



Village of Hanover Park

# Public Right-of-Ways ADA Transition Plan

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a Federal Civil Rights Legislation which mandates non-discrimination to persons with disabilities. The ADA, Title II prohibits discrimination by public entities based on disability. Therefore, it is important that the Village of Hanover Park as a recipient of federal funding complies with all applicable federal and state laws, including those protecting persons with disabilities. The ADA requires that public accommodations remove barriers within facilities and right-of-ways where removal of these barriers can be carried out without undo expense or difficulty.

This Transition Plan only addresses the public right-of-ways portion of the ADA requirements and not the public facilities portion. Public facilities include Village Hall, Public Works buildings, and village owned parking lots. A Transition Plan for these facilities will be prepared under the direction of the ADA Coordinator in a separate document.



### ***Legal Requirements***

Title II of the ADA applies specifically to state and local governments, referred to as “public entities,” and their programs and services. Title II Article 8, requires public entities with 50 or more employees to create a Transition Plan that takes the following steps to achieve compliance:

- A list of physical barriers in the entity’s facilities that limit accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities (Self-Evaluation).
- A detailed description of the methods to be used to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
- A schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.
- A schedule for providing curb ramps or other sloped areas where pedestrian walks cross curbs, giving priority to walkways serving entities covered by the Act.
- The name of the official responsible for implementation. Including the ADA coordinator, a possible Transition Plan team, and any regional coordinators.
- Provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the development of the transition plan by submitting comments.
- A copy of the transition plan shall be made available for public inspection.
- The plan will be updated periodically until all accessibility barriers are removed.

Standards currently implemented by the Village of Hanover Park, when undergoing new or road improvement projects, adhere to ADA laws and published under the IDOT Standard Drawings for Pedestrian Access Details for Curb Ramps, Median Curb Details, Pedestrian Islands, Driveways and Driveway Aprons, Stairway and Handrail requirements, and Accessible Parking, all aided by a detectable warning surface where applicable.

## **ADA PROGRAM**

### ***Self-Evaluation***

To accomplish what is required by the ADA, the Village of Hanover Park is working towards conducting a self-evaluation of:

- Its public right-of-ways to ensure accessibility;
- Identifying issues of accessibility that need to be addressed;
- Develop a schedule for the improvement of those facilities; and
- Comply with ADA mandated standards for all new construction projects.

As required by ADA legislation, the Village of Hanover Park is conducting a self-evaluation assessment (inventory) of all facilities within its jurisdiction and identifying any physical barriers to ensure their accessibility.

The information developed through the right-of-way inventory process will be quantified and used as a baseline so that progress can be monitored and measured. The inventory information will eventually be housed within the village's GIS. This plan will be reviewed regularly and updated accordingly.



### ***Prioritization***

The Village of Hanover Park has the responsibility of identifying barriers and implementing a corrective program. Due to limited funding, the Village has prioritized updating pedestrian crossings and ramps in conjunction with our annual road programs. That is, we update the pedestrian crossings and sidewalk ramps when the adjacent street is being resurfaced or replaced. Our streets department has an inventory of sidewalks that far exceed the vertical surface discontinuity of 1/4" or greater. We currently fund about 25,000 SF of sidewalk removal & replacement each year at a cost of approximately \$125,000. Using current funding allocations, our backlog is over five years of sidewalk that has been identified with a surface discontinuity of 1.25" or greater.

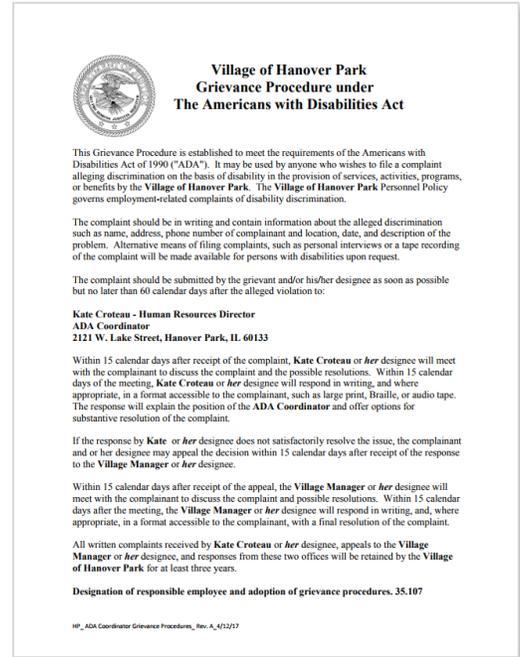
**Program Responsibility**

The Village of Hanover Park’s ADA Coordinator is designated as the person responsible to coordinate the village’s efforts to comply with and carry out the responsibilities under the ADA. The appointed ADA Coordinator is:

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 Village of Hanover Park  
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 630-823-5661 [Bkurcz@hpil.org](mailto:Bkurcz@hpil.org)

The Village of Hanover Park will provide an opportunity to interested persons to participate in the development of the transition plan by submitting comments. The Village has adopted and published on its website an ADA Grievance Procedure for complaints which can be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.hpil.org/DocumentCenter/View/242/Grievance-Procedure-Under-The-Americans-with-Disabilities-Act->



**TRANSITION PLAN**

**Inventory**

Access to and utilization of the Village of Hanover Park right-of-ways by individuals with disabilities is sometimes compromised by barriers such as those described below. The barrier descriptions are not necessarily all-inclusive, but they represent the type of barriers identified by the Village.

In general, the Village street system provides traveling routes. Sidewalks are the pedestrian travel way and are sometimes obscured by protruding barriers. In some cases, a pedestrian destination from a transportation facility is interrupted, and sometimes not accessible. The following are common barriers noted along pedestrian ways:

1. The presence of fire hydrants and other obstructions caused some sidewalks to be non-compliant.
2. Street Median Refuge and/or Pedestrian Crossing Refuge Islands were lacking in some locations, mostly on State or County roads, which are not under the Village’s jurisdiction.
3. Some curb ramps have incorrect slopes or lack detectable strips.
4. Some driveways intersecting sidewalks have incorrect slopes.



The Village of Hanover Park will be developing an inventory which will assist in locating and inventorying pedestrian ways.

**Targeted Barrier Removal Projects**



Upon funding availability, the Village of Hanover Park will implement a barrier removal program within the right-of-ways facilities. The program will be based on the inventory conducted by the Village, and it constitutes the Transition Plan of accessibility and upgrades.

The top priority of the Village’s Transition Plan is to make the existing right-of-ways accessible.

When appropriate, the Village will replace existing sidewalks, curbs, ramps, and other right-of-way structures bringing them into current compliance standards. By following the IDOT standards, applicable ADA new structures and respective upgrades will be integrated into the projects.

The Village’s Public Works Department is responsible for the Village of Hanover Park’s Transition Plan within the Village right-of-ways. Most of the obstacles within the rights-of-way concern physical barriers that cannot be addressed through other options such as Policy Changes or alternative methods. When possible, the right-of-ways will be made accessible through a realistic and fundable strategy for curb and gutter modifications, wheelchair ramp construction and sidewalk modifications.

**Public Involvement**

As a public entity, the Village of Hanover Park will make available to applicants, participants, beneficiaries, and other interested persons information regarding the provisions of this part and its applicability to the services programs, or activities of the public entity, and make such information available to them through contact with the Village’s ADA Coordinator and/or Village Engineer to apprise such persons of the protections against discrimination assured them by the Act.



A notice to the public of the ADA requirements can be accessed on the Village website at the link below:  
<https://www.hpil.org/DocumentCenter/View/241/Notice-Under-the-Americans-with-Disability-Act->

**STRATEGY**

The Village will continue to conduct field investigations and update its inventory of sidewalks in public right-of-ways. As our GIS system evolves, this information will be added and used to update this ADA Transition Plan.

The following strategy will be incorporated within the Village’s maintenance plan for public right-of-ways and facilities:

1. Handicap Ramps. The Village contracts for reconstruction of ramps that do not meet the current ADA guidelines, through its annual road program. These include ramps at intersections and mid-block.
2. Private Development. When a construction or alteration occurs within the public right-of-way, at or near an intersection, the Village will evaluate if ADA standards are being met and if modifications are needed.
3. Right-of-Way Projects. All right-of-way projects involving street and pedestrian ways will be evaluated and designed accordingly with the current ADA Standards. All new construction and improvements to existing facilities will adhere to these standards.

**FUNDING**

The Village of Hanover Park will strategically commit funding as available for Village Road maintenance projects including ADA compliance. In addition, developer impacts on the right-of-way can be required to further enhance pedestrian facilities.

**RIGHT-OF-WAYS ENHANCEMENT PLAN**

Various projects are proposed and depending upon funding availability will be constructed. Each project will be evaluated to incorporate upgrades in compliance with current ADA standards. The current project list can be acquired by contacting the Village Engineer at 630-823-5700.

