

Pedestrian Access Advisory Committee

Meeting Q2-2025

June 17, 2025



Agenda

-  **2:30 to 2:45 pm:** Welcome and Introductions
-  **2:45 to 3:00 pm:** ADA Program and TWSI Pilot Updates
-  **3:00 to 3:45 pm:** SDOT ADA Transition Plan Survey Discussion
-  **3:45 to 4:00 pm:** Open discussion, questions, and answers
-  **4:00 pm:** Adjourn

2025 Q2 Curb Ramp Construction Summary

- 536 curb ramps have been installed citywide so far in 2025 (as of June 13)
 - 40 CSR curb ramps built by ADA Program
 - 241 curb ramps built by Capital Projects and Project Development
 - 28 curb ramps built by SDOT Maintenance Operations
 - 227 curb ramps permitted and constructed through utilities, private development, or other permitted capital improvements projects



TWSI Pilot Status and Next Steps

- Still soliciting input on the Brooklyn Ave location
- Additional trapezoid treatment on Rainier Ave S
- Please contact Belen at DOT_ADAProgram@seattle.gov



SDOT ADA Transition Plan - Update Overview

- ADA Transition Plan Basics
 - A public entity shall operate services, programs, or activities so that [they] are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities
 - The pedestrian right-of-way, specifically sidewalks, is a program subject to program access
 - The plan needs to identify barriers to access and detail methods to remove said barriers
 - Requires public participation to be a part of the transition plan process and implementation
- Status of Current SDOT ADA Transition Plan
 - Previously released in December 2020
 - Outdated information, staff, and guiding policies
 - Incomplete sections and missing information



SDOT ADA Transition Plan - Approach

- Approach to Update
 - Collect feedback from the disability community (PAAC, advocacy groups, etc.) to identify barriers and help SDOT determine priorities
 - Develop additional self-evaluations based on issues and feedback
 - Develop and refine methods to remove existing barriers
 - Develop prioritization methodology and coordinate with existing SDOT programs
 - Develop projects and identify funding to fill gaps in barrier removal
- Relationship to Other Documents, Projects, and Initiatives
 - Overlay to Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) and Transportation Levy priorities
 - Coordination with partners (i.e. King County Metro Transition Plan)



ADA Transition Plan – Opportunities for Feedback

- Survey discussion and development (SDOT staff, PAAC, Reynoldson Plaintiffs' Counsel)
- Survey distribution (Fall 2025)
- Follow up focus groups (2026)
- Feedback on prioritization methodology (2026)
- Feedback on updated draft of Transition Plan (2027-2028)



Survey Discussion – Barriers and Challenges

What existing challenges do you face when navigating the pedestrian public right-of-way?

- Are there common barriers we should be focusing on?
- Missing or inadequate accessible features?
- Barriers around priority locations?
- Unique situations and challenges?



ADA Transition Plan - Survey Discussion

- Comparison between Title II/Consent Decree and 2016 survey priority locations

Ranking	Title II/Consent Decree	2016 SDOT PAAC/Public Survey (n=352)
1	Government offices, facilities, and schools	Transit Facilities
2	Transportation corridors	Medical Facilities
3	Hospitals, medical facilities, assisted living facilities and other similar facilities;	Residential Neighborhoods
4	Places of public accommodation such as commercial and business zones	Public Buildings (schools, libraries, community centers)
5	Facilities containing employers	Senior Living Facilities
6	Residential neighborhoods	State and Local Government Office Buildings
7		Office Buildings, Retail, and Shopping Centers
8		Parks

Survey Discussion – Priority Destinations and Locations

How should we prioritize resources to access certain locations and priority destinations?

- What are these destinations?
- Specific intersections/corridors versus neighborhoods and other designated areas
- Coordination with other partners on improvements
 - Seattle Transportation Plan (STP) and Seattle Transportation Levy
 - Transit partners (King County Metro, Sound Transit, etc.)



Survey Discussion – Methods of ADA Accessibility

Is there anything we should focus on to achieve true universal design for all users who walk and roll in our right-of-way?

- Steep slopes and existing curb ramp priorities?
- Tactile walking surface indicators?
- Accessibility along shared streets and pedestrianized streets?



Survey Discussion – Follow Ups

- We still want to hear from folks as we finalize our transition plan survey.
- We'll be wrapping up the survey in July before finalizing the survey later this summer
- We welcome additional comments and feedback until Thursday, July 3
- Email forthcoming with a link to the PAAC meeting presentation and transcript



Open Forum Discussion and Questions



Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025
2:30 - 4:00 PM



Thank You!

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