

Public Right-of-Way

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan



Appendix D

Public Engagement

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APPENDIX D – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DIRECT ENGAGEMENT CONTACTS

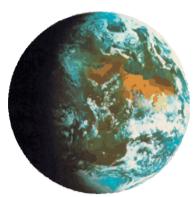
DIRECT ENGAGEMENT INVITATIONS FOR PUBLIC SURVEY AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Project team extended invitations to individuals with disabilities through persons working with organizations representing or providing services to individuals with disabilities, local to the CITY of Aberdeen, and included request to promote on their social media channels with recommended language/link:

- V2_Aberdeen Direct Email Engagement (email template sent to each organization)
- V2_Aberdeen Save the Date (promotional material)
- V2_Aberdeen Social Blurb (promotional material)

Organization	Email	Phone Number	Notes
Aberdeen Senior Citizens Center	None found	360-533-3311	208 W Market St Aberdeen, WA Contacted by Amy Marlow of DSHS, see below.
Arc of Grays Harbor	info@arcgh.org	360-537-7000	Email correspondence with Kyle Pauley, Executive Director, who promoted internally/externally and attended workshop
Developmental Disabilities (DSHS)	Amy Marlow, Aberdeen Office Supervisor amy.marlow@dshs.wa.gov (Gabby emailed on 5/19)	360-537-4360 Amy Marlow, 360-591-5627	415 Wishkah St Suite A2, Aberdeen, WA Amy sent to her team (9 case managers) and they chose to share with clients they think may be interested.
Aging and Disability Services (DSHS)	See Amy Marlow above.	360-533-9218	415 Wishkah St Aberdeen, WA (See DSHS above)
Aberdeen School District	webadmin@asd5.org Laura Sanz, lsanz@asd5.org	360-538-2018 Special Education	https://www.asd5.org/our-district/district-information has other direct phone numbers
Aberdeen Timberland Regional Library	asklib@trl.org Shawna Howe, Aberdeen Branch Supervisor shoew@trl.org	360-943-5001 Aberdeen location: 360-533-2360, Shawna Howe 833-200-6786	Timberland Regional Library Administrative Headquarters, Tumwater, WA

Organization	Email	Phone Number	Notes
Coastal Community Action Program	info@coastalcap.org	360-533-5100	Main Office: 101 E Market St, Aberdeen, WA Annette confirmed ADA survey/workshop is being promoted through Senior Center and she emailed her boss to share with CAP
Greater Grays Harbor Chamber and Economic	Generic email form: https://graysharbor.org/about/contact/	360-532-7888	506 Duffy St Aberdeen, WA CEO, Darren Rain 102 Candy Gleason, CFO, 103 Loretta Thomas, BD, 105 Stephanie Conway, Member Services 111
Grays Harbor College Accessibility Services	accessibility@ghc.edu	360-538-4143	Holly Edwards
Harbor Alternative Living Association	info@hala-gh.org	360-538-1374	102 S Maple St Aberdeen, WA
Olympic Area Agency on Aging	Info.o3aG@dshs.wa.gov	360-532-0520	2700 Simpson Ave, Suite 205, Aberdeen, WA (see DSHS contact above)



NEWS

City of Aberdeen to hold ADA public workshop June 2

City intends to develop plan for curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, paved shared-use paths and pedestrian street crossings

By Jerry Knaak The Daily World • May 20, 2025 1:30 am



The city of Aberdeen is developing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for public right-of-way focusing on curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, paved shared-use paths and pedestrian street crossings within city limits.

Aberdeen City Engineer Nick Bird announced the initiative at the May 14 city council meeting.

According to city officials, “The city of Aberdeen is committed to providing equal access to its public right-of-way facilities for all citizens including those with disabilities.”

If you want to take a survey: The city of Aberdeen is encouraging residents to participate in a 12-question online survey to help identify physical barriers in the city’s public right-of-way, or other barriers to city services, programs, and activities, which will be open until June 15. The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code.

Bird said via email, “We want to make sure the community is aware of our efforts. Feedback is important as it will help us prioritize our improvements or make us aware of a need on the off chance we missed it during our review.”

Recently, an ADA complaint prompted the city to take action on damaged sidewalks on a section of Market Street. That work, from I Street to L Street, began the week of May 10 and addresses ADA accessibility deficiencies throughout the corridor, bringing sidewalks up to current standards for safe and inclusive access.

The ADA public workshop is set for Monday, June 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Rotary Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. If you cannot attend in person, there is an online option, which can be found at <https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>

The city’s intended goals for the Workshop include:

Provide the public with the opportunity to identify barriers to accessibility and recommend improvements to the city’s public right-of-way.

Gather feedback to help the city prioritize when and where to remove existing ADA barriers.

Develop relationships with local organizations serving individuals with disabilities as identified by the ADA.

Who is invited?

Individuals with disabilities

Senior citizens

Individuals that encounter accessibility barriers such as parents/family members/friends of individuals with disabilities

Members of groups that provide services or transportation to individuals with disabilities

Individuals with experience and knowledge of ADA planning and requirements

Interested city of Aberdeen residents

The city of Aberdeen is also encouraging residents to participate in a 12-question online survey to help identify physical barriers in the city's public right-of-way, or other barriers to city services, programs, and activities, which will be open until June 15. The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code.

If you have questions or would like to request an accommodation to participate, please contact ADA/504 Coordinator, Dani Smith, via email at adacoordinator@aberdeenwa.gov or by phone at 360-537-3207 (TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6388).

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DIRECT ENGAGEMENT PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

SUBJECT: City of Aberdeen ADA Public Survey and Workshop

Good morning,

We are requesting your help to promote the City of Aberdeen's public engagement efforts for the City's **ADA Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way** on your social media platforms, newsletters, or other community communication channels.

This plan is a requirement under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and will guide how the City fixes barriers to accessibility at curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, paved shared-use paths, and pedestrian crossings in Aberdeen.

We have two engagement activities happening in the coming month:

- **ADA Public Survey** open through June 15
- **ADA Public Workshop** on Monday, June 2 from 6-7pm at Rotary Log Pavilion (in-person and online options available)

All the above information, including links for the survey and workshop, are available on our project webpage: <https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>

We also prepared some promotional materials to use (see attached):

- **Aberdeen Save the Date** flier
- **Aberdeen Social Blurb** text

We appreciate your support in promoting the City's work to remove barriers to accessibility for persons with disabilities in the City of Aberdeen.

Thank you,

Aberdeen ADA Barrier Survey and Public Workshop

The City of Aberdeen is developing an **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way**.

This plan will help the City fix barriers that make it hard for people with disabilities to use the City's curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, paved shared-use paths, and pedestrian crossings.

The City wants your feedback on accessibility barriers in Aberdeen's public right-of-way.

Please take our online survey: <https://arcg.is/1PHrX00>

The survey is 12 questions and takes 5-7 minutes to complete.

Please attend our ADA Public Workshop:

When: June 2, 2025 from 6-7pm

In-Person: Rotary Log Pavilion, 1401 Sargent Blvd, Aberdeen, WA 98520

Virtual Option: Visit project website link below for more information

All the above information and more is available on the City's project webpage:

<https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>

Thank you!

ADA PUBLIC WORKSHOP - SAVE THE DATE!

The City of Aberdeen is committed to providing equal access to its public right-of-way facilities for all citizens including those with disabilities.

To achieve this end, the City is developing an **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way** (PROW) focusing on curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, paved shared-use paths, and pedestrian street crossings within City limits.

When: Monday, June 2, 2025 from 6-7pm

Where: Rotary Log Pavilion, 1401 Sargent Blvd, Aberdeen, WA 98520

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2025 ADA PUBLIC SURVEY QUESTIONS

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

In 2025, the City of Aberdeen is seeking public input to identify barriers to accessibility for persons with disabilities in our community.

We want your feedback on barriers you experience in the City's public right-of-way including public roads and streets. Removing physical barriers for persons with disabilities also benefits persons of all ages and abilities by improving our infrastructure to accommodate persons who use wheelchairs, strollers, canes, and other mobility devices.

This survey has 12 questions and should take 5-7 minutes to complete. You may skip questions that are not relevant for your experience.

Thank you very much for your time and input!

The City of Aberdeen assures that no Person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income, or Limited English Proficiency (LEP) as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title II of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and related Nondiscrimination authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any City of Aberdeen sponsored program or activity. The City of Aberdeen assures every effort will be made to ensure non-discrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

The City of Aberdeen Privacy Policy is available [here](#).

1. How familiar are you with what counts as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barrier in the public right-of-way?



Extremely familiar



Very familiar



Somewhat familiar

Not so familiar

Not at all familiar

Here are some examples of ADA barriers you may have experienced in the City of Aberdeen's public right-of-way:

Missing curb ramps at pedestrian crossings:



Existing sidewalks, driveways, or curb ramps with cracks, overgrown vegetation or debris:



Street crossings that have no audio or tactile features for persons with hearing or visual disabilities:



Here are some examples of ADA-compliant public right-of-way features in the City of Aberdeen:

Accessible curb ramps have a clear space before the ramp, no cracks or debris in the pavement, and include a detectable warning surface for persons with visual disabilities:



Accessible sidewalks meet requirements for width, running slope, cross slope, and integrate smoothly with driveways:



Accessible pedestrian pushbuttons have a raised directional arrow on the button pointing in the crossing direction, include a spoken message or sound when it is safe to cross, and are within reach of the sidewalk:



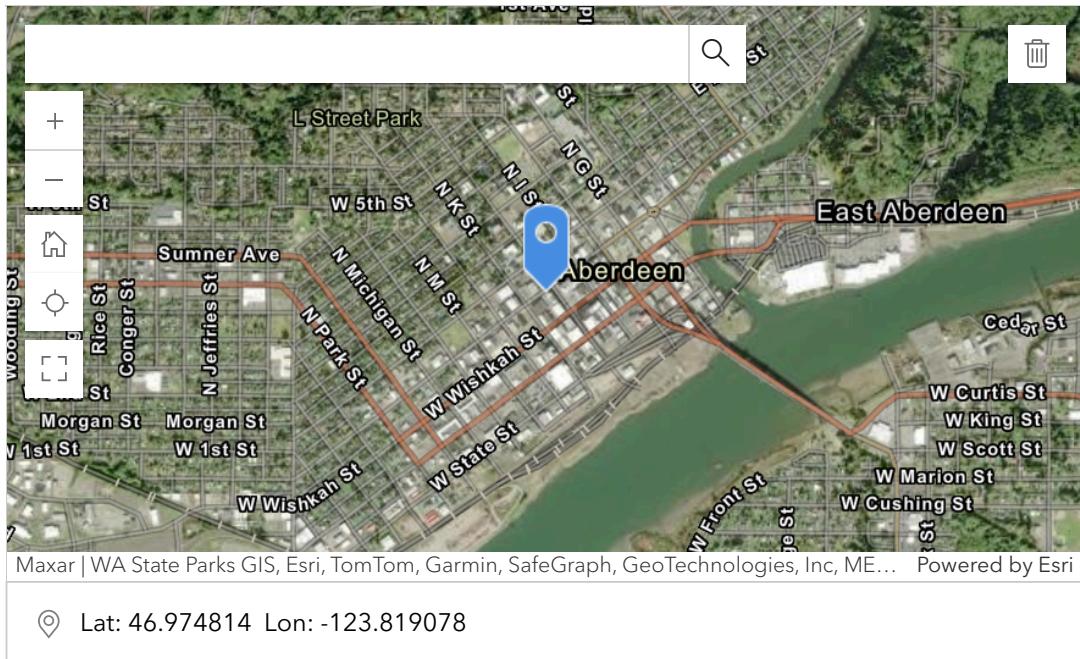
Now it's time to hear from you!

Please tell us about ADA barriers you experience in the City of Aberdeen.

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map

Optional: Please locate the public right-of-way barrier you would like the City to investigate on the below map. This question allows you to select one location. To report additional locations on a map, you may complete this survey multiple times.

Map instructions: To set the blue marker pin, click the mouse at the desired location. Use the plus (+) and minus (-) buttons to zoom in and out.



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

Please describe the ADA access barrier and share any additional information about the specific location of the barrier such as an address, nearby street intersections or landmarks. Reminder: The public right-of-way includes land dedicated for public roads and streets. ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) barriers may include but are not limited to inaccessible curb ramps, sidewalks and/or pedestrian crossings.

4. Barrier Photo(s)

If you have pictures of physical barriers in the city of Aberdeen's public right-of-way, please upload up to eight (8) photos here.

1 Drop image here or select image (maximum number of files allowed: 8) 

5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

Please rank the following barriers in order of importance for barrier removal (1 = most important):

- Missing accessible pedestrian signals



Fixed objects blocking path of travel



Overgrown vegetation in path of travel



Sidewalk cracks/bumps



Missing pedestrian crossings



Missing curb ramps

Reset

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

Please rank the following locations in order of importance for barrier removal (1 = most important):



Parks/Trails



Local Government Buildings/Post Offices



Grocery Stores/Retail Shopping Centers



My residence



Transit Centers/Stops/Routes



Schools/Libraries



Senior Center/Elderly Care Facilities

Reset

7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

Please let us know.

8. First and Last Name (optional)

This information is for barrier follow-up purposes.

9. Email Address (optional)

This information is for barrier follow-up purposes.

 **10. Phone Number ####-###-#### (optional)**

This information is for barrier follow-up purposes.

11. Mailing Address (optional)

This information is for barrier follow-up purposes. Please provide your mailing address including street (and unit # if applicable), city, state, and zip code.

12. Best Method of Contact? (optional)

Please select one below.

 Mailing address Email address Phone



Do not contact me

Submit

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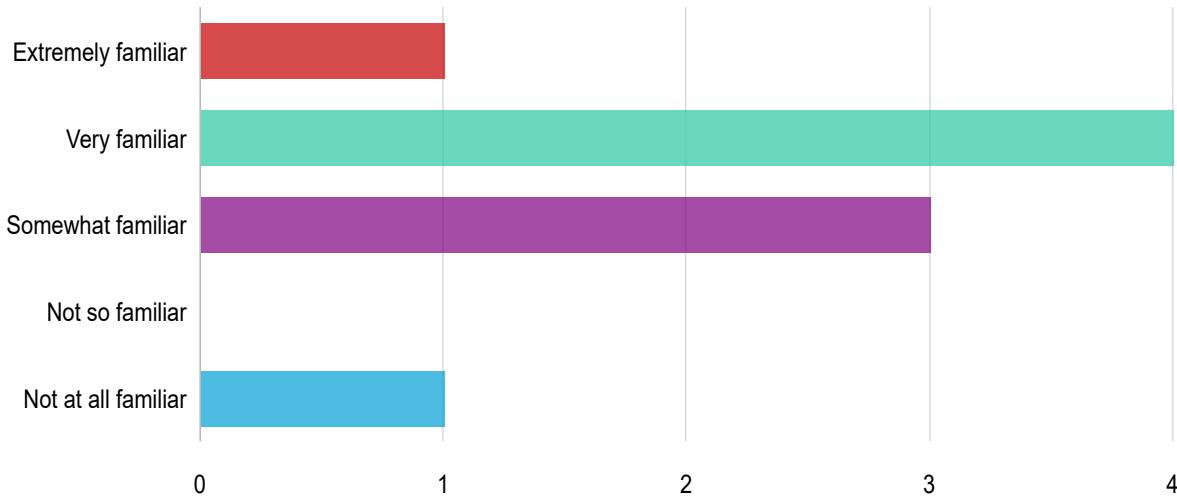
2025 ADA PUBLIC SURVEY COLLATED RESPONSES

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

Collated Responses (Questions 1 through 7)

CONTACT INFORMATION QUESTIONS 8 through 12 redacted)

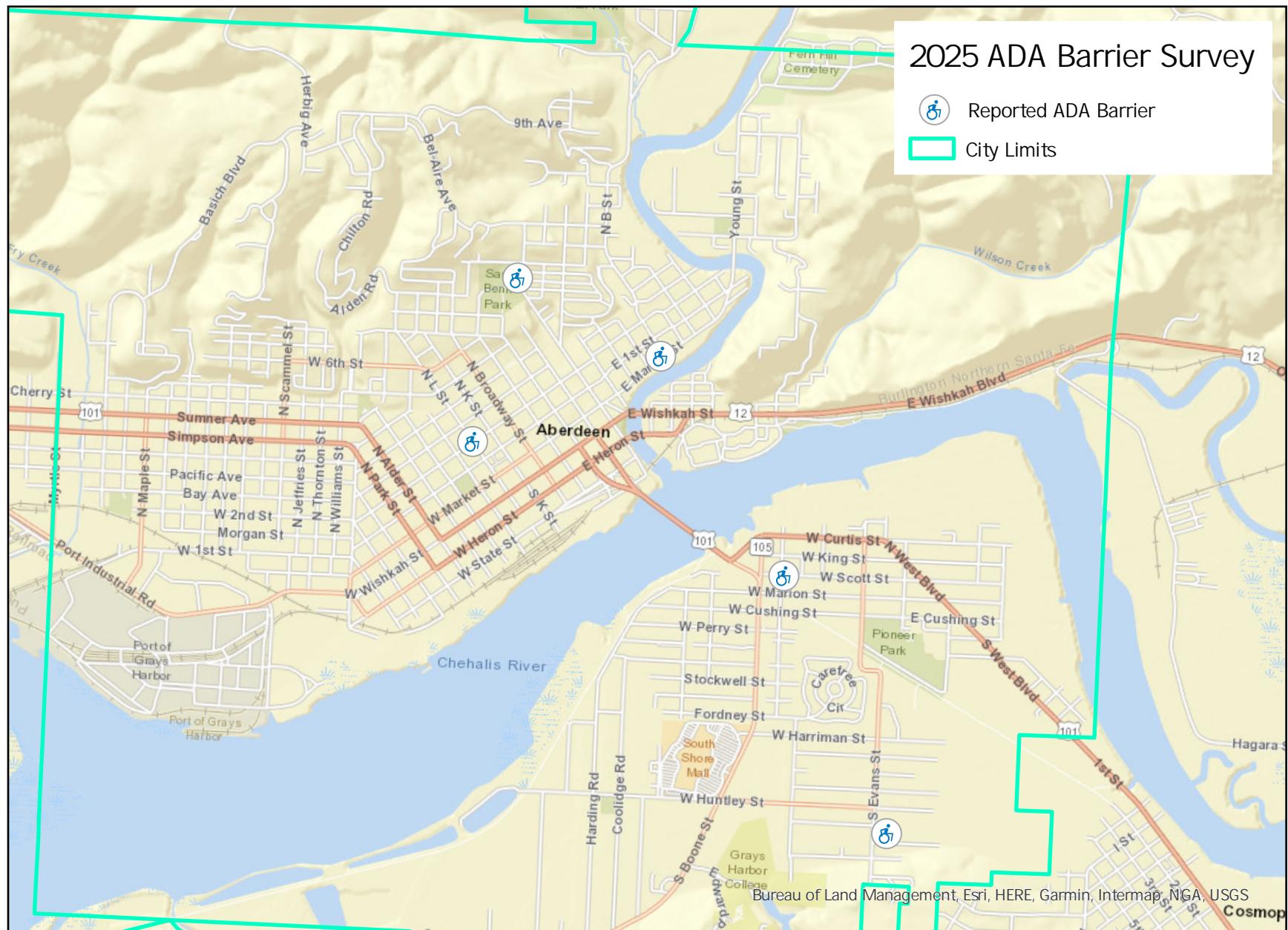
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Extremely familiar	1	10%
Very familiar	4	40%
Somewhat familiar	3	30%
Not so familiar	0	0%
Not at all familiar	1	10%

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

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Response	Count
No ramp after sidewalk, just grass.	1
My adult autistic daughter and her service animal dog have to walk in the street because there are no sidewalks. Additionally, there are no street markings. Meaning there is no designated shoulder.	1
Cracked sidewalks and no ramps	1
Broken sidewalk, no crosswalk. East Market and B by 7-11. Always see people tripping and falling	1
At the NE corner of F and Burleigh there is a stretch of missing cw. This is the only side with a cw and frequently used to access the park by parents pushing strollers, people in wheel chairs, and the elderly.	1
Any of the sidewalks that aren't on the main road are horrid. Cracked, roots causing bumps and dips, lack of curb ramps.	1
412 Burleigh Ave	1

Answered: 7 Skipped: 3

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

4. Barrier Photo(s)

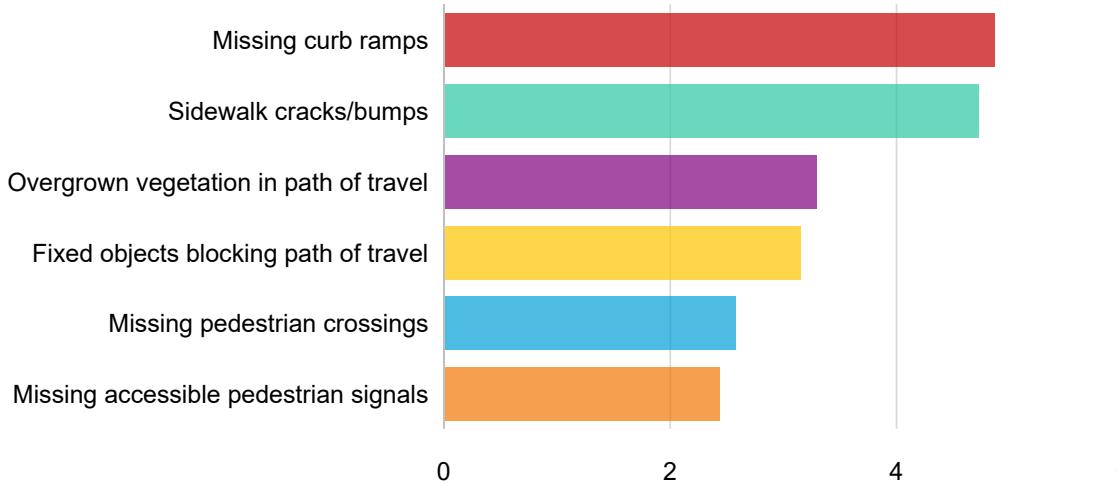
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Images: 2

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

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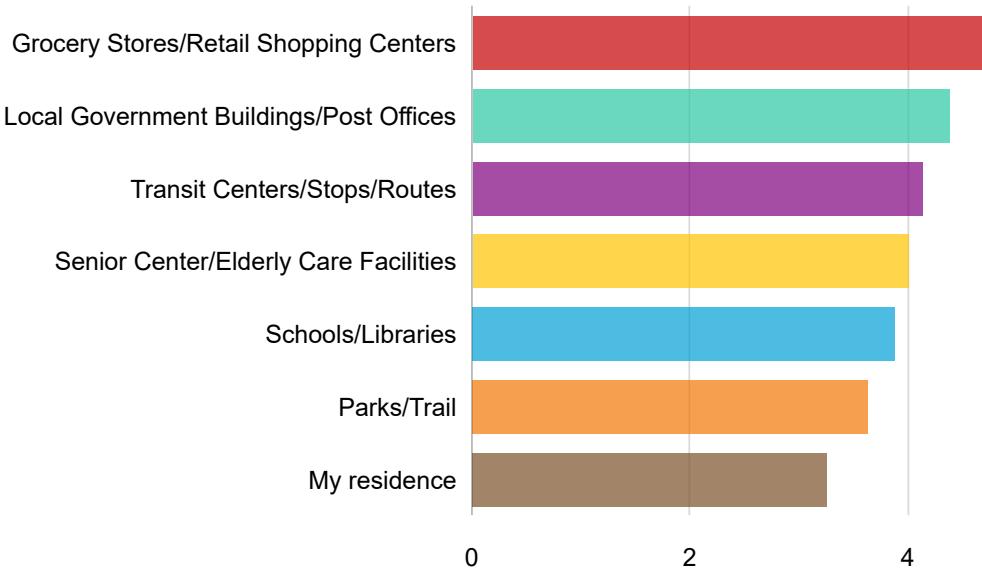


Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	Average score
1	Missing curb ramps	42.86% 3	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	0% 0	14.29% 1	4.86
2	Sidewalk cracks/bumps	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	0% 0	4.71
3	Overgrown vegetation in path of travel	28.57% 2	0% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	3.29
4	Fixed objects blocking path of travel	0% 0	28.57% 2	0% 0	42.86% 3	14.29% 1	3.14
5	Missing pedestrian crossings	0% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	2.57
6	Missing accessible pedestrian signals	0% 0	0% 0	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	2.43

Answered: 7 Skipped: 3

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	Average score
1	Grocery Stores/Retail Shopping Centers	37.5%	12.5%	0%	0%	37.5%	4.75
		3	1	0	0	3	
2	Local Government Buildings/Post Offices	12.5%	37.5%	0%	12.5%	12.5%	4.38
		1	3	0	1	1	
3	Transit Centers/Stops/Routes	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	37.5%	0%	4.13
		1	1	1	3	0	
4	Senior Center/Elderly Care Facilities	12.5%	12.5%	25%	12.5%	0%	4.00
		1	1	2	1	0	
5	Schools/Libraries	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	25%	3.88
		1	1	1	1	2	
6	Parks/Trails	0%	12.5%	25%	12.5%	25%	3.63
		0	1	2	1	2	

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

Please let us know.

Response	Count
Where will funding come from? How will the order of upgrades be determined? Will this be covered by grant money or incorporated in already overpriced fees and taxes.	1
Sidewalk is collapsing will break water main soon	1
Right now, her natural parents provide all of her transportation however, in the future, the expectation is that she will be taking the bus which is down the street with no sidewalk and no street markings	1
Phone doesn't allow prioritizing lists. Prioritize 1. Missing curb ramps, 2. Removing cw obstructions especially intrusive veg, repair broken/missing cw segments. Where? 1. Public buildings, 2. Parks in neighborhoods, and 3. access to transit stops.	1
I'm a disabled parent of small children. The parks are getting better every year with one exception. The restrooms, or lack thereof. Winter there's only port-a-potties, which are not big enough for me to go into as there aren't any disability friendly port-a-potties.	1
Better enforcement of handicap parking spaces	1
Another form of ada accommodation that is severely lacking is easy access to restrooms. As someone with Crohn's Disease I have been appalled at the lack of bathroom access throughout town. Having to track someone down for a key or code or just being flat out turned away despite Washington state supposedly upholding Megan's Law - it has been frustrating to say the least. When I have a flare I am forced to stay home because I can't rely on any bathrooms to be open or accessible in town (many not at all, some only after an unreasonable wait time which defeats the purpose and isn't an accommodation at all). I would like city wide ordinance for downtown businesses and gas and grocery stores ideally but even if the parks bathrooms weren't locked and library bathroom didn't make you wait for others and wait for the librarian to have time to talk and look for the key - it would help. Additionally, more benches to make the city more walkable for those that need occasional rest.	1
ADA compliance also aids people pushing strollers with children. Many doors do not automatically open which is a major problem.	1

Answered: 8 Skipped: 2

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2025 ADA PUBLIC SURVEY INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

2025 City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way Survey Individual Responses

CONTACT INFORMATION RESPONSES FOR QUESTIONS 8 THROUGH 12 REDACTED

City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

Submitted By: Anonymous user

Submitted Time: June 4, 2025 9:22 AM

Creation Time: June 16, 2025 2:59 PM

1. How familiar are you with what counts as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barrier in the public right-of-way?

Very familiar

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

Any of the sidewalks that aren't on the main road are horrid. Cracked, roots causing bumps and dips, lack of curb ramps.

4. Barrier Photo(s)

5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

1. Sidewalk cracks/bumps, 2. Missing pedestrian crossings, 3. Missing curb ramps,
4. Overgrown vegetation in path of travel, 5. Fixed objects blocking path of travel,
6. Missing accessible pedestrian signals

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

1. Schools/Libraries, 2. Local Government Buildings/Post Offices, 3. Senior Center/Elderly Care Facilities, 4. Parks/Trails, 5. Grocery Stores/Retail Shopping Centers, 6. Transit Centers/Stops/Routes, 7. My residence

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I'm a disabled parent of small children. The parks are getting better every year with one exception. The restrooms, or lack there of. Winter there's only port-a-potties, which are not big enough for me to go into as there aren't any disability friendly port-a-potties.

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Submitted Time: June 2, 2025 5:03 PM

Creation Time: June 16, 2025 2:59 PM

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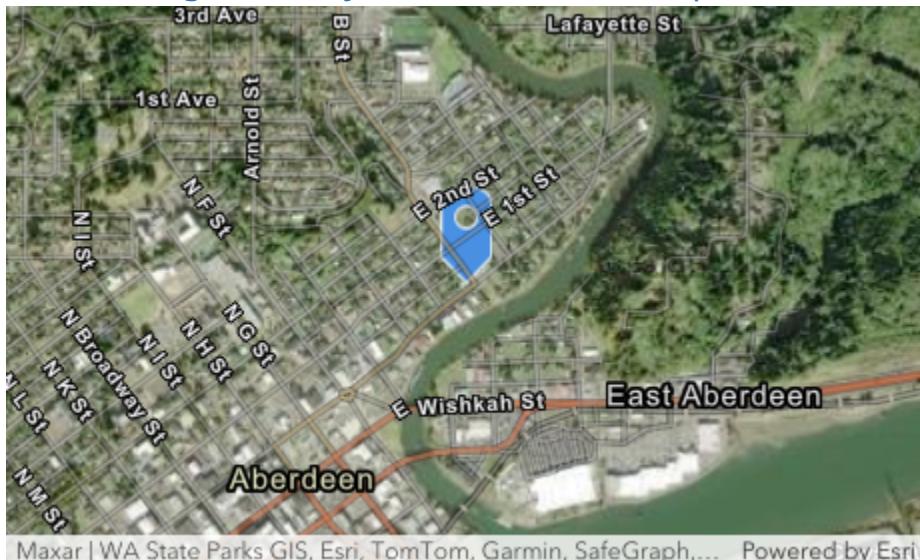
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7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

Sidewalk is collapsing will break water main soon

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Somewhat familiar

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Where will funding come from? How will the order of upgrades be determined? Will this be covered by grant money or incorporated in already overpriced fees and taxes.

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City of Aberdeen 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Barrier Survey

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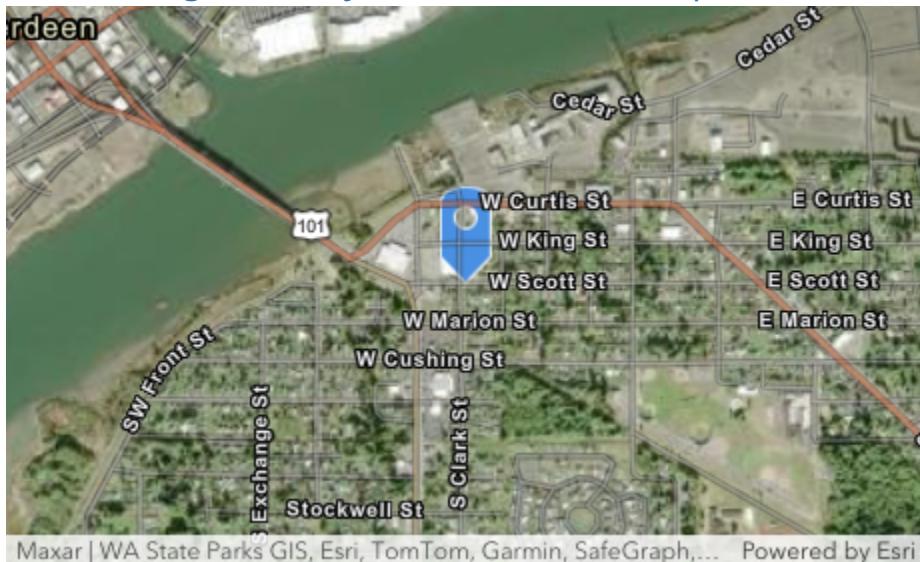
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1. How familiar are you with what counts as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barrier in the public right-of-way?

Somewhat familiar

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

No ramp after sidewalk, just grass.

4. Barrier Photo(s)

5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

1. Overgrown vegetation in path of travel, 2. Missing curb ramps, 3. Sidewalk cracks/bumps, 4. Fixed objects blocking path of travel, 5. Missing accessible pedestrian signals, 6. Missing pedestrian crossings

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

1. Senior Center/Elderly Care Facilities, 2. Parks/Trails, 3. My residence, 4. Transit Centers/Stops/Routes, 5. Grocery Stores/Retail Shopping Centers, 6. Local Government Buildings/Post Offices, 7. Schools/Libraries

7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

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1. How familiar are you with what counts as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barrier in the public right-of-way?

Not at all familiar

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

4. Barrier Photo(s)

5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

1. Missing curb ramps, 2. Sidewalk cracks/bumps, 3. Overgrown vegetation in path of travel, 4. Fixed objects blocking path of travel, 5. Missing pedestrian crossings, 6. Missing accessible pedestrian signals

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

1. Grocery Stores/Retail Shopping Centers, 2. Local Government Buildings/Post Offices, 3. Senior Center/Elderly Care Facilities, 4. Transit Centers/Stops/Routes, 5. Schools/Libraries, 6. Parks/Trails, 7. My residence

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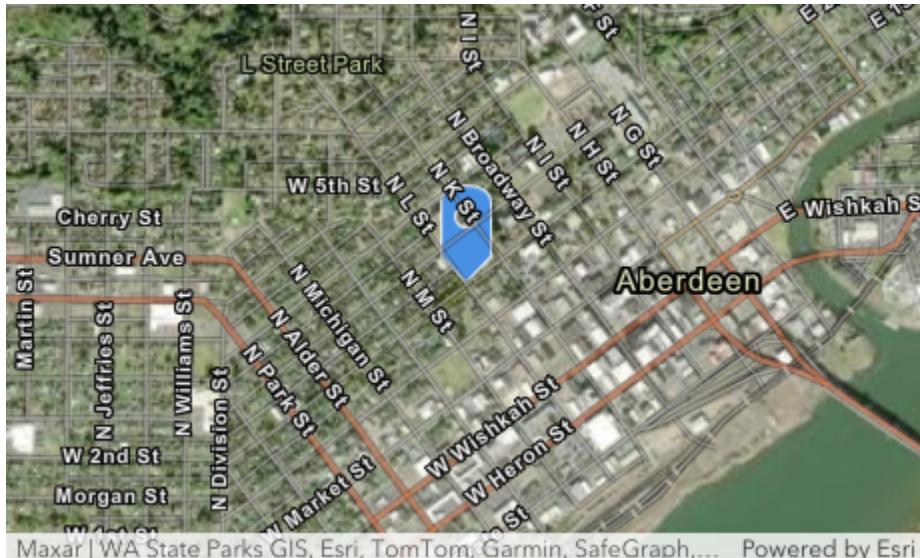
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Somewhat familiar

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

Cracked sidewalks and no ramps

4. Barrier Photo(s)

5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

1. Missing curb ramps, 2. Sidewalk cracks/bumps, 3. Missing pedestrian crossings,
4. Missing accessible pedestrian signals, 5. Overgrown vegetation in path of travel,
6. Fixed objects blocking path of travel

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

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7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

ADA compliance also aids people pushing strollers with children. Many doors to not automatically open which is a major problem.

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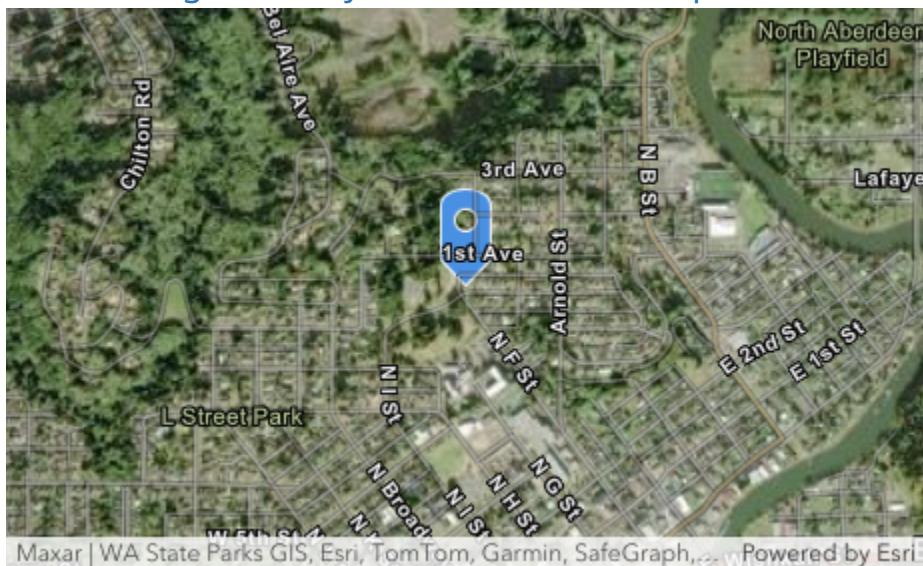
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1. How familiar are you with what counts as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) barrier in the public right-of-way?

Extremely familiar

2. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Location Map



3. Public Right-of-Way Barrier Description

At the NE corner of F and Burleigh there is a stretch of missing cw. This is the only side with a cw and frequently used to access the park by parents pushing strollers, people in wheel chairs, and the elderly.

4. Barrier Photo(s)



5. Which public right-of-way barriers do you want removed before others?

1. Missing curb ramps, 2. Fixed objects blocking path of travel, 3. Sidewalk cracks/bumps, 4. Missing pedestrian crossings, 5. Missing accessible pedestrian signals, 6. Overgrown vegetation in path of travel

6. Where is it most important to remove barriers?

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7. Is there anything we are overlooking?

Phone doesn't allow prioritizing lists. Prioritize 1. Missing curb ramps, 2. Removing cw obstructions especially intrusive veg, repair broken/missing cw segments. Where? 1. Public buildings, 2. Parks in neighborhoods, and 3. access to transit stops.

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APPENDIX D – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2025 ADA PUBLIC WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Public Workshop

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Right-of-Way Transition Plan

City of Aberdeen

Monday, June 2, 2025
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Rotary Log Pavilion



Workshop Hosts

City Staff – Aberdeen Public Works Department

Gabby Virgen-Hashagen, Engineer
Nick Bird, City Engineer

Consultant Staff - Transportation Solutions, Inc.

Jennifer Salemann, Planner
Victor Salemann, Engineer

Hybrid Public Workshop Format

- We intend to address questions and provide time for open dialogue when you see the following message: **Raise Hand or Respond to Chat**
- Virtual attendees: You may enter questions into the **Chat** at any time.
- There will be more time for questions at the end.

Agenda

6:00 – 6:10: PART 1 – INTRO

Highlight Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan purpose

6:10 – 6:50: PART 2 – PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FACILITIES

- **Share findings** of existing ADA accessibility barriers
- **Listen to your experiences** with ADA barriers
- **Listen to your preferences for prioritizing** ADA barriers for removal

6:50 – 7:00: PART 3 – MAKING A PLAN

PART 1

ADA TRANSITION PLANS 101

What should an ADA Transition Plan do?

- **Find barriers** that make it hard for people with disabilities to access, move around, or use Aberdeen's public right-of-way.
- **Figure out how to fix the barriers** and **how much it costs** to fix the barriers.
- Decide when to fix barriers with a **schedule**.
- Pick a **person in the City leadership** who will make sure barriers are fixed each year of the schedule.

Types of Barriers under Title II (Local & State Governments)

Physical Barriers

- Public right-of-way **INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN**
- Buildings – future task
- Parks – future task

Programmatic Barriers

- Policies and Procedures - **INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN**
- Public services, programs, and activities – future task

PART 2

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (PROW) FACILITIES

PROW Facilities

- Curb ramps
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Pedestrian Crossings:
 - Accessible pedestrian signals (APS)
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)
- Paved shared use paths (SUP)

ADA-Compliant Physical Features in Aberdeen

Compliant Curb Ramp



Compliant Sidewalk and Driveway



Compliant Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS)



Compliant Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



Existing Public Right-of-Way Barriers in Aberdeen

Non-Compliant Curb Ramps

Fair or Better - Green



Poor - Yellow



Non-Compliant Curb Ramps cont'd

Very Poor - Orange



Missing - Red



Missing/Outdated Detectable Warning Surfaces

Compliant Truncated Domes



Outdated Diamond Aggregate



No Detectable Warning Surface

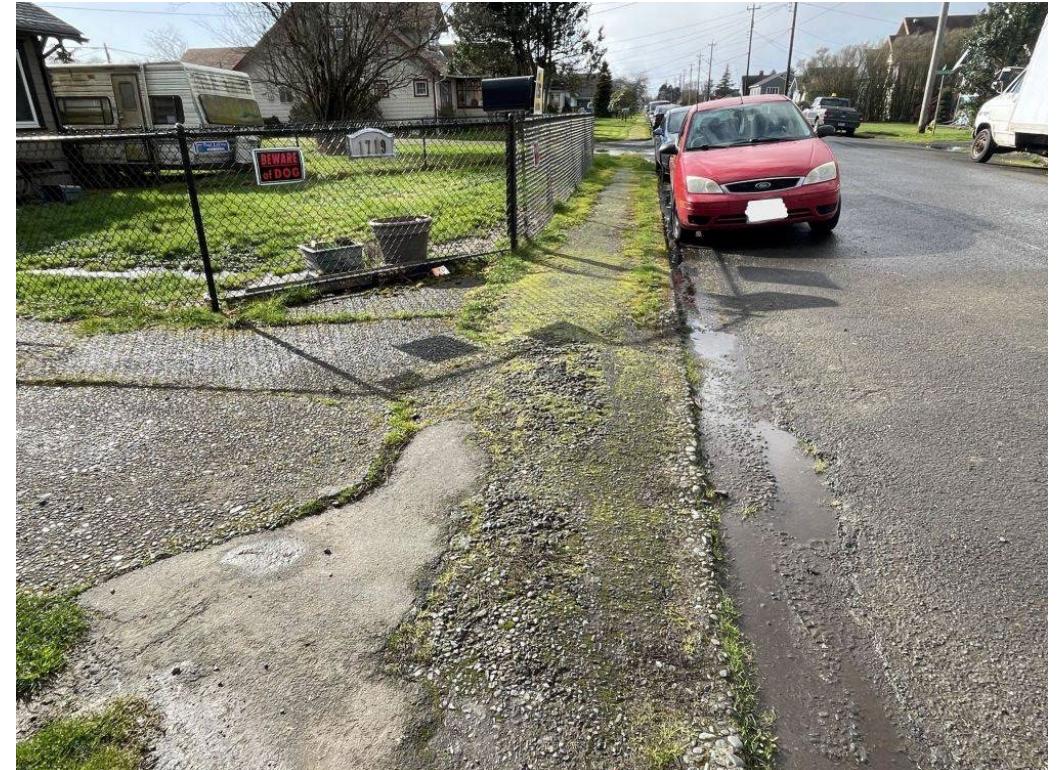


Non-Compliant Sidewalks and Driveways

Functional but Non-compliant

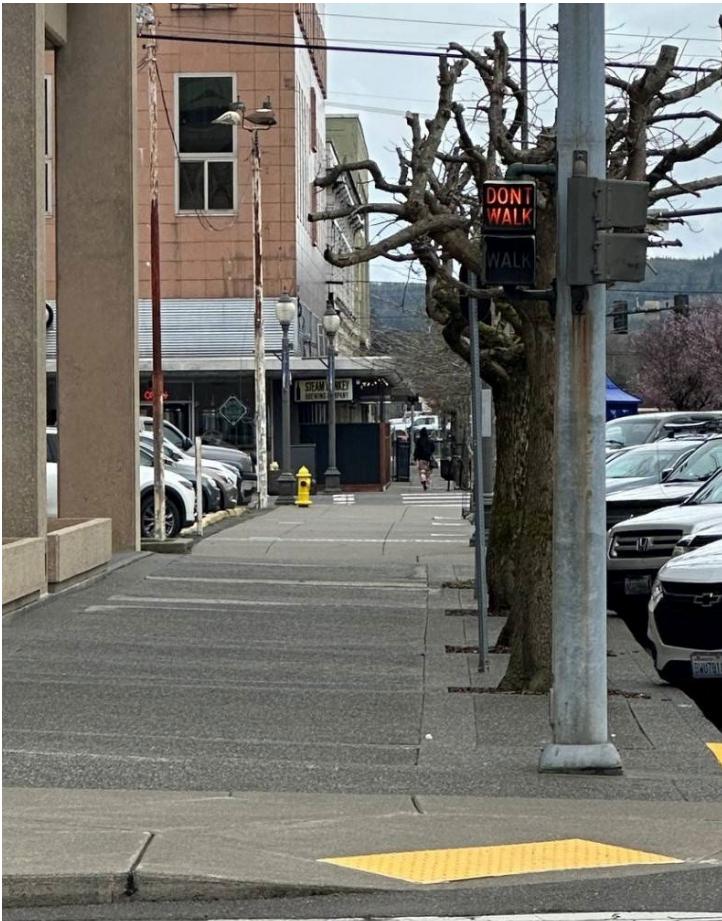


Severely Deteriorated



Non-Compliant APS and RRFB Pedestrian Crossings

APS



RRFB



LISTENING SESSION #1

What public right-of-way barriers do you experience?

Please Raise Hand or Respond to Chat

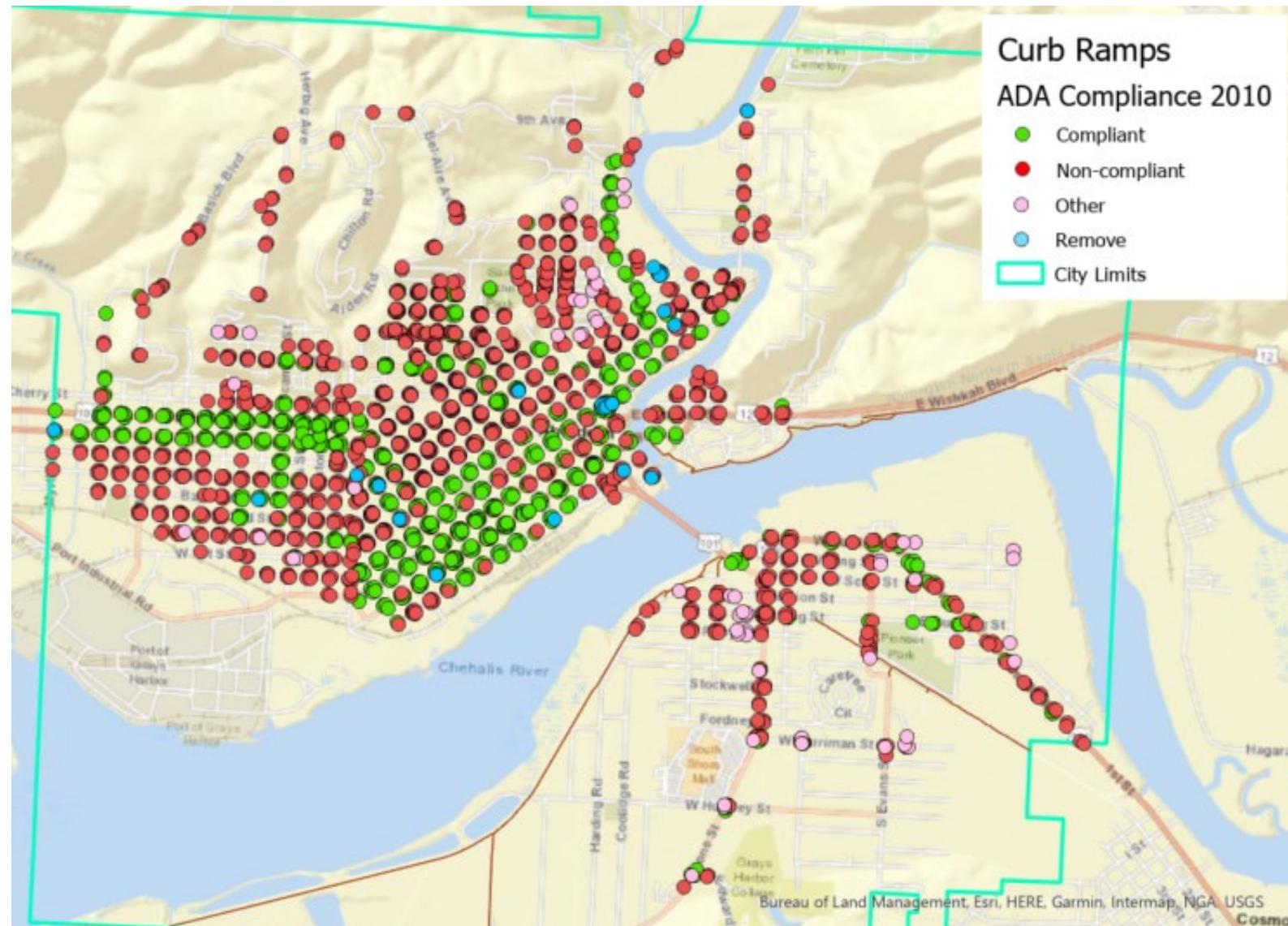
- Curb ramps
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Crossings
- Pushbuttons
- Other

Citywide Public Right-of-Way Inventory Maps

Curb Ramp ADA Compliance Map

Curb Ramps: 2,055

- 39% ADA-compliant
- 57% Non-compliant
- 3% Other
- 1% Remove



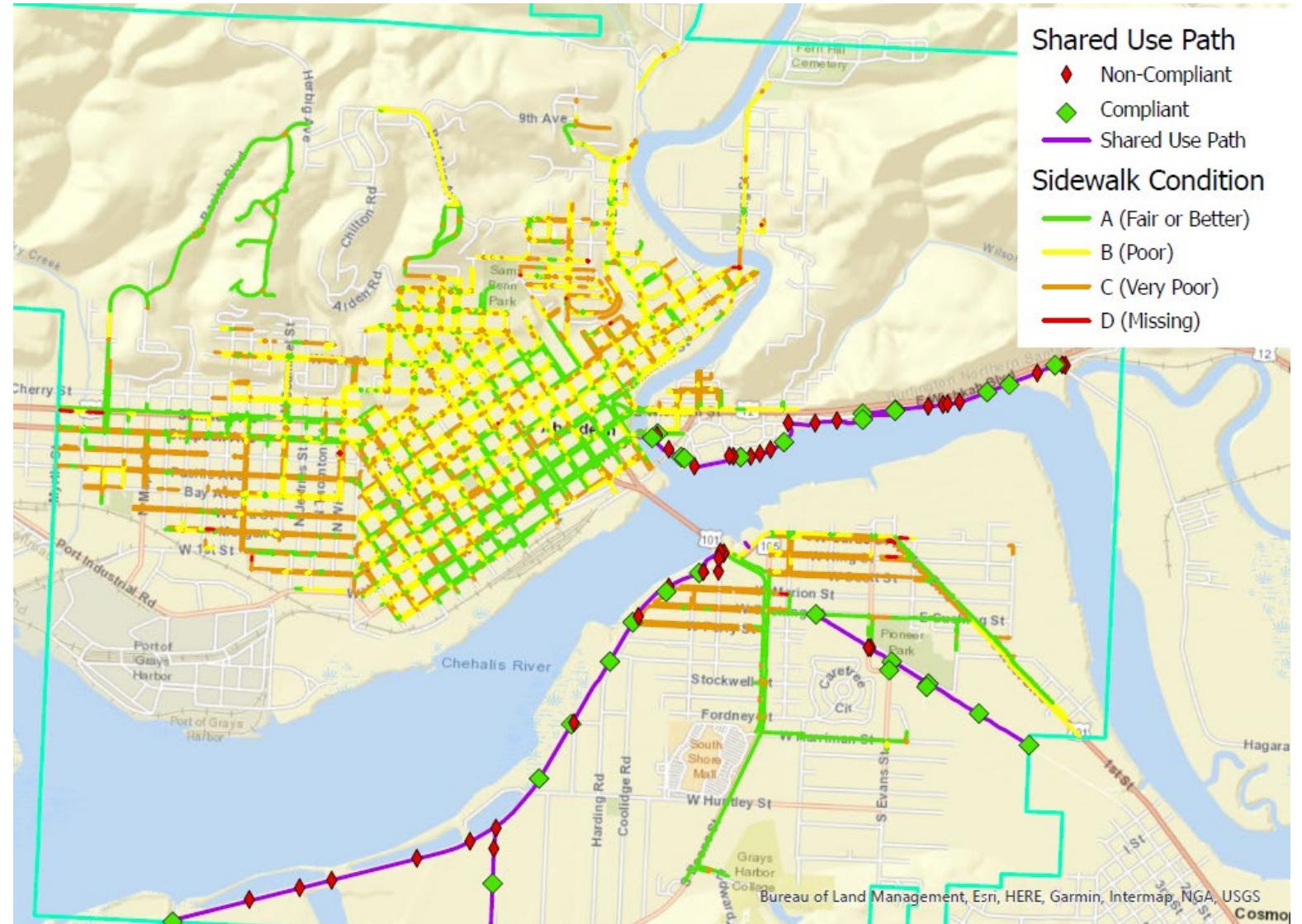
Sidewalks and Shared Use Paths Map

Sidewalk Condition 78 miles

- 30% **Fair or Better**
- 39% **Poor**
- 31% **Very Poor**

Shared Use Paths 5.4 miles

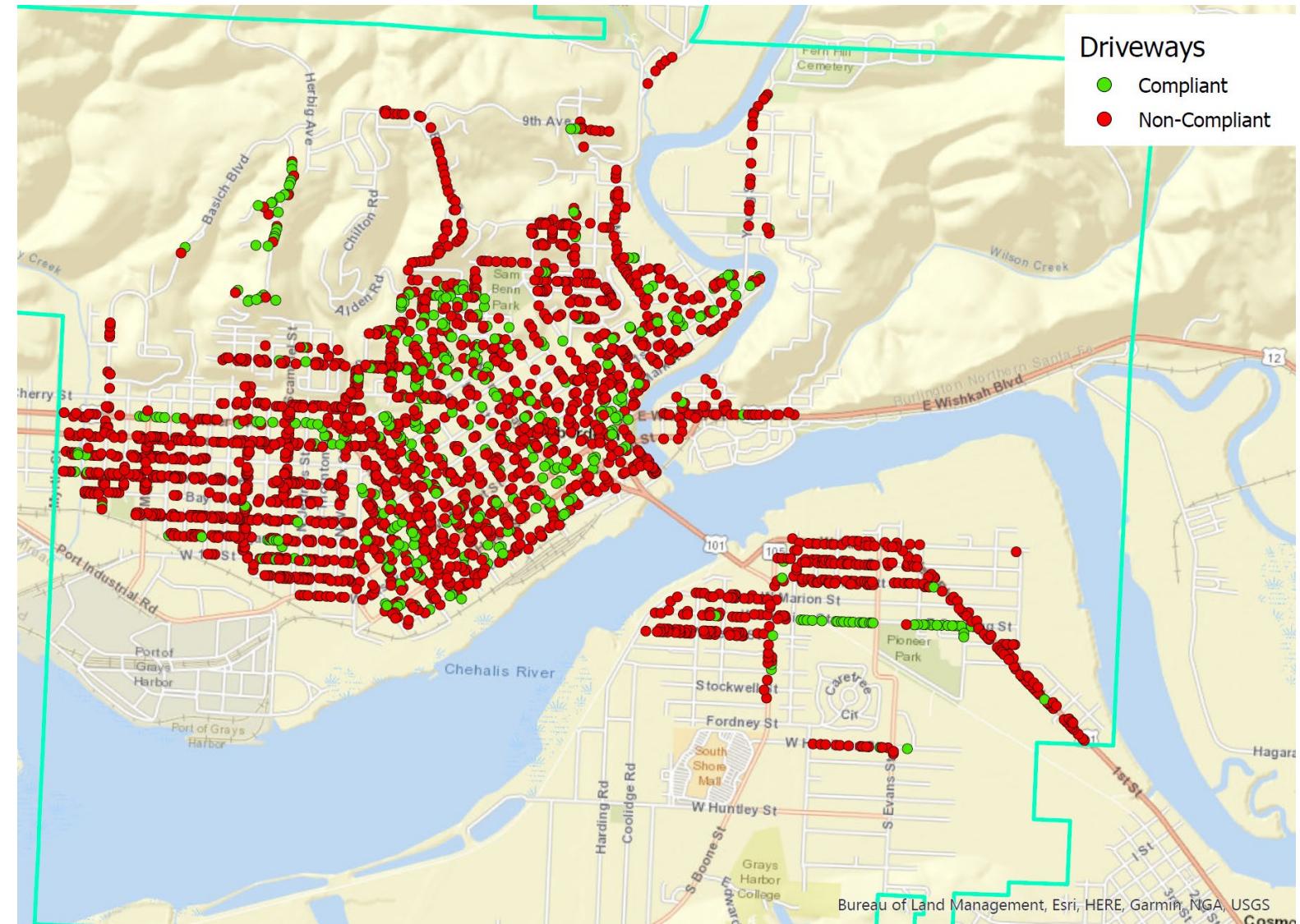
- ◆ 38 non-compliant spot checks
- ◆ 28 compliant spot checks



Driveways: 2,471

- 83% non-compliant
- 17% compliant

Driveway ADA Compliance Map



Pedestrian Crossings (APS, RRFB) Map

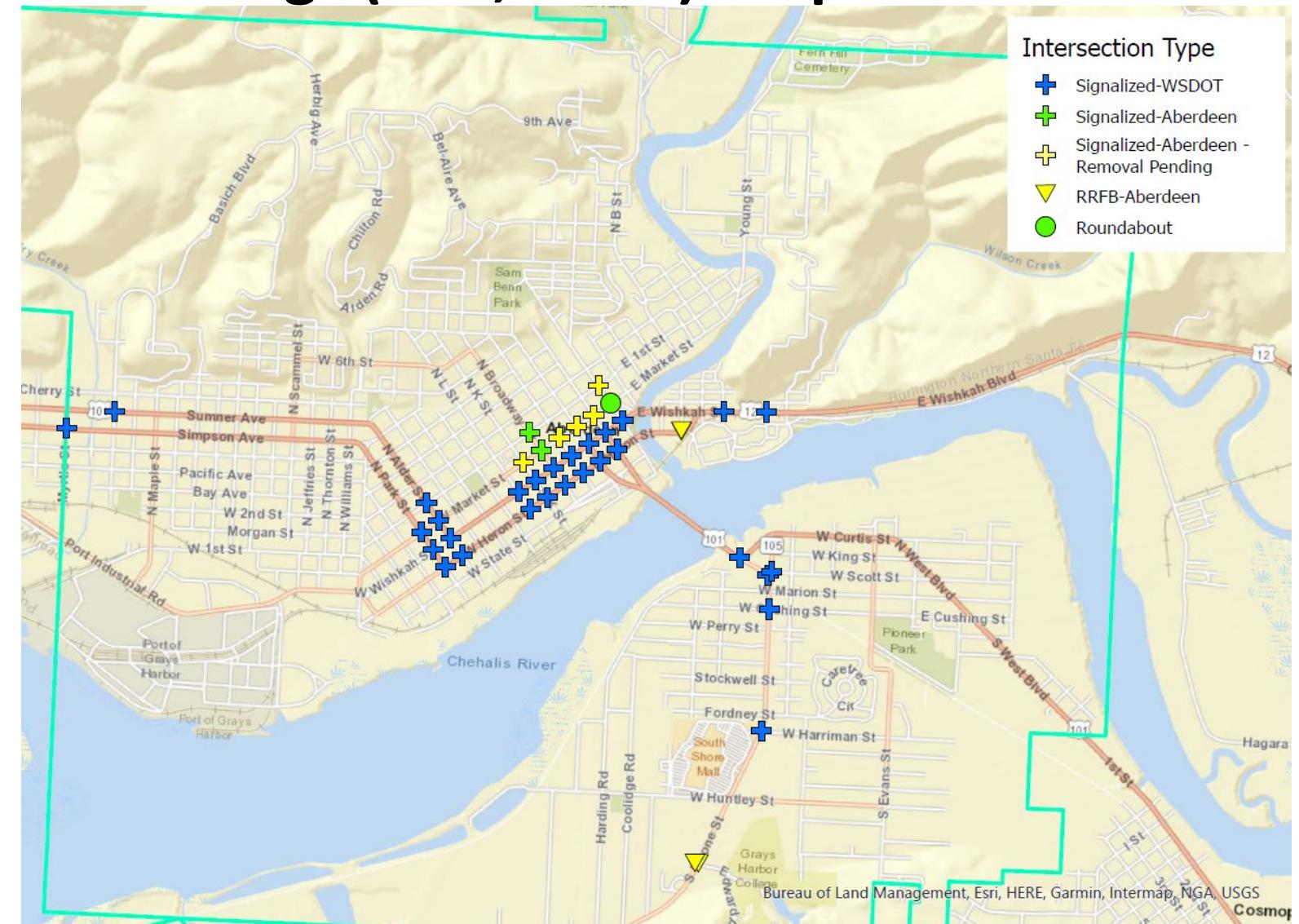
Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) City intersections = 2

- +** Both Broadway/1st and Broadway/Market are non-compliant for audible features

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) crossings = 2

- ▼** Gray Harbor College (SR 105/Edward P Smith Drive) – Compliant
- ▼** Heron Street – Non-Compliant

- +** WSDOT is responsible for signalized intersections along state routes



LISTENING SESSION #2

Which public right-of-way barriers are most important for the City to remove first?

Please Raise Hand or Respond to Chat

- Missing curb ramps
- Missing sidewalks
- Sidewalk cracks/bumps
- Pedestrian crossings
- Fixed objects in path of travel
- Transit stop barriers
- Overgrown vegetation
- Other

LISTENING SESSION #3

Where is it most important for the City to remove public right-of-way barriers?

Please Raise Hand or Respond to Chat

- Transit Centers
- Grocery and Retail Stores
- Schools and Libraries
- My Residence
- Senior Center/Care Facilities
- City Buildings and Post Office
- Medical Clinics
- Parks and Trails
- Other

PART 3

MAKING A PLAN

Personnel/Policies/Procedures

Personnel:

- ADA/504 Coordinator – Human Resources Director
- Official Responsible to Implement Plan – Public Works Director

Policies/Procedures:

- Public ADA Notice – posted online
- Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Policy – in progress
- ADA Grievance Procedure – posted online

How does the City intend to prioritize physical barrier removal?

- 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (planned projects)
- Respond to ADA Grievances
- Annual Sidewalk Assessment performed by City staff
- Sidewalk Program
- Public feedback
 - Citizen action requests

Next Steps for the PROW ADA Transition Plan

The Plan will:

- Consider public feedback when developing prioritization criteria
- Develop a schedule for barrier removal
- Develop a financial plan to fund barrier removal
- Identify tools to track barrier removal:
 - On-going progress reports and/or maps
 - Schedule for future ADA Transition Plan updates
- Make Draft ADA Transition Plan available for public comment in **fall 2025**

Questions? Please Raise Hand or Respond to Chat

Thank you for participating!

**Visit our project webpage for more info
including a link to our public survey open
through June 15. Survey QR code →**



<https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>

APPENDIX D – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DRAFT PLAN PROMOTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**City of Aberdeen
Draft ADA Transition Plan –
Public Comment Opportunity through November 12, 2025**

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Comments may be emailed to gvhashagen@aberdeenwa.gov.

The public comment period is open from Wednesday, October 29, 2025, through Wednesday, November 12, 2025.



We welcome your comments!

For more information on this and other projects, please contact Gabriela Virgen-Hashagen at (360) 537-3205 or gvhashagen@aberdeenwa.gov or checkout our current projects website at <https://aberdeenwa.gov/373/Current-Projects>.



NEWS

Aberdeen seeks public comment for ADA transition plan

By The Daily World • October 24, 2025 1:30 am



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According to the project description, the city of Aberdeen is committed to providing equal access to its public programs, services, facilities, and activities for all citizens including those with disabilities. To achieve this end, the City is developing an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the public right-of-way, in compliance with federal and state law.

To satisfy the requirements set forth by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (CFR 28 Part 35), and WSDOT Local Agency Guidelines Manual (Chapter 29), this ADA Transition Plan intends to: Identify physical and communicative barriers in City of Aberdeen's public right-of-way facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, services or activities to individuals with disabilities;

Describe the methods to be used to make the public right-of-way facilities, programs, services or activities accessible;

Provide a schedule for making necessary modifications to provide better access and achieve compliance and



Identify the public officials responsible for implementation of the plan.

The City intends to address barriers to accessibility in city buildings, parks, and other facilities at a future date.

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APPENDIX D – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DRAFT PLAN PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Right-of-Way Transition Plan

City of Aberdeen, WA
Wednesday November 12, 2025
6:30pm City Council Meeting



Project Team

City Staff – Aberdeen Public Works Department

Gabby Virgen-Hashagen, Engineer

Nick Bird, City Engineer

Consultant Staff - Transportation Solutions, Inc.

Jennifer Salemann, Planner

Victor Salemann, Engineer

Agenda

- **REVIEW** 2025 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for the Public Right-of-Way
- **REQUEST** support for adoption of the Plan by City Council at December meeting.

What should an ADA Transition Plan do?

- **Find barriers** that make it hard for people with disabilities to access, move around, or use Aberdeen's public right-of-way.
- **Figure out how to fix the barriers** and **how much it costs** to fix the barriers.
- Decide when to fix barriers with a **schedule**.
- Pick a **person in the City Leadership** who will make sure barriers are fixed each year of the schedule.

Types of Barriers under Title II (Local & State Governments)

Physical Barriers

- Public Right-of-Way **INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN**
- Buildings – Future Task
- Parks – Future Task

Programmatic Barriers

- Policies and Procedures - **INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN**
- Public Services, Programs, and Activities – Future Task

Personnel/Policies/Procedures

Personnel

- ADA/504 Coordinator (Human Resources Director)
- Official Responsible to Implement Plan (Public Works Director)

Policies/Procedures

- Public ADA Notice
- Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Policy
- ADA Grievance Procedure

Evaluated Public Right-of-Way Facilities

- Curb Ramps
- Sidewalks
- Driveways
- Pedestrian Crossings:
 - Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)
- Paved Paths

PROW Self-Evaluation Findings

PROW Facility Type	Barriers (Non-Compliant Facilities)	Total Inventory
Curb Ramps	1,171	2,025
Driveways	2,054	2,469
Sidewalks	22.5 miles	78.0 miles
Paved Paths	0.49 miles	5.53 miles
Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)	2 intersections	2 intersections
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)	0 pushbuttons	4 pushbuttons

How does the City intend to prioritize Physical Barrier Removal?

- Respond to ADA Grievances
- 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (planned projects)
- Annual Sidewalk Assessment performed by City staff
- Sidewalk Program
- Public Feedback
 - Citizen Action Requests

Barrier Removal Plan

PROW Barrier Type	Barrier Removal Cost Estimate (\$2025)	Planned Barrier Removal (2025-2030)	Remaining Barriers to Address (2031 Onward)
Curb Ramps 1,171 curb ramps at \$13,500 per curb ramp	\$15,808,500	70 curb ramps	1,101
Driveways 2,054 at \$16,200 per driveway location	\$33,274,800	18 driveways	2,036
Sidewalks 22.50 miles of 6-ft wide sidewalk at \$375 per LF	\$44,550,00	7,150 LF (~1.23 miles) of sidewalk	21.27 miles
Paved Paths 0.49 miles of 8-ft wide at \$185 per linear foot without drainage	\$479,000	0 LF of paved path	0.49 miles
Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) Full APS (\$500k each) at two signalized intersections	\$1,000,000	2 signalized intersections	0
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) No barriers as of October 2025	\$0	0	0
TOTAL	\$95,112,300		

Other New ADA Infrastructure

PROW Barrier Type	New ADA Infrastructure (not barrier removal)
Curb Ramps	67 curb ramps
Driveways	25 driveways
Sidewalks	7,750 LF sidewalk
Paved Paths	N/A
Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)	N/A
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)	2 RRFB crossings
Other	2 improved crosswalks

Barrier Removal Monitoring Recommendations

- Annual Progress Reports
- Five-Year Plan Update

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **Project Webpage** promoted via City newsflash, social media, and direct stakeholder engagement
<https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>
- **Map-Enabled Online Survey** May 14 – June 15: Ten responses
- **ADA Workshop** on June 2: Five members of the public plus project team members
- **Draft Plan Available for Public Comment** October 29 – November 12, 2025: **One response to date**

Council Feedback

- Questions or Comments
- Recommendation to Adopt in December
- QR code for project website:

<https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan>



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CITY OF ABERDEEN SOCIAL MEDIA DRAFT ADA TRANSITION PLAN POST AND COMMENTS

City Government of Aberdeen, Washington's Post

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City Government of Aberdeen, Washington

October 29 at 10:00 AM ·

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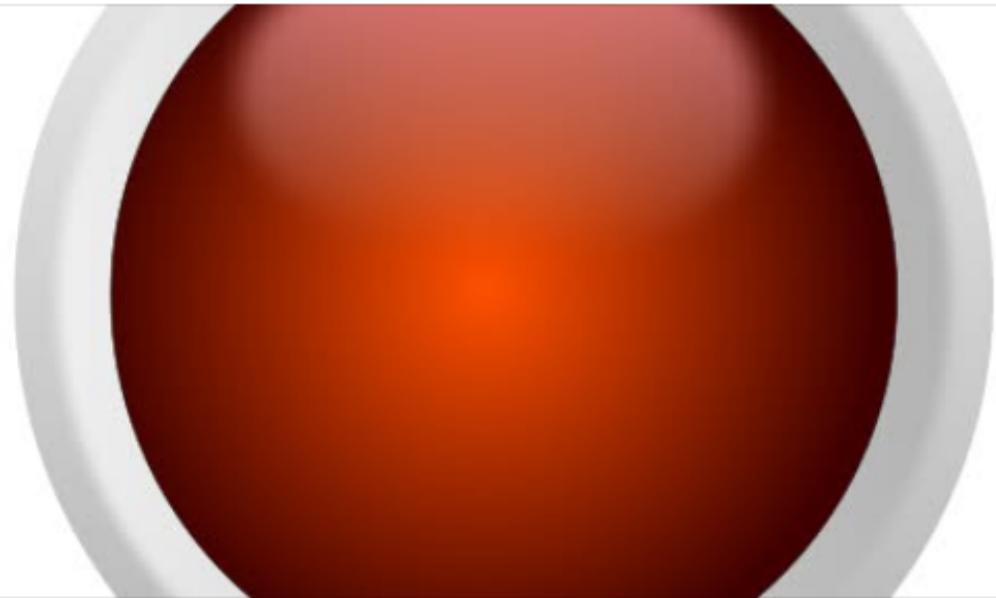
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Kelsie Zwart

Fix the sidewalks on the side streets. So people in wheelchairs can get to the main road. My son is permanently in a wheelchair at 20 and he can't get from our house by AJ. West to the main road without getting hit by a car. Because there are no sidewalks on the side streets to the main roads that are wheelchair friendly or appropriate. Also, there needs to be like a bike riding path or a paved walking path for kids and disabled in the harbor to get to do something. Without the fear of getting hit by vehicles. Because people don't stop here anymore.

2w Like Reply Edited

Jamie Lorraine 

So looking at the cost estimates and number of barriers listed, then the amount expected to be fixed by 2030... I have questions but don't have time to dig into the details of City Planning.

1. Does the City have a Climate Action Plan? If not, the State Dept of Commerce is about to release theirs which can support multi-modal planning and implementation to decarbonize transportation.
2. Have we adopted a complete streets ordinance? If not, Ocean Shores' is available for review on the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) website and if you have one, it supports all of this and there is funding allocated to the program.

2w Like Reply Edited



Crickett Ruiz

The City of Aberdeen ordinances need to be audited for Constitutional Law violations. Start there

2w Like Reply

Tony Airhart 

Can we start by fixing the bulb out posts on First St? They stick out too far, more than on the other streets. Try turning east from the PO in a pickup and you have to swing into the turn lane! Move them back 2 feet

2w Like Reply

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Tanya Leach Haire

I agree with this 100% if I drive my husband's truck to go get my daughter and I come down Broadway to turn onto First I have to go into the turn lane no matter how tight I turn. They don't even have this stuff down the streets of Olympia. I don't know who thought "hey let's make these stick out so far into the road that it makes the lanes very narrow" was a great ingenious idea, but they were wrong very wrong.

2w Like Reply

 5Jamie Lorraine 

Tanya Leach Haire and Tony Airhart I agree they are way too far out. Even in my Mini Cooper, I have a hard time entering a lane when someone is sitting in the turn lane of the direction I am heading. I do understand WHY they did it, with the number of accidents involving high school students coming and going to school on foot and in vehicles. My daughter was involved in one of the collisions just trying to cross 1st St. Too many blind spots with cars parked all along it, and people avoid Market and speed down 1st since there aren't any stop signs.

APPENDIX D – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

DRAFT ADA TRANSITION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT EMAILS



ADA barriers

From [REDACTED]

Date Tue 11/11/2025 10:49 AM

To [REDACTED]

[You don't often get email from [REDACTED] Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

First St! Why are those corner posts so far out into the street? A short box pickup, I cannot leave the post office and turn east without going into the turn lane. I've seen others turning onto first with the same issue. They are further into the street than other areas. They need to be fixed. It is ridiculous.

And I'm all for giving pedestrians a way to step out and be seen. But they don't need that much room.

Sent from my iPhone



Outlook

Intersection changes dangerous

From [REDACTED]

Date Mon 11/10/2025 7:03 PM

To [REDACTED]

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I support the changes to ramps and curbs, etc for ADA. However the City's recent addition of white striping with upright barrier stanchions at intersections have decreased the amount of space in lanes for vehicles. I drive a 2005 Dodge 2500 diesel pickup. It is a standard stock full-size - no big tires, etc. When approaching the intersection at North F and 1st Street there is just enough room for 2 trucks meeting each other. It appears someone has already hit one of the stand up stanchions.

2 weeks ago I was at said intersection going south on F Street with a full size pickup in front of me at the stop sign. An ambulance came heading east on First Street and turning left on North F. They barely made it by our pickups. Next came the Engine truck. The pickup in front of me pulled partway around the corner to the right and stopped. The Engine truck tried to navigate the turn to the left but had to stop while I backed up to let them through. I was able to backup after the car in behind of me also backed up.

This is a huge safety hazard as well as a barrier to the fire trucks that need to get to their destination in the event of a fire. Are they supposed to smash through the upright stanchions or smash through vehicles stopped at the intersection? I believe the stanchions pose an incredible financial risk to the City.

In addition because the stanchions are placed so far out at several intersections you have to turn into the oncoming turn lane to make it around the corner. This is especially true if you are pulling any type of trailer. If there is a vehicle sitting in the turn lane you are forced to stop in the intersection to let them go so you can complete your turn without hitting a stanchion and damaging your vehicle.

I can't believe I am the only citizen who has experienced difficulty with the placement of the stanchions. I have no problem with making corners safe for pedestrians but I believe in this instance someone went overboard. Perhaps the stanchions could be moved back to serve both pedestrians and vehicles.

Thank you for taking my comments under advisement. I appreciate the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Draft ADA Trans Plan

From [REDACTED]

Date Mon 11/10/2025 10:05 PM

To [REDACTED]

Cc [REDACTED]

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Gabriela:

Draft ADA Plan, Fig C-10 on pg 34: EAST Curtis, King, Scott, Marion Streets should be RED. D - Missing Sidewalks.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

South Side



Outlook

Draft ADA Transition Plan

From [REDACTED]

Date Mon 11/10/2025 6:50 PM

To [REDACTED]

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Hello,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I appreciate all the time the city took to solicit feedback. The plan looks well thought out and intentional. Yes, all 58 pages of it :)

From the inventory to the budget, to the next five years of fixes - I'm happy to see this quality of work being done. I really liked seeing the East Aberdeen Waterfront Trail listed as an area that's specifically highlighted as something to fix; that park is in some disarray and some attention would be well worth it. I really liked seeing the plan to address the two intersections on Broadway w/ updated crosswalk buttons. Finally, the missing sidewalks on Simpson were highlighted as another area for attention, and I agree - they could use some pavement / cement.

Overall - this looks great. Thank you for the attention to detail, keep up the good work!

Concerns:

- 1) litigation / legal risk: Does the city council need to update the AMC? Maybe not, but I worry that someone might sue the city, claiming that the out of date AMC shows negligence. Might be good to get them to look at the curb ramp justifications, driveway slopes, sidewalk maintenance duty, and add a technical infeasibility study (as required by the ADA Plan) to the public works policy.
- 2) firetrucks / fire department & emergency vehicle access: May require coordination with fire dept, you're all probably already on that. But getting the fire dept to sign off on the ADA plan might help head off trouble there. For what it's worth, I'd love to see some city guidance that we look to REDUCE the size of the firetrucks. They're expensive, they require expensive street modifications, and it's unnecessary (fire events vs expense / overhead for trucks). I know that's not the engineering dept's authority, but sheesh. Enough is enough with the giant firetrucks.

3) I think RCW 35.68 suggests cities adopt an ordinance that makes sidewalks the responsibility of the nearest landowner. I guess that makes sense, but seems like it'd be really unpopular, hard to enforce, and lead to super sloppy/inconsistent construction. I know it's not included, and I hope it stays omitted.

4) grievance form: it seems mostly about physical barriers, while one of the appendices (C I think?) listed digital accessibility. Might put in some language in the form so that same form could be used for digital accessibility grievances as well.

Great work! Keep it up, y'all are doing great.





Outlook

Re: City of Aberdeen Draft ADA Transition Plan - Public Comment Welcome!

From [REDACTED]

Date Tue 10/28/2025 3:51 PM

To [REDACTED]

Kudos to the City for the quality and scope of the draft ADA Transition Plan. We appreciate the work being done and welcome the opportunity to contribute.

Tsunami Evacuation Route Accessibility

South Aberdeen is home to thousands of residents, many of whom must evacuate to one of three designated tsunami assembly areas. We live one house away from one of these routes, and can confirm that there is *zero* pedestrian access outside of walking directly in the roadway.

The evacuation path includes a steep incline, which poses serious difficulty for pedestrians — especially during an emergency. This challenge is worsened during school hours, when evacuating students from Stevens Elementary and Miller Junior High will create dense foot traffic.

In our household, for example, our go-bag includes a handled cart and a trained service animal. This isn't an anecdote — it's a direct illustration of how ADA-impacted residents will struggle during evacuation conditions. Navigating that slope with a cart and service animal, while surrounded by cars on a narrow road, is dangerously unrealistic. We strongly encourage on-site review of these routes with ADA compliance in mind *during an actual ShakeOut drill* for firsthand insight.

Grays Harbor Transit Access

Public transportation only works if residents can safely *reach it*. Much of South Aberdeen lacks sidewalks or safe shoulders — forcing many, including transit users, to walk in active roadways. We urge the City to coordinate with Grays Harbor Transit and County services to ensure safe, ADA-compliant pedestrian access to existing transit stops in underserved areas.

Unmarked Streets, Lack of Shoulder, and Speeding

Many side streets in South Aberdeen are narrow, shoulderless, and lack lane markings. We accepted that reality when moving here — but did not expect frequent speeding on these residential roads.

The absence of any visual lane guidance leaves both drivers and pedestrians guessing — and that's dangerous, especially for children walking to schools, families heading to parks or trails, or disabled residents attempting any travel at all.

We are not demanding immediate sidewalks everywhere. But even basic measures like lane lines, shoulder definitions, or painted pedestrian zones could improve safety dramatically. Without these, even standing off to the side becomes difficult — loose gravel, vegetation, and sloped shoulders make it nearly impossible.

As with the tsunami route mentioned above, we urge City staff to participate in school ShakeOut drills to *see* how these narrow roads perform under emergency evacuation stress.

Thank you for seeking feedback on this important plan. We hope this perspective from South Aberdeen helps highlight the urgency of improved pedestrian safety and ADA access — not just for everyday use, but in the moments when lives may depend on it.

Warm regards,



[REDACTED]

p.s. please feel free to use any of this email freely, even publicly.

On Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 at 11:45 AM, Gabriela Virgen-Hashagen <gvhashagen@aberdeenwa.gov> wrote:

Good morning [REDACTED]

The City of Aberdeen would appreciate your feedback on the draft Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for the facilities in the Public Right-of-Way.

This plan identifies existing deficiencies and provides a framework on how to address physical access barriers at curb ramps, sidewalks, and other pedestrian facilities.

Please visit <https://www.aberdeenwa.gov/607/ADA-Transition-plan> to review the draft plan and submit your feedback.

Comments may be emailed to gvhashagen@aberdeenwa.gov.

The public comment period is open from Wednesday, October 29, 2025, through Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

We appreciate your time and effort in reviewing the City's work to remove barriers to accessibility for persons with disabilities in the City of Aberdeen.

Thank you,

Gabby

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