Transition Plan Summary

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is providing its Draft ADA Title II Public Right of Way Transition Plan for public review until November 20, 2020.

PBOT is committed to a transportation system that is accessible to all users. When we invest in transportation infrastructure, we do so in a way that supports more and better access for communities of color, low-income communities, and people with disabilities.

People reviewing and commenting on the plan is essential to ensure it meets your needs. It is only with that input, that the final version of that plan PBOT takes to City Council in early 2021 will reflect the needs of Portland residents. Please visit our website to read the plan and take our survey.

Transition Plan Website

Transition Plan Survey

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II requires any state or local government with 50 or more employees to have a transition plan.

A transition plan must include these elements.

- Identify barriers to all PBOT activities and in streets and on sidewalks
- Identify budget and schedule
- Provide a complaint process
- Identify the person responsible to implement the plan
- Provide full access to everything the bureau does

In streets or on sidewalks, PBOT is responsible for curb ramps, pedestrian signals, sidewalks, parking, and transit stops for the Aerial Tram and the Streetcar. Transit stops for buses and the light rail are owned by TriMet but on roads or sidewalks owned by the city. PBOT will work with TriMet to ensure those transit stops are compliant.

PBOT projects will be the main way sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, parking, and transit stops will be made accessible to all users. Sometimes,

developers and utility companies also remove barriers to make the city more accessible. PBOT programs like Safe Routes to School and Shared Streets also remove barriers.

The Ramps by Request program offers Portland residents the ability to submit locations where adding curb ramps can help create access for themselves or family members with disabilities in their neighborhoods.

There is a phone number provided, 503-823-SAFE (7233), to report unsafe sidewalk or street locations. There is also a formal and separate complaint process.

This is a 20-year plan with updates at least every 5 years. There will be annual reports on progress being made. There is dedicated budget for curb ramp construction through 2032 related to a separate agreement. PBOT project budgets, work by PBOT maintenance crews, work by utilities, and construction by developers will often include making sidewalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, parking, and transit stops compliant.

PBOT is offering several online open houses where people can learn more about the transition plan. PBOT has contacted over 150 organizations to request their review and comment on the plan.

After the public comment period ends on November 20, 2020, PBOT will update the draft plan and send it to City Council for adoption in early 2021.

Questions or comments can be emailed to ADATransitionPlan@portlandoregon.gov