

WELCOME!

ACHD Open House

Purpose

ACHD works hard to ensure that public right-of-way facilities are accessible to all users. We are presenting ACHD's ongoing efforts and future plans to address accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The purpose of this open house is to give you an opportunity to tell us:

- Did we capture all the areas of concern?
- Are the curb ramps and sidewalks ranked correctly?
- Is the strategy for addressing barriers adequate?



Past Plans

Pedestrian Bicycle Transition Plan

- Adopted by ACHD in 2004
- ACHD evaluated Ada County's pedestrian system
- Outcomes:
 - ACHD developed an ADA Transition Plan.
 - Facilities in the right-of-way were inventoried to determine inaccessible locations that need to be addressed.
 - Policies and standards were reviewed.
 - ACHD formed the ADA Advisory Committee to provide guidance to enhance accessibility.



The ADA Transition Plan

ADA Title II requires public entities like ACHD to develop a plan to make its policies and facilities accessible. These plans address:

- Policies and standards
- Facilities in the right-of-way
- Prioritization
- Methods to address deficiencies



Progress

ACHD Progress

- Each year, ACHD repairs sidewalks and curb ramps throughout Ada County to increase safety and bring existing sidewalks and curb ramps into compliance with the ADA.
- Since 2010, 5,972 substandard curb ramps and 237.6 miles of substandard sidewalks have been addressed through:
 - Roadway and Intersection Projects
 - Maintenance Projects
 - Community Programs (pedestrian and bicycle projects)
 - Requests from the public
- ACHD hosts monthly ADA Advisory Committee Meetings



2018 Update

2018 Transition Plan Update

ACHD has been working with the ACHD ADA Advisory Committee to update the transition plan. In order to enhance ACHD's accessible practices, the 2018 Transition Plan addresses:

- Policies and standards
- Sidewalk and curb ramps inventory
- Prioritization
- Implementation schedule



Review Policies and Procedures

Self-Evaluation

The self-evaluation process included an accessibility evaluation of ACHD's programs, services, and activities. The evaluation included a staff questionnaire and a review of existing policies, programs, and documents.

Findings

Based on the findings of this extensive evaluation, ACHD is updating many of its policies and practices for compliance.

For example, the evaluation recommended:

- Updating ACHD's ADA Grievance Procedure to conform to federal Department of Justice guidelines
- Developing strategies to ensure the accessibility of public meetings, public documents, and public records
- Identifying policy recommendations to ensure compliance with accessibility standards

Next Steps

Thank you!

Thank you for attending our open house!

- ACHD will review the comments and revise the plan based on your feedback.
- All displays and handouts will be posted to www.achdidaho.org for review and comment.
- While we always welcome your comments, they can be best used if received by October 19, 2018.

Next Steps

Barrier Removal Strategies

ACHD proposes removing barriers with the following strategies:

- Modify policies and procedures to make it easier to remove barriers.
- Continue to update facilities and remove barriers with maintenance and construction projects.
- Continue to address requests from the public.

Barriers

What's a Barrier?

A sidewalk or curb ramp with deficient conditions proven to be inaccessible for individuals with disabilities.

Priorities

High Priority*

- Very poor condition
- Citizen Request

Medium Priority*

- Moderate/Average Condition

Low Priority*

- Minor Issues

*The priorities vary depending on the location of the barrier