

ADA SELF-ASSESSMENT & SYSTEM-WIDE TRANSITION PLAN

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

December 14, 2015 Meeting

WHY A TRANSITION PLAN?



The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) is a major contributor to the high quality of life that Austinites and visitors enjoy.



It is important that PARC facilities, as well as programs and services, be accessible, inclusionary, and welcoming to all.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Austin City Council has authorized the creation of an ADA Transition Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that government agencies have a Transition Plan to:

- Identify non-compliant elements
- Develop a budget to achieve compliance
- Develop a schedule to achieve compliance

PROJECT SCOPE

Altura Solutions will perform on-site surveys of:

- 173 Parks
- 96 Facilities
- 200 linear miles of trails

Altura Solutions will review PARD programs and services offered at facilities and parks.

The project does not include construction or alterations of existing facilities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Transition Plan Objectives:

1. **IDENTIFY “BEST PRACTICES”** that can help to make PARD facilities accessible.
2. **REVIEW** most current and applicable accessibility regulations.
3. **EVALUATE** all major PARD properties.
4. **WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COMMUNITY** to establish goals and priorities.

PROJECT PROCESS and TIMELINE



→ **WINTER 2015** → **SPRING 2016** → **SUMMER 2016**

PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

Public Input is Critical

Components / Variables to Consider:

FACILITIES COMPONENTS

- **Parking**
- **Entrances**
- **Restrooms**
- **Doors**
- **Signage**

PARKS COMPONENTS

- **Parking**
- **Grills**
- **Picnic Tables**
- **Pools**
- **Restrooms**

PROPERTY PRIORITIES

- **Metro Parks**
- **District Parks**
- **Rec Centers**
- **Cemeteries**
- **Pools**

NEXT STEPS

Over the next few months, Altura will be continuing in their efforts to gather field data.

There will be another full public meeting in the spring of 2016

You can let us know any further input or questions you have at the following links:

- **EMAIL:** austinparksada@austintexas.gov
- **WEBSITE:** austinparksada.com
- **FACEBOOK:** [https://www.facebook.com/AustinCityParks,](https://www.facebook.com/AustinCityParks)
- **TWITTER:** [twitter- @austincityparks](https://twitter.com/austincityparks)
- **SPEAKUP AUSTIN:** speakupaustin.org
 - Follow-up survey available after the Thanksgiving holiday.