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Sedgwick County ADA Transition Plan

What is Sedgwick County's ADA Transition Plan?

In 2006 and 2007, the County contracted with an ADA consultant to provide a "Self-Evaluation" of the County's current compliance with the ADA. The Self-Evaluation included a recommended transition plan for ADA improvements to County facilities. The Transition Plan was the result of inspections of all County facilities for ADA variances, and identification of structural modifications necessary for the removal of barriers to program accessibility.

This plan identifies ADA variances, recommends corrective action for each item, and indicates a conceptual cost for removal of the barrier. Eighty-three (83) county addresses were inspected with 995 individually listed variances. These variances were listed by priority based on the professional's opinion of the severity of the variance and the risk of failing to promptly comply. The Board of County Commissioners adopted an updated ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan in October 2008 that included feedback from the public and disability community.

How were the barriers prioritized?

Barriers were prioritized into categories of **very high, high, medium, low and very low**. Major barriers to program access were established as very high priority items. These are barriers that might prevent someone with a disability from having access. High use facilities, as well as facilities that are highly used by people with disabilities, received a higher priority.

When is the Transition Plan to be completed?

The adopted Transition Plan is scheduled to be completed in 10 years or by the end of 2018. As facilities move and change and programs grow and adapt, we will be continually monitoring to ensure accessibility and maintenance of accessible features.

How much has Sedgwick County allocated for ADA compliance?

Since 2009, Sedgwick County has committed \$2,426,204 dollars from years 2009-2015. Bill Buchanan, former county manager, proposed \$247,016 for 2016 ADA projects in his Preliminary Recommended Budget, a reduction from the CIP submission of \$494,032. The \$247,016 funding amount was included in the Manager's Recommended Budget and adopted in the 2016 budget funding.

How many projects are included in the Transition Plan?

The Transition Plan included 995 individual items, of which 75% have been completed. These items range from transaction counters needing lowered or door hardware changed, to significant projects that include restrooms, holding cells, and path of travel. Many of the high to medium priority projects have been completed to-date.

What are the types of projects in the Transition Plan?

- Accessible doors (door hardware, opening force, opening width, change in level at thresholds)
- Counters (proper size and height)
- Restrooms (multiple items, including compliant ADA toilet stalls, heights of accessories, lavatory heights/hardware, mirrors, dispensers)
- Accessible drinking fountains
- Accessible parking (size of spaces and access aisles, signage, proper slope)
- Accessible routes (proper slopes and width, elimination of abrupt changes in level) and ramps
- ADA compliant signage (at proper height/location, and including Braille and tactile characters)
- Accessible shelters and picnic areas, including parking, picnic tables, grills/fire rings
- Accessible camping sites for tents and RV camping
- Accessible fishing docks including parking
- Accessible playground including parking and accessible routes
- Accessible court sports - for volleyball, horseshoes, tennis courts, etc.
- Accessible courtrooms - including designated accessible witness stands, jury boxes, jury deliberation areas, and jury restrooms.
- Accessible courtroom seating
- Accessible public access computer stations
- Access to historical buildings
- Elimination of protruding object hazards
- TTY stations, phones, and other communication devices such as intercoms
- Accessible fire alarm systems
- Accessible holding cells and restrooms/showers for correctional facilities



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What is the role of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board and the ADA Transition Plan?

The Wichita Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board (WSCAAB) is a group of city of Wichita and Sedgwick County staff members and citizens who work toward creating a more accessible community for individuals with disabilities to help achieve maximum personal independence. Board members are appointed by City of Wichita council members and Sedgwick County Commissioners. One of the board's tasks is to develop recommendations on the future role of the access of persons with disabilities in the city and county, and help determine immediate access priorities.

What is included in the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for ADA?

Items in the original 2016 CIP submission are listed below however, due to budgetary resources some items will be reassigned to future CIP years. All of these items were prioritized as **LOW** priorities in the Adopted Transition Plan. The Internal Compliance Team and ADA Consultant have identified and recommend items to be completed at facilities that have the highest public usage (**see bolded items**). These items will be brought to the WSCAAB for feedback and input and any changes to the recommendations will be presented to the Sedgwick County Commissioners for final approval.

- COMCARE Admin - Restrooms
- Corrections Adult Residential – Restrooms, computer areas, TTY
- EMS Admin and Animal Control – Counters, doors, protruding objects, benches
- EMS Post 4 – Restrooms
- EMS Post 6 – Parking/sidewalk work
- EMS Post 11 – Parking and grab bars
- EMS Post 12 – Parking, drinking fountain
- EMSS –restrooms, drinking fountains
- Historic Courthouse – Public computer area, path of travel
- Lake Afton Park – Exit signs
- **Main Courthouse – Restrooms, drinking fountains, public computer areas, doors, ramp/handrails, phones, counters, coat racks**
- Sedgwick County Park – Shelters and picnic area, roller blade court, tennis court, gazebo, trails, and covered bridge

Who works on ADA issues at Sedgwick County?

Robbie Berry, HR, serves as ADA Coordinator for Sedgwick County. Lindsey Mahoney is currently working for Sedgwick County as an ADA consultant and works with HR, Facility Project Services, and Legal as well as leads the Sedgwick County Internal Compliance Team. The Sedgwick County Internal Compliance team is comprised of members from County Legal, HR, Facilities and Finance. The team meets quarterly to review and monitor ADA compliance activities within Sedgwick county government. Facilities Project Services oversees the ADA Transition Plan projects and coordinates with the ADA consultant to ensure compliance.



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