



Mn/DOT's Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

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What is a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan?

Self Evaluation:

- An inventory of programs, services, and activities to determine which are inaccessible

Transition Plan:

- Identifies corrections to be made
- Includes a schedule for improvements and corrections





Why do a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan?

- **Required by ADA**
- **Provides a better understanding of your system**
- **Creates an opportunity to receive input from the disabled community a program level**
- **Assists in developing investment priorities**



Title II Requirements for a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan



- Conduct a Self-Evaluation (should have been completed in 1993)
- Write a Transition Plan (should have been developed by 1995)



Transition Plan Requirements

- Identify existing facilities, programs and services that limit access for persons with disabilities.
- Describe methods to be used to make those facilities/programs/services accessible.





Transition Plan Requirements

- Specify schedule for making non-compliant facilities/ programs/services accessible by prioritizing needs of persons with disabilities.
- Identify official responsible for seeing that plan is implemented [ADA Coordinator].





Mn/DOT's Transition Plan Time Line

- Started July/August 2009
- Developed Aug. – Dec. 2009
- Comment Period Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010
- Published Transition Plan on April 5, 2010
- Curb Ramp and Pedestrian Bridge Inventory Summer 2011





Mn/DOT's Transition Plan Time Line

- Sidewalk Inventory Summer 2012
- Ongoing
 - Revisions in 2011 and 2016
 - Ensure plan implementation
 - Utilize plan as communication tool





Supporting Activities

- **Major Revisions to Accessible Design**
 - Adopted PROWAG Design Guidelines
 - Completed revision to Pedestrian Chapter of Road Design Manual
 - Resolved debate about when preservation projects need accessibility improvements
- **Developed Investment Program**
 - Solicitation & Selection
 - Prioritization
 - Project development assistance
- **Revamped Internal Advisory Structures**
 - Revamped structure
 - Added District reps for ADA Community of Practice





Supporting Activities

- **Organized staff around initiative**
 - Developed cross- functional team
 - Hired ADA implementation coordinator
 - Secured part-time resources
 - Developed and implemented project plan
- **Published Transition Plan**
 - Received and responded to public comments
 - Finalized April 5th
- **Developed Training Plan**
 - Developed scope
 - Secured funding





Challenges Remain

1. Understanding risks relative to national legal settlements
2. Integration with Complete Streets
3. Incorporation of Accessibility into Project Scoping
4. Timely inclusion of ADA design review in plan development
5. Long term funding for Accessibility
6. Design complexity for preservation projects
7. Innovative contracting options that fit projects





“I have many more questions, comments and concerns about the Transition Plan. Yet, I am optimistic about this Transition Plan as I believe MnDOT has demonstrated a willingness to address and help correct barriers that prevent full access to people with disabilities”

-comment received on ADA Transition Plan

