



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

## Meeting Agenda Full Detail City Council Work Session

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Monday, February 12, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room 2A

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**4:00 PM CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a Special Meeting/Worksession of the Grand Rapids City Council will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2A, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a call of roll, the following members were present:

### Discussion Items

1. 17-0969 Discuss ADA Transition Plan
2. 14-0789 Review 5:00 PM Regular Meeting

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*Attest: Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk*



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## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**File #:** 17-0969      **Version:** 1      **Name:** ADA Transition Plan  
**Type:** Agenda Item      **Status:** CC Worksession  
**File created:** 12/21/2017      **In control:** City Council Work Session  
**On agenda:** 2/12/2018      **Final action:**  
**Title:** Discuss ADA Transition Plan

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:**

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Discuss ADA Transition Plan



## **ADA Transition Plan Summary Memo January 2018**

### **Purpose:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, is a civil rights law prohibiting discrimination against individuals on the basis of disability. Title II of ADA pertains to the programs, activities and services public entities provide. As a provider of public transportation services and programs, City of Grand Rapids must comply with this section of the Act as it specifically applies to public service agencies. As required by Title II of ADA, 28 CFR, Part 35 Sec. 35.105 and Sec. 35.150, City of Grand Rapids has conducted a self-evaluation of its facilities within public rights of way and buildings and has developed an ADA Transition Plan detailing how the organization will ensure that all of those facilities are accessible to all individuals.

### **Self-Evaluation:**

The City of Grand Rapids completed a self-evaluation of its current transportation and building infrastructure policies, practices and programs in 2017. This inventory included the following policies and facilities:

City Practices – Employment, Communications and Accessibility

Pedestrian Facilities – Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Trails, Pedestrian Crossings and Traffic Control Signals

Building Facilities – 19 City Owned Buildings

Park Facilities – 25 City Owned Parks

Parking Lots – 13 City Owned Parking Lots

### **Priority Areas:**

Based on the self-evaluation, the City has identified specific locations as priority areas for planned accessibility improvement projects. These areas have been selected due to their immediate impact and their proximity to specific land uses such as schools, government offices and medical facilities. The priority areas identified in each department's self-evaluation are as follows:

- City Practices (Administration)
  - Create a grievance form on the website
  - Create a list of available interpreters
  - Online employment applications
- Public Right of Way (Engineering)
  - Sidewalks and curb ramps in the Central Business District
  - Curb ramps around schools or other public facilities that generate high volumes of pedestrian traffic

- Building Facilities (Facilities Maintenance)
  - Building parking lots (including stalls, surface markings and signage)
  - Review and relocate interior room signage and dispensing fixtures
  - Install door hardware that meets requirements (lever handles)
- Park Facilities (Park and Recreation Department)
  - Install accessible equipment where appropriate
  - Improve access to ground level components

**Implementation Methodology:**

Based on the results of the self-evaluation, the estimated costs associated with providing ADA accessibility within the priority areas is \$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000. This amount signifies a significant investment that the City of Grand Rapids is committed to making in the upcoming years. A systematic approach to providing accessibility will be taken in order to absorb the cost into the City of Grand Rapids budget for improvements to the public infrastructure. Projects will included in CIP improvements projects where applicable.

**Public Outreach:**

City of Grand Rapids recognizes that public participation is an important component in the development of this document. Input from the community has been gathered and used to help define priority areas for improvements within the jurisdiction of City of Grand Rapids.

Public outreach for the creation of this document consisted of the following activities:

- Public Hearing on the ADA Transition Plan will be held at 5:30, on March 12, 2018, at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
- Document will be submitted to local accessibility committee for review and comment.
- Document will be placed on the City’s website for review and comment. Once adopted, the final plan will be posted on the City website

**Monitor the Progress:**

This document will continue to be updated as conditions within the City evolve. The appendices in this document will be updated periodically, while the main body of the document will be updated every 3-5 years, with a future update schedule to be developed as necessary. With each main body update, a public comment period will be established to continue the public outreach.