

Annual Update to the City of Bryan ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
December 29, 2016

The City of Bryan is committed to making all of its facilities, programs, and services accessible to all residents, regardless of age or ability. As a Title II entity under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the City is obligated to perform a self-evaluation and develop a transition plan to make its facilities, programs, and services accessible.

In 2015 and 2016, the City retained the consulting firms Kimley-Horn and Accessology to begin the evaluation process and draft a transition plan in cooperation with City staff and local disability advocates. The City Council adopted the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan on August 16, 2016.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the City spent or encumbered \$350,000 on accessibility-focused efforts:

- Traffic Operations purchased \$1,838.55 in materials and restriped accessible parking spaces at the Animal Center and Clara Mounce Library
- Facility Services bought \$211.15 of new signage, which was installed at the Municipal Office Building (MOB)
- Facility Services and Engineering Services hired Facilities Sources, a BuyBoard contractor, to upgrade the basement and first floor restrooms in the MOB at a cost of \$25,851.78
- Engineering Services retained Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong, a local engineering firm, to design improvements to the MOB parking lot and entrance for a fee of \$27,100
- Engineering Services awarded a construction contract to VoX Construction, a local contractor, for improvements to the MOB parking lot and entrance, of which \$294,998.52 came from FY16 funds

The City replaced sidewalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian signals as part of the following projects:

- St. Joseph Hospital Area Improvements
- Traffic Signal replacement at Texas Avenue and Villa Maria Road

In addition, City staff took the following steps:

- Engineering staff attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the ADA at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library
- In March, the ADA Coordinator wrote a letter of support for BVCIL (Brazos Valley Center for Independent Living) to obtain a grant for Communication Access Realtime Translation services
- The ADA Coordinator sponsored a silent auction basket for Dining in the Dark, a fundraising and awareness event hosted by BVCIL in April
- Engineering staff presented the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan at the August BVCIL staff meeting
- The ADA Liaison Committee, composed of representatives from each City department, met in September to discuss the allocation of FY17 funds for accessibility projects
- In October, an Engineering staff member began the process of becoming a certified ADA Coordinator through the Great Plains ADA Center
- Throughout the year, Communications staff have worked to maintain an accessible website

In the year ahead, the City will continue to make progress by evaluating more facilities, programs, and services as well as addressing issues identified in the transition plan. The office of the ADA Coordinator will continue to serve as a resource for the community and improve access for all citizens.

For questions or comments, please email ADA@bryantx.gov, call 979-209-5030, or visit the Engineering Services office at 300 S. Texas Avenue.

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