

City of Sweetwater TN

ADA Transition Plan

Updated September 21, 2016

Updated 6/1/17

Updated 10/3/17

Letter sent to TDOT 12/18/17 regarding ADA

Updated 9/10/19

ADA Self Certification & updated plan 11/1/2021

Plan updated 9/13/2022

Plan updated 11/27/23

Introduction:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that mandates equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. The ADA prohibits discrimination in access to jobs, government services, public transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunications.

According to the Department of Justice, more than 58 million Americans (about 19% of our population) have disabilities and they, like all Americans, participate in a variety of programs, services, and activities provided by their State and local governments. This includes many people who became disabled while serving in the military. By the year 2030, approximately 71.5 million baby boomers will be over age 65 and will need services and surroundings that meet their age-related physical needs. An ADA Transition Plan identifies barriers to access in programs and activities. The goal is for the City of Sweetwater to provide equivalent access to the maximum extent feasible.

Implementation:

This plan will list proposed transition projects and an applicable timeline for implementation. Funding shall be included in the annual budget and 5-year Capital Improvement plan at the discretion of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners during their normal budgeting process, based on recommendations from the ADA Committee.

Public input shall be gathered for proposed projects and aid in identifying barriers using multiple methods. Methods shall include notices in the local media and on the city's website; Notices publicly displayed at City Hall and other city properties; and a public meeting held at least every three years to update the Transition Plan.

Items requiring immediate action:

Any complaints received to be addressed immediately and added to transition plan if necessary.

Plans for the coming 12 months:

Add one more member to ADA Committee

Seek funding opportunities to correct ADA issues on Homecoming bridge and Recreation facilities

Measure available space for ADA parking on the track end of the baseball complex

Two Years:

Review Borden Street sidewalk and determine if engineering study should be funded

Add pathway between two baseball fields (move fencelines)

Add path to upper softball field

Five Years:

Upgrade city sidewalks for current ADA compliance as maintenance is performed

Replace metal sidewalk mats with yellow as maintenance is needed

Replace Homecoming Bridge/Add alternate bridge route at Duck Park

Transition Plan Projects since implementation:

Completed 2017:

Added ADA portable toilet at pool

Added sign to SPD entrance giving phone number to request assistance for access

Added free ADA parking for city festivals (donated)

Replaced Bridge on walking trail (\$2,500)

City Planner reviewed accessibility at pool and recommended a new handicap space be added at the top entrance where sidewalk was completed and handicap bathroom was added

TML loss control survey opined that portable toilet would be considered a reasonable accommodation at the top entrance of the city pool.

Updated Transition Plan

Letter to TDOT concerning ADA

Updated membership of ADA Committee and send letter to TDOT naming Coordinator

Completed 2018:

Added ADA spaces and van spaces to downtown parking lot

Added handicap space at pool at upper entrance

Updated Transition Plan

Updated door handles at Library

Conducted city-wide training for Title 6 including ADA discrimination on May 10, 2018

Performed maintenance on pool lifts

Added ADA friendly Thai Chi and Water aerobics classes open to the public at ADA compliant facilities

Incorporated ADA funding into Capital Improvement Plan

Completed 2019:

Contacted webmaster about website ADA compliance

Review ADA plans on Engleman Park project

Planning for Updating entry door when SPD moves to SUB offices

Review ADA plans on High Street sidewalk project

Complete ADA Compliant city website

ADA Committee meeting & review of Transition Plan

ADA Notice to website and newspaper

Sent ADA Transition plan to UT for feedback/consulting

Meeting on plan for softball upper field compliance

Completed Engleman Park with ADA paths and wheelchair picnic facility and splash pad; promote accessibility in project on social media. Pass review by State TDEC on ADA compliance.

Application submitted to TDOT for Multimodal grant for ADA paths along Highway 11 South

Completion of High Street Sidewalk/Bike Path with ADA compliance

Completed 2020:

Completed website ADA Compliance

Added notice, grievance procedure, and contacts for ADA to website

Added ADA swing to Engleman Park

Applied to TDOT Multimodal for path along Highway 11

Multimodal grant awarded

Added ADA door to entrance at new SPD building

Applied for TAP Grant along North Main Street

Add handicap parking for SPD new entrance/parking lot

Added push button to doors at depot & visitor's center

Completed 2021:

Outdoor Fitness Court ADA accessible features

ADA completed path and walkway at Engleman Park

Multimodal grant design completed

TAP grant for path along North Main Street awarded

Updated Transition Plan

Replaced one member on ADA Board from Sweetwater Hospital Association

Conducted city-wide employee ADA training in May 2022

Completed 2022:

Added ADA swing to Engleman Park

Updated Transition Plan

Added introduction to Transition Plan

Held meeting for public involvement in Transition Plan

Updated Implementation Plan

City committed funding and Completed design for adding ADA sidewalk along Monroe Street from Clark Street to Fair Street

Purchased & Installed ADA lift at Traincar downtown for wheelchair access

Added ramp at Traincar

Completed 2023:

Updated Transition Plan

Downtown Sidewalk replaced as ADA

Ramp Added to Gazebo

Updated ADA Parking in downtown parking lot

Added ADA parking on Wright Street for Baptist church and hospital use

TDOT updated all ADA Ramps along Main Street and repaved Main Street