Golden Valley’s ADA Transition Plan

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Overview

- Transition Plan talking points
- Accessibility integration process
- City’s Transition Plan components
Transition Plan Talking Points

• It is required by law
• Supports transportation system
  – Consistent design for non-motorized users
  – Accessibility to mass transit
• Supports maintenance
  – Sidewalk snow clearance
  – Complaint response protocol
• Support for grant applications
  – Safe routes to school
  – Transit for Livable Communities
Why is there the need for a Transition Plan?

• Our goal for all transportation is accessibility
• Focused on non-motorized asset management
  – Maintain/improve existing system
  – Create new routes
Where does the plan fit into other programs?

• Method:
  – Complete streets
  – Traffic calming
  – Context sensitive design
  – Pavement management program
  – Routine maintenance
How will accessibility be obtained?

• Requirements:
  – Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)
  – Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in Public Right of Way
The proposed guidelines use the mandatory language “shall” and “requirement” because the guidelines are intended to be adopted, ..., as accessibility standards in regulations issued by other federal agencies... When the Access Board’s guidelines are adopted,...,as accessibility standards in regulations,...,compliance with the accessibility standards is mandatory.” (Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines, pg 13)
Fundamentally

• Goal is accessibility

• Methods depend on agency

• Requirements generally from Federal level
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Golden Valley’s Process

- Always met minimum standards required by law
- Sidewalk CIP put on hold in 2006
- Self Evaluation -> Inventory
- **Transition Plan – adopted 12/2011**
- Long-Term Asset Management
  - Monitor system condition
  - Maintenance projects
  - New projects
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• Joint effort between City and Consultant
• Not intended as a working document
  – Appendix is flexible
• Accessibility, Design, Policy, and Implementation Manual for Public Rights of Way
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Introduction

• Legal reason for doing it
• Preparation and implementation process
• Policy goals
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Document Body

- Definitions
- When are upgrades required?
- City project implementation
- Project request process
- Grievance process
- ADA compliance statement
- Design guidelines
- FAQ
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References / Resources

• Agency listings
• Links to websites
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Appendix

• Priority areas
• Capital Improvement Plan
  – Include related projects
• Public Sidewalk and Trail Policy
• Grievance process
  – Standard City form
• Design guidelines
  – PROWAG
Summary

• Intro
  – Why -> Accessibility

• Body
  – Where -> Project program
  – How -> Requirements

• Resources

• Appendix
  – When -> Timeline/budgets (will be updated)
Thank You

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