

Transition Plan For City of Lexington, Nebraska Public Rights-of-Way

This plan for the City of Lexington, Nebraska (herein referred to as “City”), deals with public right-of-way areas. These areas include streets, bridges, intersections, sidewalks, trails and bikeways.

The goal of the transition plan is to improve the accessibility for citizens. The plan will be implemented as follows:

- A. All new and renovation construction shall meet or exceed the requirements established by ADAAG (Americans with Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines).
- B. Methods used to remove physical barriers will include: updating and maintaining standard plans that comply with ADAAG; and making them available to consultants and builders working with the City.
- C. The City will begin an ongoing program of review and improving public rights-of-way accessibility, by conducting and maintaining inventories of public right-of-ways in need of improvement. Improvements anticipated include: removing or replacing broken or misaligned sidewalks that could impede access; narrow sidewalks; correcting cross slope problems; and providing for ramps, especially at intersections. The correction of cross slopes and narrow sidewalks will be dealt with at the time of complete street reconstruction. The City will add a public right-of-way handicap accessibility improvement line item in annual budgets. Prioritization of annual improvements may include the following criteria: traffic volumes (motor vehicle, foot, bicycle, wheelchair, etc.); proximity to destinations such as schools, parks, trails, libraries, and commercial districts; other planned improvements; engineering feasibility; and effect on the budget.
- D. The City Manager will be responsible for the implementation of the transition plan for public rights-of-way.
- E. In an effort to be proactive in allowing accessibilities on public rights-of-way, the granting of sidewalk waivers shall be limited to areas of no current or no future pedestrian travel.
- F. A citizen who requests accessibility may contact the office of the City Manager with a written request that describes the accessibility issue and desired remedy. If necessary due to disability, the City Manager will supply assistance in completing the written request.

- G. A citizen request for accessibility on public rights-of-way shall be reviewed by the City Manager. If modification is deemed reasonable, prudent and in compliance with current ADAAG standards, the modification will be prioritized and completed based upon availability of resources.
- H. The renovation requested by the citizen shall be completed in a reasonable amount of time. The definition for a reasonable amount of time will account for the factors of the size of the project, the cost of the project as it relates to budget planning, and the time of year.
- I. Any citizen dissatisfied with the resolution of an accessibility request may file a grievance under the American's with Disabilities Act Grievance Policy approved by the City Council on December 26, 2006.
- J. The City shall work with interested citizens to provide opinions and advice to the City on issues of public rights-of-way accessibility.
- K. The City shall include in applicable public notices a request to seek public input on projects that involve public rights-of-way.

Dated this _____ of _____, 2009

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Lexington Handicap Ramp Prioritization For ADA Transition Plan



Prioritization is generally based on (1) proximity to schools, parks and other high traffic areas; (2) connecting existing ramp blocks to others; (3) completing intersections with 1 or more existing ramps; (4) radiating from the center of the City; and (5) knowledge of upcoming street projects.