

MEMO

To: City of Bloomington Common Council

From: Michael Shermis, Human Rights Director, ADA Coordinator, and Staff
Liaison, Council for Community Accessibility, Community and Family
Resources Department

DATE: 10/17/24

RE: Resolution 2024-22, Update to the City of Bloomington's Americans with
Disabilities Act Transition Plan

The attached resolution contains an update to the City of Bloomington's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan that has been recommended by the ADA Coordinator.

Title II requires local governments to prepare Transition Plans. The City of Bloomington prepared its first ADA Transition Plan in 1990 and has updated it several times since then, the last time in 2022 (available online: <https://bloomington.in.gov/accessible>). Our goal is to ensure program accessibility for people with disabilities in our community by meeting or exceeding the requirements of the ADA. Periodic updates help us evaluate how well we are achieving that goal.

This update of the Transition plan focuses on people, specifically what the Council for Community Accessibility does to make people aware of accessibility issues and how to change attitudes about barriers to accessibility. It also includes plenty of public right of way data on sidewalks, curb ramps, paths, trails, traffic signals, audible pedestrian signals, and facilities, as well as information on bus stop accessibility and Parks & Recreation parks, trails, and path map with a list of amenities.

A definitive fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time but incorporating accessibility at the planning and development stages rarely increases costs and helps avoid the significant cost of having to retrofit structures to make them accessible after construction.