



Public Right-of-Way

Accessibility Transition Plan

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I. Introduction

This 2018 Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Transition Plan will fulfill the requirements set forth in Chapter 8 of the Bureau of Local Roads & Streets Administrative Policy. This plan is in accordance with the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). When the Jackson County Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Transition Plan is in conflict with the IDOT guidelines, IDOT guidelines shall take precedence.

The components of this transition plan include:

- Designate an ADA coordinator for right-of-way operated by the Jackson County Highway Department (JCHD).
- Provide a grievance procedure for resolving complaints of disability discrimination.
- Adopt technical guidelines that comply with ADA Standards.
- Through self-evaluation identify existing pedestrian facilities owned, maintained or operated by (JCHD).
- Through self-evaluation identify barriers on pedestrian access routes.
- Develop an implementation schedule for the plans.
- Update the transition plan regularly.

II. Program Responsibility

The designated ADA coordinator for right-of-way operated by JCHD and the official responsible for implementation of the County's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Transition Plan is:

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III. Grievance Procedure

The grievance procedures listed below are intended to set out a system for resolving complaints

of disability discrimination in a prompt and fair manner. This grievance procedure provides an opportunity to resolve a local issue at the local level. However, the use of JCHD's grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to filing a complaint with either a federal agency or a court.

Grievance Procedure: Citizens wishing to report a grievance or request a new accommodation should complete the Grievance/Request for Accommodation form attached in Appendix A. This central accommodation request processing procedure ensures that the specific needs of each individual are accurately understood and recorded. The deficiency and specific location are then entered into the form and the matter is referred to the County Engineer for inspection and possible action. The County Engineer then coordinates any work and keeps a record of all formal responses to the requester.

IV. Technical Guidelines

JCHD shall use the technical guidelines found in Section 41-6 of the IDOT BLRS Manual.

V. Self-Evaluation

JCHD staff conducted an inventory survey in March of 2018. The inventory was conducted by reviewing old plans, studying aerial photos, and conducting windshield surveys. The results of this survey indicate that JCHD does not maintain any sidewalks or curb ramps. There are 16 on street parking spaces on Boskydell Road adjacent to Giant City School. These are used as overflow parking for the school. Due to the physical constraints of the terrain and lack of availability of the right-of-way it would be impractical to connect these parking spaces to the school with a pedestrian access route. The school has accessible parking located on school property. Therefore there are no plans to upgrade this location. There are Seven (7) locations along county highways where pedestrian facilities maintained by the adjacent city/village intersect a County Highway. One of these locations was constructed in 2016, and is ADA compliant. The others are not. The other locations will have the ramps reconstructed when the roads they are intersecting are reconstructed or resurfaced. These locations are shown in the table below.

Location	Facility Type	Jurisdiction	Compliant	Scheduled Improvement
Ava City Park crossing FAS 1918 , CH 7, 3rd Street in Ava	Curb Ramps	City of Ava	Yes	N/A
South side of E. Main Street crossing FAS 1918, CH 7, 3rd Street in Ava	Curb Ramps	City of Ava	No	Next Resurfacing
North side of E. Main Street crossing FAS 1918, CH 7, 3rd Street in Ava	Curb Ramps	City of Ava	No	Next Resurfacing
South side of E. Washington Street crossing FAS 1918, CH 7, 3rd Street in Ava	Curb Ramps	City of Ava	No	Next Resurfacing

West side of S. 2nd Street crossing FAS 1916, CH 8, W. Board Street in Elkville	Curb Ramps	Village of Elkville	No	Next Resurfacing
East side of S. 2nd Street crossing FAS 1916, CH 8, W. Board Street in Elkville	Curb Ramps	Village of Elkville	No	Next Resurfacing
West side of S. 3rd Street crossing FAS 1916, CH 8, W. Board Street in Elkville	Curb Ramps	Village of Elkville	No	Next Resurfacing

JCHD will review this transition plan annually to and amend to reflect changes since the previous update.

VI. Public Involvement

The ADA Transition Plan was placed on the Jackson County website, www.jacksoncounty-il.gov for public review and comment, 3 weeks prior to adoption and remains on website.

VII. Appendices

Appendix A

Request for Accommodation/Sidewalk Repair Form

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Grievance/Request for Accommodation Form



Jackson County Highway Department ADA Grievance Form/ Request for Accommodation Form

REPORTING INDIVIDUAL:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

GRIEVANCE/REQUEST FOR ACCOMODATION:

Location:

Description of Need:

Signature _____ Date _____

Send To: Jackson County Highway Department
1200 Enterprise Avenue
Murphysboro, IL 62966

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

Action Taken:
