

MENDOTA HEIGHTS ADA TRANSITION PLAN OPEN HOUSE

Discussing accessibility improvements for community inclusion



ADA TRANSITION PLAN OVERVIEW

WHAT IS AN ADA TRANSITION PLAN?



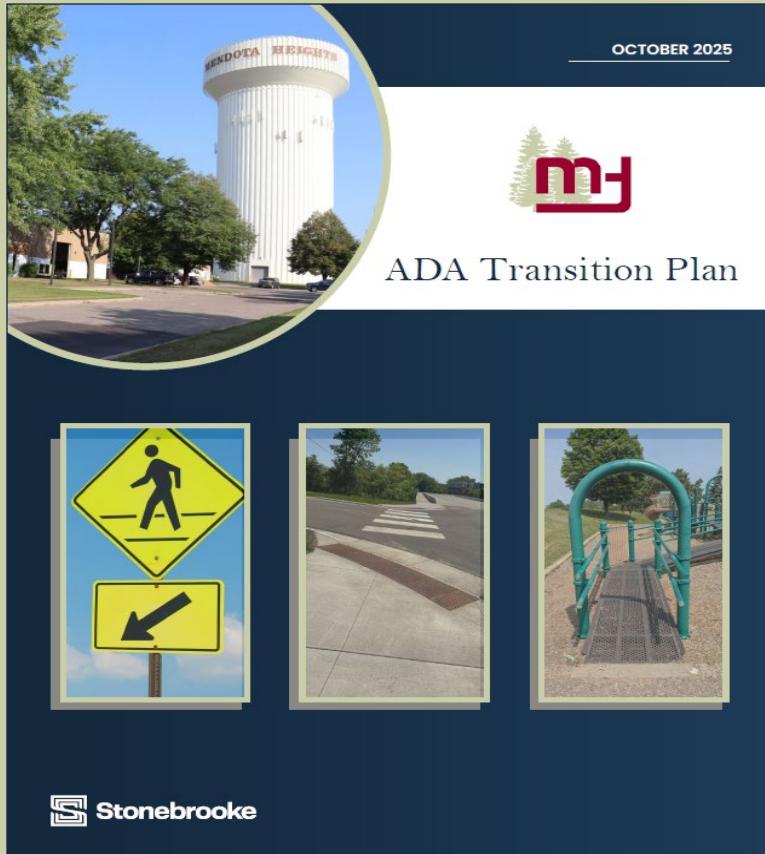
Americans with Disabilities Act Law Overview

The ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with **disabilities** and mandates **equal access** to public services and infrastructure.

Community Commitment

The plan reflects Mendota Heights' dedication to equity, safety, and inclusion for all residents and visitors.

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?



Components of the Plan

Includes evaluating existing infrastructure, prioritizing improvements, and scheduling implementation for full accessibility.

- Pedestrian Ramps
- Sidewalks/Trails
- Crosswalks
- Pedestrian Signals
- Parks and Park Amenities
- Public Buildings
- Policies and Practices

PLAN PURPOSE & GOALS



Purpose of the Plan

Ensure **safe** and **comfortable** access to public infrastructure for all residents, workers, and visitors.

Compliance and Integration

Align with federal ADA standards and MnDOT guidelines while integrating upgrades into the Capital Improvement Plan.

Enhancing Mobility and Safety

Improve pedestrian safety and mobility for all individuals through infrastructure/policy/practice evaluations.

Community Engagement

Use public engagement to inform decision-making and foster an inclusive culture in Mendota Heights.



INFRASTRUCTURE EVALUATION AND FINDINGS

WHAT WAS EVALUATED?



Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment

Mendota Heights evaluated public infrastructure, including ramps, sidewalks, trails, Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), parks, buildings, policies, and practices, for ADA compliance.

Use of Advanced Technology

Data was collected using GPS technology and Esri ArcGIS software to assess condition and accessibility accurately.

Detailed Accessibility Criteria

Pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, and APS were assessed with specific criteria such as slope, tactile warnings, obstructions, and signal timing.

Foundation for Future Improvements

Evaluation results informed the ADA Transition Plan, prioritizing improvements in accessibility across city infrastructure.

KEY FINDINGS

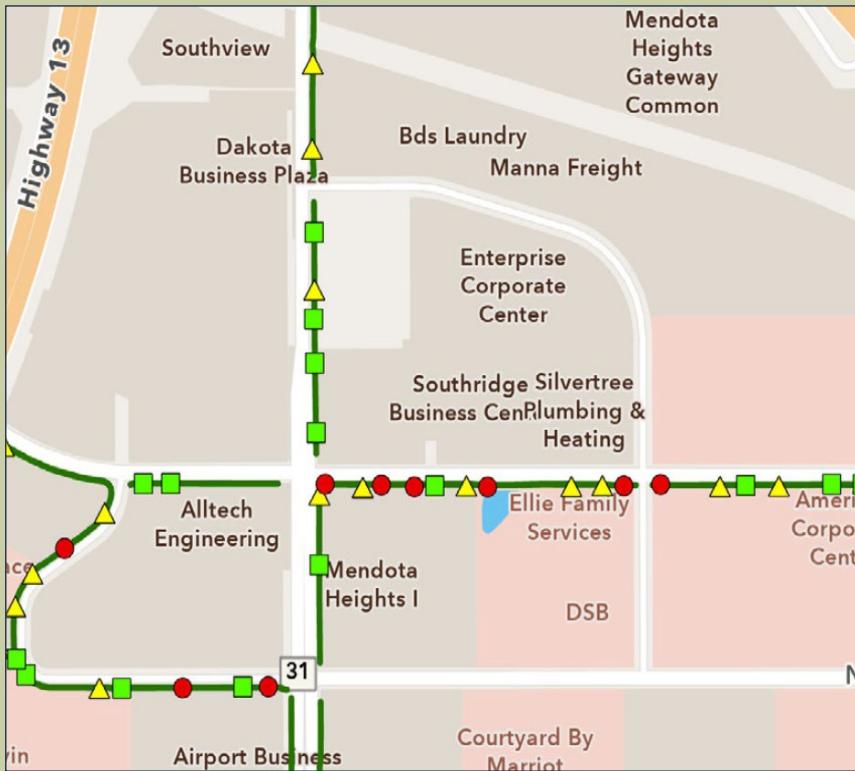
INFRASTRUCTURE TYPE	TOTAL NUMBER	NUMBER COMPLIANT	% COMPLIANT
Pedestrian Ramps	488	258	53%
Sidewalks, Trails, and Crossings	864	435	50%
APS Signals	50	36	72%
City Parks	15	N/A*	N/A*
City Buildings	4	N/A*	N/A*

**Due to the complexity and scale of these facilities, a simple pass/fail rating is not applicable.*



PRIORITIZATION AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

PRIORITY AREAS



Tier 1 - High-Priority Areas

This includes non-compliant ramps located near government facilities, schools, and parks that are essential for vulnerable populations.



Tier 2 - Medium-Priority Zones

This includes non-compliant ramps not near the locations listed above



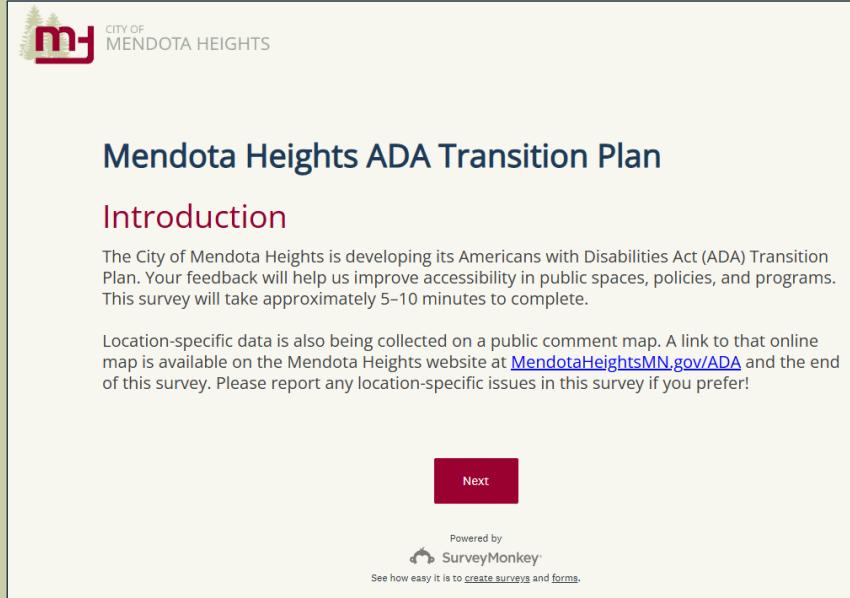
Tier 3 - Lower-Priority Locations

This includes compliant ramps that could diminish compliance over time.

Data-Driven Prioritization

Field data and community feedback inform the prioritization to reflect real needs and technical insights.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



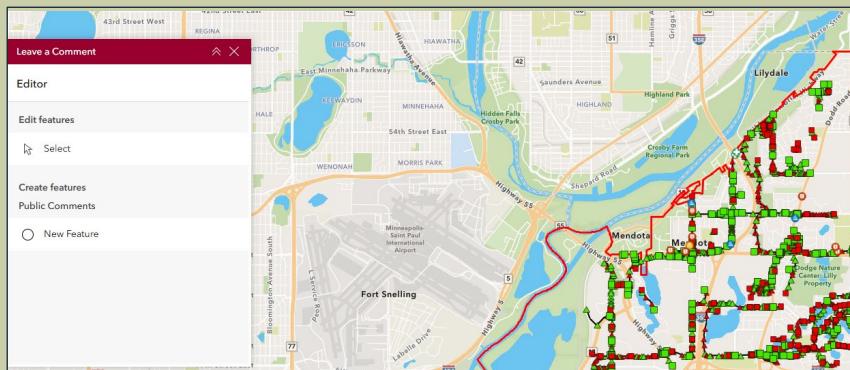
Mendota Heights ADA Transition Plan

Introduction

The City of Mendota Heights is developing its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. Your feedback will help us improve accessibility in public spaces, policies, and programs. This survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Location-specific data is also being collected on a public comment map. A link to that online map is available on the Mendota Heights website at MendotaHeightsMN.gov/ADA and the end of this survey. Please report any location-specific issues in this survey if you prefer!

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Community Engagement Methods

Surveys (77 received) and interactive mapping (13 comments) gathered valuable input on accessibility priorities from residents.

Demographics and Feedback

Most respondents were aged 55+, with nearly 30% identifying as individuals with disabilities, highlighting diverse accessibility needs.

Key Accessibility Concerns

Concerns included inconsistent accessibility, winter maintenance challenges, gaps in sidewalks, unsafe intersections, and the need for better crossings.

Impact on Planning

Community feedback shaped improvement priorities and emphasized clear communication in the ADA Transition Plan development.



POLICIES, COSTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION

POLICY HIGHLIGHTS



Policy Language to Maintain

- **Sidewalk Maintenance and Snow Removal**
 - Property owners must clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall to ensure accessibility and safety for all pedestrians.
- **Accessible Parking Enforcement**
 - The city enforces designated accessible parking spaces and prohibits unauthorized use to support individuals with disabilities.

Policy Language to Improve

- **Pedestrian Safety Policies**
 - Policies regulate skateboarding and biking to protect pedestrian safety, including restrictions in business districts and cyclist yielding rules
- **Digital Accessibility Compliance**
 - City website adheres to Section 508 and WCAG standards, ensuring accessibility of online information for all users.

IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE AND PLANNING-LEVEL COSTS

ITEM	COST RANGE
Pedestrian Ramp Replacement	\$5K-\$10K
APS Revisions (single crossing)	\$25K-\$40K
Full APS Intersection retrofit (4 legs)	\$200K-\$300K
Replacement Sidewalk (per foot)	\$40-80 (\$50-\$100 for New)
Replacement Trail (per foot)	\$30-80 (\$40-90 for New)



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND NEXT STEPS

HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Encouraging Community Input

Share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions on accessibility improvements to shape the ADA plan.

Report Issues

Reach out to the ADA Coordinator to report accessibility issues and request accommodations

Ongoing Updates and Reviews

Stay tuned for regular plan updates.