

Appendix F – Agency Policies, ADA Design Standards and Procedures

Facilities

Policies

The County has the following established policies relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

Policy #5024 – ADA Title II (Program Accessibility) Compliance Policy

New Service Animal Policy

Copies of these documents are included in the following pages of this appendix.

Design Procedures

Facility Construction

Facilities will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. As future projects or opportunities arise, ADA improvements shall continue to be incorporated into future work.

Other policies, practices and programs

Policies, practices, and programs not identified in this document will follow the applicable ADA standards.

Design Standards

Washington County follows the 2010 ADA Standards as adopted by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Minnesota Building Codes as its standards for design. Those documents can be found on the internet at the following addresses:

<http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards>

<http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Codes.asp>

Public Rights of Way

Policies

The County has the following established policies relating to ADA:

Policy #5024 – ADA Title II (Program Accessibility) Compliance Policy

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Design Procedures

Definition of Maintenance and Alteration Projects

Washington County follows the guidance provided by the US DOT and US DOJ on what constitutes a maintenance project and what constitutes an alteration project.

Maintenance projects include the following work types:

- Crack Filling and Sealing
- Surface Sealing
- Chip Seals
- Slurry Seals
- Fog Seals
- Scrub Sealing
- Joint Crack Seals
- Joint repairs
- Dowel Bar Retrofit
- Spot High-Friction Treatments
- Diamond Grinding
- Pavement Patching

Alteration Projects include the following work types:

- Open-graded Surface Course
- Cape Seals
- Mill & Fill / Mill & Overlay
- Hot In-Place Recycling
- Microsurfacing / Thin Lift Overlay
- Addition of New Layer of Asphalt
- Asphalt and Concrete Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
- New Construction

Intersection Corners

Curb ramps or blended transitions will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. There may be limitations which make it technically infeasible for an intersection corner to achieve full accessibility within the scope of any project. Those limitations will be noted and those intersection corners will remain on the transition plan. As future projects or opportunities arise, those intersection corners shall continue to be incorporated into future work. If full compliance cannot be achieved, each intersection corner shall be made as compliant as possible in accordance with the judgment of County staff.

Sidewalks / Trails

Sidewalks and trails will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. There may be limitations which make it technically infeasible for segments of sidewalks or trails to achieve full accessibility within the scope of any project. Those limitations will be noted and those segments will remain on the transition plan. As future projects or opportunities arise, those segments shall continue to be incorporated into future work. If full compliance cannot be achieved, every sidewalk or trail shall be made as compliant as possible in accordance with the judgment of County staff.

Traffic Control Signals

Traffic control signals will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. There may be limitations which make it technically infeasible for individual traffic control signal locations to achieve full accessibility within the scope of any project. Those limitations will be noted and those locations will remain on the transition plan. As future projects or opportunities arise, those locations shall continue to be incorporated into future work. If full compliance cannot be achieved, each traffic signal control location shall be made as compliant as possible in accordance with the judgment of County staff.

Each traffic control signal incorporates pedestrian accommodations on all four legs of traffic signals, with the exception of certain locations where the traffic flow and pedestrian demands of a particular intersection indicate it would not be safe to do so.

APS pushbuttons and countdown heads have been included at all new and upgraded signals. The County utilizes Polara push buttons with integrated sign panel and braille indicating the street name. The pedestrian push buttons have a locator tone capability, but this feature has not yet been activated. The locator tone will be activated upon final rulemaking at the federal level or upon individual reasonable request.

Pedestrian clearance intervals are being changed from 4.0 ft/s to 3.5 ft/s through attrition when retiming projects are completed. Upon reasonable request, the pedestrian clearance interval will be adjusted accordingly outside of the programmed retiming projects.

Bus Stops

Bus stops will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. There may be limitations which make it technically infeasible for individual bus stop locations to achieve full accessibility within the scope of any project. Those limitations will be noted and those locations will remain on the transition plan. As future projects or opportunities arise, those locations shall continue to be incorporated into future work. If full compliance cannot be achieved, each bus stop location shall be made as compliant as possible in accordance with the judgment of County staff.

Other Transit Facilities

Additional transit facilities are present within the limits of Washington County. Those facilities fall under the jurisdiction of Metro Transit. Washington County will work with Metro Transit to ensure that those facilities meet all appropriate accessibility standards.

Winter Maintenance

The County will work with its partnering agencies to ensure that all pedestrian facilities are maintained throughout the winter except those facilities that are designated for snowmobile routes.

Other policies, practices and programs

Policies, practices, and programs not identified in this document will follow the applicable ADA standards.

Design Standards

Washington County has PROWAG, as adopted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), as its design standard. A copy of this document is included in the following pages of this appendix.

Parks

Policies

The County has the following established policies relating to ADA:

Policy #5024 – ADA Title II (Program Accessibility) Compliance Policy

Service Animal Policy

Policy #P012 – Motorized Vehicles on Trails Policy

Policy #PO21 – Free Annual Vehicle Permit for any Veteran who has a Total and Permanent Service-connected Disability

Policy # PO22 – Free Daily Vehicle Permit for any Veteran with any Service-connected Disability

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Design Procedures

Park Development

Park elements will attempt to be constructed or upgraded to achieve compliance within all capital improvement projects. As future projects or opportunities arise, ADA improvements shall continue to be incorporated into future work.

Winter Maintenance

Varying levels of winter maintenance occur within the park system. Many of the recreation trails are groomed for winter recreational use while others are cleared of snow and ice.

Other policies, practices and programs

Policies, practices and programs not identified in this document will follow the applicable ADA standards.

Design Standards

Washington County utilizes the 2014 Summary of accessibility standards for Federal outdoor developed areas as its best management practice. This document is found on the internet at the following address:

<http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoor-developed-areas/a-summary-of-accessibility-standards-for-federal-outdoor-developed-areas>

County Website

Policies

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Design Standards

Washington County utilizes the Web Content Accessibility Guideline (WCAG) 2.0 as its design standard. This document is found on the internet at the following address:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/2008/REC-WCAG20-20081211/>

