

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

From: Monte Reinders, PE, Public Works Director/County Engineer 

Agenda Date: January 21, 2025

Subject: 2025 Jefferson County Public Right-of-Way Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Adoption

Statement of Issue:

Resolution to adopt the 2025 Jefferson County Public Right-of-Way Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. The full plan is available at the following link:

<https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/1806/PROW-ADA-Transition-Plan>

Analysis / Strategic Goals / Pros & Cons:

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that state and local agencies develop and implement an ADA Transition Plan to identify barriers to accessibility in public facilities and implement reasonable barrier removal over time in a manner that does not cause undue financial burden. Public agencies are responsible for addressing ADA barriers in their public facilities (buildings, parks, and public right-of-way) as well as their programs, services, and activities. The scope of this Plan addresses curb ramps, sidewalks, driveways, and pedestrian crossings within the County's public road right-of-way as well as select administrative policies and procedures to meet WSDOT requirements and maintain FHWA funding eligibility.

To remain in compliance with the ADA, and as a prerequisite to receiving FHWA funds, WSDOT is requiring agencies with more than fifty fulltime employees to provide documentation demonstrating they have an ADA Transition Plan for their public right-of-way. Public Works previously briefed the BoCC on the Jefferson County Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan on 12/3/24. Public Works also made the draft Plan available for public comment from December 17, 2024 through January 10, 2025. The Final Plan include revisions based upon the limited public comments received.

Fiscal Impact / Cost-Benefit Analysis:

There is no direct cost related to the briefing. Fiscal impact is evaluated through the bi-annual budgeting process or as urgent requests for ADA accommodation arise.

Recommendation:

Discussion item, no action required.

Department Contact:

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Reviewed By:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON**

**In the Matter of Jefferson County's Adoption
of the 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA
Transition Plan**

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, State law obligates the legislative authority of each county to complete a Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan, the purpose of which is to, “perform self-evaluations of current facilities, relative to accessibility requirements of the ADA [and] develop a transition plan to address any deficiencies” in accordance with RCW [36.70a.070\(6\)\(a\)\(iii\)\(G\)](#); and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson County, State of Washington, has reviewed the Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan, as prepared by the Department of Public Works, and has provided the opportunity for public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses are Findings of Fact. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above “Whereas” clauses as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Resolution is to adopt a Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan for Jefferson County, Washington.

Section 3. Adoption of Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan. Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the 2025 Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan in accordance with RCW [36.70a.070\(6\)\(a\)\(iii\)\(G\)](#).

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or section of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 5. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This Resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC [197-11-800 \(19\)](#).

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the Board of County Commissioners.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of January, 2025.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Heather Dudley-Nollette, District 1

Heidi Eisenhour, District 2

Greg Brotherton, District 3

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC Date

Philip C. Hunsucker, Date
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney