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ADA Transition Plan

Introduction:

The purpose of this ADA Transition Plan is to provide a clear roadmap outlining the steps that the Onondaga County Department of Transportation (OCDOT) takes to ensure accessibility to each of their facilities. This plan shall address County owned pedestrian features, such as pedestrian poles, crosswalks, and curb ramps, as well as our maintenance facilities that house snow plows and road machinery. Our plan intends to upgrade OCDOT infrastructure and facilities to meet ADA requirements for individuals with mobility, speech, cognitive, vision and hearing disabilities.

Federal Aid Projects:

OCDOT has been proactive with respect to ensuring that our public facilities are able to be accessed by all who desire access. Because the County does not own any sidewalks, our ADA responsibilities typically revolve around crosswalks, pedestrian poles and curb ramps. These pedestrian facilities are always included in our Federal Aid projects as long as they are within the project boundaries or directly adjacent to it.

Traffic Signal Improvement Projects:

OCDOT has been strategically updating traffic intersections, throughout the County, in an effort to modernize our traffic management capabilities. In the improvement projects we updated existing intersections by adding cameras, installing audible pedestrian poles with pedestrian buttons, installing curb ramps with detectable warning pads, adjusting the grade of curb ramps to accommodate wheel chair users and also refresh/replace/reconfigure cross walks to ensure they meet current ADA standards. These projects account for the majority of the ADA Transition Plan because they see the most pedestrian traffic amongst OCDOT affected facilities

Capital Improvement Projects

Each of the maintenance facilities owned and operated by OCDOT have been upgraded recently. The department prides itself on being inclusive of all genders and all disabilities. Each of the maintenance facilities has male & female ADA compliant locker rooms and bathrooms. When Capital projects are designed, they are

done while taking all new ADA standards into consideration. While the crux of the department's ADA transition plan does not rely on the maintenance facilities, it is still important to mention them to provide the full picture of the departmental goals.

Means & Methods:

The department is committed to locating, tabulating and addressing facilities that do not meet ADA standards. Each member of the OCDOT field staff has explicit instructions to locate County Facilities that are out of compliance and document them for change. See Attachment A for the example spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will be filled out by the field staff and transferred into a master spreadsheet for the entire department.

Periodically the department will review all projects in design or construction to identify projects that can be adjusted to include the deficient infrastructure. Those identified as deficient are to be replaced to conform to the most current ADA standards. The master spreadsheet will be consulted when designing future projects to ensure the ADA needs are being addressed.

Public Complaint Procedures:

OCDOT has staff dedicated to taking the complaints of the public and addressing them. Once someone logs a complaint regarding the lack of ADA accessible facilities they will be added to the master spreadsheet, per department policy. If the complaint proves to be resulting from an issue that is causing a direct hazard to public safety, a project will be designed and pushed out individually to address the hazard.

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