan
- Funding source identification

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Christina Brooks, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, at 817-392-8988.

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