2017

Section VI ADA Transition Plan Next Steps

City of Helena



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Upon acceptance of this document and supporting information such as the LRTP will serve as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for the City of Helena. In developing this Plan, all city programs, services and activities were reviewed for compliance with ADA guidelines and a self-evaluation was conducted on City owned facilities, parks and transportation. The recommended improvements for City owned facilities and parks were prioritized and an implementation plan was developed to provide guidance for the City's improvement projects in the coming years. Public outreach has been conducted and will be conducted annually to aid in the development and future revisions of the City of Helena ADA Transition Plan.

It should be noted that this Transition Plan is focused on a portion of City of Helena facilities, primarily those with the highest frequency of access use by the public. Therefore, as written this document is not intended to be a comprehensive ADA Transition Plan for all City facilities. As a future consideration as time and funding allow additional city owned facilities with little or no public access should be evaluated in order to assure accessibility has been addressed in the most comprehensive fashion for the City of Helena.

The City of Helena reserves the right to change the facility deficiency removal priorities on an ongoing basis in order to allow flexibility in accommodating community requests, petitions for reasonable modifications from persons with disabilities, changes in city programs and funding constraints or opportunities. The prioritized facility and parks deficiency schedule will be updated annually to account for progress during the year and also for inclusion of new self-evaluations or ADA complaints to reflect the continued efforts by the city to maintain compliance.

Based on the recommendations presented in this plan for city programs services and activities, the City's initial priorities for over the next 1-2 years include:

- Updating the City of Helena Website.
- Establishing consistent departmental process and policies when requests for alternate formats or accommodations are made.
- Provide recurring ADA training for City staff and elected officials.
- Creating ADA Action Log of completed tasks or recommendations for City Owned Facilities and Parks.