

Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 26th, 2025

Envision/Zoom

10:00—11:35 a.m.

Agenda

Members Present

IN-PERSON	ZOOM
Brian Powers (chair)	Tom Page (vice chair)
Andrew Crane	Chris Stanyer
Courtney Wages	Emily Jensen
Jayne Otis	Harley Anderson
Jared Holcomb	Karen Flateau
Lloyd Hanna	Crissy Magee
Mia Ocean	Sheila Brown
Virginia Zapote	Shelly Herrington
Rosie Greene	Susie Ternes

City/County Staff Present

Nate Johnson	Sabrina Young	Michelle Bastian
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Guests

John Crane	Kimberly Negrete	Shannon Duncan (Intrust Bank Arena)
	Guillermo A Chamorro	AJ Boleski (Intrust Bank Arena)

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- I. Welcome, Announcements & Introductions – Brian Powers
 - II. Call of the Meeting Attendees – A quorum was present.
 - III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve January 2025 minutes made by Tom Page; seconded by Jared Holcomb. **Passed 14 – 0 with 2 abstentions.**
 - IV. Public Comment

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championships will be held on March 20 & 22, 2025 at the INTRUST Bank Arena. Sixty-three ADA spaces have been allocated for the event. Satellite Trucks will be taking over the established ADA spaces in front of the Arena. Sections of East Waterman St, and South Emporia St are being closed for the event. Emergency vehicles, law enforcement, and buses for players will have

access to these streets. However pedestrians will have to use the sidewalks and pedestrian crossings to enter the venue.

East English St and East William St will become single lane, one way traffic. South Broadway St and South Topeka St will be two lane, two-way traffic for the duration of the event. A section of South Saint. Francis St adjacent to Naftzger Park will be closed for fan parties. Currently traffic on South Broadway and South Topeka St is affected by the construction of the Bio-med campus.

Jersey Barriers and fences will be going up around the Intrust Arena for safety and crowd control. There will be free shuttles to parking lots courtesy of East High buses.

We are also looking into increasing Q-Lines service for the duration of the event.

Ticketing services for Intrust Bank Arena are ADA compliant. If there are issues with select –a-seat, selecting the “section” tab will read out the seat numbers.

There are no billboards or signage to direct people to the crosswalks because sidewalks are already set up for accessibility and equipped with Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) system.

V. Monthly Updates

a) ADA Staff Updates – Nate Johnson

The updated Title II Public right of way has not been adopted by the department of Transportation and Department of Justice yet. There isn't a strict definition of alteration, so the scope of the project, financial constraints etc., dictates if the project can exceed the minimum federal standards.

The City of Wichita has taken into account the opinions of residents, advisory boards, and other stakeholders on projects. However there are technical limitation when pursuing them. The advisory board can ask for recommendations be included in the legislative agenda. The aim is to have the city and county exceed the minimum federal standards but changing ADA law is beyond city and county's legislation right now.

A lot of the focus is moving away from community involvement. There are limitations on resources, funds, and scope of how much can be accomplished at a time.

These notes are intended as a summary of legal information and should not be taken as legal advice. They address the concept of what constitutes an alteration specifically in relation to the installation of accessible pedestrian signals under the ADA.

- The U.S. Access Board has prepared updated Pedestrian Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines. These Guidelines do not independently have

the force of law, but they can be implemented by the enforcing agencies of the ADA, such as the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Justice.

- The DOT has implemented a portion of the Guidelines related to transit bus stops, but the other portions – such as those related to accessible pedestrian signals – have not been implemented by the DOJ.
- Further, the Guidelines do not appear to change much about the definition of “alteration” or when the “alteration” requirements are triggered as compared to current rules.
- In terms of accessible pedestrian signals, the Guidelines do not list specific actions that trigger the requirement to install accessible pedestrian signals. Instead, the Guidelines say that they are subject to the same alteration requirements as other pedestrian facilities. An important consideration there is what constitutes the “scope” of the alteration project since accessibility updates are generally tied to that scope.
- For reference, the concept of “alterations” is described in federal rules at 28 CFR 35.151. That federal rule notes the “alteration” requirements are triggered when the alteration is “commenced.” There does not appear to be much (if any) additional description of that trigger.

b) Transportation Updates – Tom Page

Would like a list of bus stops that aren’t ADA compliant. And the consultant’s report on Transportation ADA compliance. Sidewalks on Central & Main, Douglas were closed. Lanes on Broadway are closed.

VI. New Business

- a) Enforcement of these laws could improve ADA compliance – Tom Page
Enforcing ordinances on Snow removal, scooters on the sidewalk, loud cars on the street and cars running red lights could improve ADA compliance. This is becoming a safety issue and the advisory board should look into making recommendations to law enforcement about enforcing them.
We’d like to include a WPD officer in the advisory board meetings to advise us about traffic signal issues.

b) Social Work department fits into the Bio-Med campus – Mia Ocean

Would like to put an item on next months agenda. We have a proposal to fit Wichita State Universities Social Work department into the new bio-med campus. This can improve community engagement, reach out to the public and more.

VII. Announcements

Karen Flateau – Would like to commend Para-transit driver William for going above and beyond. William was very polite, accommodating, and excited about the new electric fleet coming to his job.

2025 NEA Big Read book for Wichita, Kansas is Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body by Rebekah Taussig. The event is expected to take place from March 15th to April 26th.

Andrew Crane – Guiding Paws presents new technology called NaviLens. Mary and Frank will be demonstrating how to use NaviLens. The code is designed to help visually impaired individuals read signage and navigate new and unfamiliar environments with relative ease. The demonstration is being held at the Garvey Center on March 20th from 2-4 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.