

Public Information & Involvement Plan (PIIP) Implementation Plan

Today's Date: October 7, 2021

Project Name: **ADA Audit and Transition Plan**

Revised? ___no (if yes, skip to last pg)

PIIP Phase: (Check one): ___Conceptual ___ Design ___Construction X

Administrative

Department: **Community Services**

Project Manager: **Cory Styron**

PIO Assigned to Project:

Describe your project briefly below. Attach a map of the project area if possible.

The ADA Audit and Transition Plan is a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This federal civil rights law prohibits discrimination based on disability by Los Alamos County and imposes several affirmative mandates. One is an audit of all existing parks and facilities, and the other is a phased schedule of retrofit known as a Transition Plan. These two tasks are described in the title II regulation at 28 CFR Part 35.

This process also requires public input from the community about barriers to use of outdoor facilities and amenities. The input helps identify the access preferences and priorities of persons with disabilities.

PART A. Who are you talking to?

The public input process identifies community priorities and preferences regarding accessibility. The primary stakeholders would be community members with a disability and those agencies that provide services for such. These are being identified by the Social Services Division for outreach activities. Disabilities would include visual, hearing, physical, mental, and cognitive concerns. According to recent surveys about 16% of Los Alamos County population has one or more disabilities.

While all community members would provide valuable input, we specifically seek the views of community members with mental, physical, and cognitive disabilities representing multiple age groups in Los Alamos County.

Do you intend to X inform X educate X involve the public? Check all that apply and note any explanations here.

Inform: Share with the community the requirements of the American with Disabilities 2010 Amendment and how Title II and Title III affect the County's outdoor recreation amenities of equal access for those with disabilities. The physical audit will identify opportunities for improving the access for all community members.

Educate: Los Alamos County is committed to ensuring all our community members and guest have opportunities to access the outdoor recreation amenities. This process will identify gaps and mitigation measures to correct the deficiencies.

Involve: The community will be able to review the physical audit findings, provide input into priorities, and discuss any additional opportunities for consideration into the Transition Plan.

PART B. What are the issues?

Issues are:

Impediments or barriers to use outdoor recreational facilities for community members with a disability.

Policy or procedures for inclusion and grievances for ADA applications

Los Alamos County not compliant with federal law.

Identify gaps in meeting the intent of the ADA requirements and establish priorities for solutions.

PART C. What is your Plan?

Audit Park and recreational facilities against the Federal and State ADA standards and identify any gaps.

Gather information and contacts for focused stakeholder groups and discuss best methods for communicating to the stakeholders (in person or virtual).

Set up stakeholder meetings to be briefed on the 2010 ADA updates. New Mexico regulations for accessibility, share audit findings and adjust findings as needed. Gather feedback on priorities from the stakeholder group based on their feedback (in person or virtual).

Develop and execute a statistically valid and reliable survey regarding accessibility preferences and priorities.

Meet with Inclusion Ad Hoc group with overview of the project (in person or virtual) and provide feedback on priorities.

Report back to stakeholders and Inclusion Ad-Hoc on the findings (in person or virtual)

PART D. How will you know what the public thinks?

Stakeholder input from meetings to prioritize and reach consensus of the physical audit list. The statistically valid and reliable survey will provide additional information on the community thoughts and needs regarding Los Alamos County's accessibility efforts and standards.

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County Council approval of ADA Audit and Transition Plan

PART E. How will you know when you're finished with the public information and involvement plan for this phase?

Report back of findings and prioritized list of actions

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PART F. How will you gather feedback about the success of your PIIP?

Review of in-process data gathering to amend course if needed

After action review

PIIPs require the review and approval of the Project Manager, Department Manager, and County PIO. Please route for signatures:

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Cory Styron <i>Cory Styron</i>	October 7, 2021
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Approved by: Department Manager	Date
Leslie E Bucklin <i>Leslie E Bucklin</i>	October 21, 2021
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Approved by: County Public Information Officer	Date

REVISIONS: (complete this section only if you are filing a revision to your original PIIP)

Please outline below the revisions you are making to the PIIP. Give an explanation of “why” and list any associated impacts on cost, schedules, staffing or other impacts.

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