

The King County Road Services Division Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Summary

What is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan?

The ADA Transition plan guides King County Road Services Division ("Road Services") efforts to make sidewalks, curb ramps and street crossings on unincorporated King County roads more accessible for people with disabilities.

What facilities are included in the plan?

The plan addresses existing sidewalks, curb ramps, and pedestrian crossings on roads managed by the division. Roads inside cities, private roads, trails, highways, and buildings are not included in the plan.

How was the plan made?

Road Services studied its rules, standard construction designs, and activities to make sure they support travel by people with disabilities. Road Services also inspected every sidewalk, curb ramp, and traffic signal pushbutton to identify any that did not meet current standards. The inspection included:

- 335 miles of sidewalks, paved shoulder walkways, and pathways
- 5,194 curb ramps
- 2,688 marked and unmarked crosswalks
- 436 traffic signal pushbuttons

Road Services asked people with disabilities and other community members to help with the plan. The community shared the types of obstacles they felt were most important to address, such as broken sidewalks and steep curb ramps, and the types of places that were most important to get to, such as bus stops, schools, and businesses.

The plan identifies the most important obstacles to fix based on the design and condition of sidewalks, curb ramps, and street crossings and the location of important destinations.





What did the plan find?

Most unincorporated King County sidewalks, curb ramps, and traffic signal pushbuttons do not meet current accessibility standards. It would take more than \$550,000,000 to fix every obstacle. King County has a road funding crisis, which limits Road Services' ability to fix obstacles. Currently, Road Services receives \$150,000 each year to fix the most important obstacles. Some obstacles will also be fixed through regular maintenance, as parts of larger construction projects, and by private property developers.

Why was the plan created?

An ADA Transition Plan is required by federal law under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires government agencies to provide equal access to their programs and services.

Who is responsible for carrying out the plan?

The King County Road Engineer, JoAnn Kosai-Eng, is responsible for carrying out the plan.

How can I request accessibility improvements, such as curb ramps?

Call the [24/7 Helpline](tel:206-477-8100) at 206-477-8100 or 1-800-527-6237 for help with accessibility, road maintenance, and traffic safety issues.

How can I file a complaint if I feel I've been discriminated against by Road Services because of a disability?

You can learn about Road Services' grievance process and find forms at www.kingcounty.gov/RoadsADAPlan.

Where can I learn more about the plan?

You can read the plan at www.kingcounty.gov/RoadsADAPlan and/or contact John Vander Sluis at 206-263-0621 (TTY Relay: 711) or jvandersluis@kingcounty.gov. Alternative formats are available.