

City of Rapid City
Transition Plan
Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

The City of Rapid City has appointed ADA coordinators, to work with City Departments and community agencies that receive city funds for services, to begin the compliance actions for the ADA. The City has adopted a Grievance Procedure and a Resolution of Accessibility guaranteeing the disabled population a process to be heard.

The Common Council also appointed an ADA Compliance Committee that was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the programs, policies and procedures of the City and the other funded agencies to assure that program services were being provided in compliance with the ADA regulations. This committee has been meeting on a monthly basis to review the numerous survey forms that were completed by City Department and Division Managers and by agencies that receive City funds to provide direct services. Site visits to publicly owned facilities were conducted so the Compliance Committee could see first hand what types of improvements, if any, were required to be made.

The ADA Coordinators asked all City Departments and programs to complete a structural survey so that the Compliance Committee could determine what type of improvements, if any, may be required in the provision of services from those buildings. The surveys were reviewed and additional cost estimates were requested for improvements that may be necessary to be completed in order that services could be provided to disabled residents. All surveys are on file and available for public inspection in the Mayor's Office. The City of Rapid City surveyed the following city buildings and programs utilizing city funds:

City/School Administration Center	Street Shop Facility
Water Treatment Plant	Wastewater Plant
Fire Stations	Airport
Civic Center	Police Department
Parks Department/Cemetery/Parks Facilities	Animal Shelter
Golf Courses/Clubhouses	Library
Dahl Building	MBTC
Minneluzahan Senior Center	Sioux Museum
Canyon Lake Senior Center	FAA Building
Child Development Center	YFS Counseling Center
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Black Hills Workshop & Training Center
Community Care Center	Elderly Meals Program
Group Theater	Pioneer Museum
Storybook Island	West River Mental Health
Women Against Violence	

The City also notified all recreation complexes that lease City owned land that it would be the responsibility of those organizations to comply with ADA as it affects their operations.

In reviewing the surveys submitted, the Compliance Committee found that very few of the services provided by the City or agencies funded by the City were not accessible to the disabled population. Alternate delivery of services is allowed if a building is not accessible. After much

discussion with City staff, the Compliance Committee has determined that the following improvements must be made to City owned facilities for compliance with ADA.

TRANSITION PLAN FOR PROGRAM SERVICES:

The Rapid City Parks system has a number of violations that relate to accessibility of the structures within individual parks. The majority of the improvements that need renovation are the restrooms located in the picnic shelters; properly signed parking areas; hard surfaced walkways to picnic shelters from the designated parking areas; and renovation of existing restroom facilities not connected to picnic shelters. All swimming pools located in our community were identified as having accessibility problems, both to the bathhouse and to the pools themselves. All improvements to pools will be addressed in a study that is being completed by the City.

All leased City property that is being utilized by organizations for ball fields, soccer fields, and other recreational opportunities must address the ADA requirements in their operations. Some of these organizations may need financial assistance from the City in accomplishing the improvements.

Construction improvements scheduled, estimated costs, funding sources:

Parks Facilities: System wide improvements consisting of: restroom renovations including exterior door replacement; sidewalk repair/replacement or installation; designated parking stalls; ramps from the parking areas; drinking fountain renovation; and, proper signage, (see attached listing of improvements).

Estimated Costs: \$90,000 - \$110,000

Funding Source(s): Community Development Block Grant funds; Capital Improvement Funds; Mill levy;

Timeframe: Begin improvements in 1993 - FY93 funds--CDBG
FY94 funds--CIP/CDBG

Dinosaur Park - Explore the possibility of obtaining access to the park itself through a limited access road that could be used only with escorts; complete entrance and restroom renovation at the concession building.

Estimated Costs: \$30,000

Funding Source(s): Capital Improvement Funds

Timeframe: FY 1993

City Facility: Mountain View Cemetery office building needs a ramped entrance; wider entrance door and properly designated disabled parking.

Estimated Costs: \$3,000

Funding Source(s): Cemetery Budget

Timeframe: FY94

Parks Equipment: Provide one (1) wheelchair accessible picnic table per shelter.

Estimated Costs: \$7,000

Funding Source(s): Parks Budget

Timeframe: FY94

Swimming Pools: The City of Rapid City is currently evaluating the need for renovation or replacement of the four (4) existing community pools. By the end of FY94, the City's goal is to have completed either a new swimming pool or an aquatic park facility. Additionally, disabled parking issues and accessible routes will be identified at all existing pool facilities. The City currently has a lift that can be used to lower disabled persons into existing pools.

Estimated Costs Renovation of existing pools has not been identified as of this date. Replacement pool or aquatic park: \$2 million - \$2.5 million.

Funding Source(s): Mill Levy funds or Capital Improvement Funds;

Timeframe: FY93 and FY94

Civic Center: Arena seating--wheelchair locations--egress issues; assistive listening system--Theater; detectable warnings at entrances; provide door openers for exterior entrances and modify thresholds; visual and audible fire alarms must be installed; concession areas will provide a lower counter.

Estimated Costs: \$75,000

Funding Source(s): Civic Center Operational Budget

Timeframe: FY93 and FY94

*Civic Center
Grandfathered
in - new const
only*

Ramped Sidewalks: Ramped intersections will be completed as existing streets are reconstructed; subdivision improvements are completed by developers; and, major streets are reconstructed by other government agencies.

Estimated Costs: \$900,000 over ten (10) years;

Funding Source(s): Capital Improvements funds, 1/2 cent sales tax dollars and, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) funding for streets; subdivision improvements funded by private developers;

Timeframe: 1993 - 2003

**ADA Grievance Procedures
City of Rapid City, South Dakota
Title II – Public Services**

The City of Rapid City, South Dakota has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited in Subpart B (Sections 35.177) of 28 CFR Part 35, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who believes that he or she has been discriminated against by the Rapid City municipality, on the basis of disability (or the individual's authorized representative) may file a complaint.

Complaints should be addressed to the following person who has been designated to coordinate complaints for the ADA compliance efforts for the City of Rapid City:

*Kay Rippentrop, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Office of the Mayor
300 6th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
605-394-4110 – TTY – 605-394-6010*

- 1) A complaint should be filed in writing and contain the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the complaint and a brief description of the alleged violation of the regulation for Title II.*
- 2) A complaint must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of alleged discrimination. A complaint will be treated as filed on the date it is first filed with the city.*
- 3) An investigation, as appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by the designated official and a written determination as to the validity of the complaint will follow no later than 30 days after filing.*
- 4) The ADA Coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the City relating to the complaints filed.*

Adopted by the Rapid City Council 3/3/92

**City of Rapid City, South Dakota
ADA Grievance Form**

- 1) Type of Complaint –
 - Facility___Program___Sidewalk___Curb
Cut___Other:_____
 - Department/Program:_____
- 2) Name:_____
- 3) Address:_____
- 4) Phone:_____

Complaint: _____

Investigation: _____

Action: _____

Date Received: _____
Date Completed: _____
Council Action: _____

ADA Celebration

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Agenda

7:30 to 9 a.m.—Breakfast for Business Leaders. Presentation: ADA business and customer success stories.

By Janice Majewski

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.—Training for public entities and organizations regarding the U.S. Access Board's proposed ADA accessibility guidelines.

By Peggy Greenwell and Patrick Going

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—Lunch

Panel presentation "Success stories from 15 years of ADA."

By Janice Majewski, Patrick Going, and Peggy Greenwell

1:30 to 4 p.m.—Breakout Session: Self-advocacy in your community.

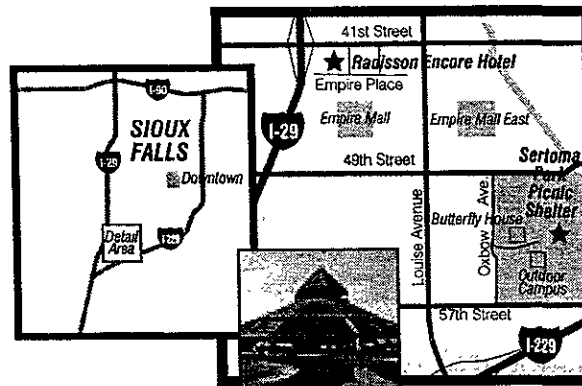
By Peggy Greenwell and local disability organizations

1:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Breakout Session:

- Obligations for public entities. Learning from Project Civic Access.
- The best practices for identifying barriers to accessibility.

By Patrick Going

5 to 7 p.m.—ADA Celebration Picnic at Sertoma Park



Sertoma Park Shelter

Locations

The meetings will be held at the Radisson Encore Hotel, 4300 Empire Place, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A block of rooms will be reserved under "ADA Celebration." These room blocks will be released on July 11, so please register before that date.

The picnic will be held at Sertoma Park, West 49th Street and South Oxbow Avenue (southeast of mall). Driveway meets Oxbow Avenue.

Transportation

A Sioux Falls Transit trolley will run from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on July 26 between the Radisson and Sertoma Park at no cost to riders.

For information on Sioux Falls Transit service to the Radisson, call 367-7183.

Event sponsored by federal, state, and local agencies, by local hospitals, and by disability advocates and services.



Featured Speakers

Peggy Greenwell is a training coordinator and accessibility specialist with the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Compliance Board (U.S. Access Board). She specializes in access issues related to recreation facilities.

Patrick Going is the project director for the Rocky Mountain ADA and IT

Center, serving six states (including South Dakota).

Going has presented 300-plus seminars on all facets of ADA.



Janice Majewski is an accessibility specialist in the U.S. Department of Justice. In

this position, she develops technical assistance materials and initiatives on implementing ADA. Previously, she launched and then directed the Smithsonian Institution's accessibility program for 23 years.



ADA Celebration Registration

Space is limited! Register early!

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Which sessions will you be attending?

- Breakfast for Business Leaders
(\$20—or \$35 for both meals)
- Accessibility guidelines training
- Lunch (\$20—or \$35 for both meals)
- Self-Advocacy Session
- Obligations and Best Practices
- ADA Celebration Picnic
at Sertoma Park

Events are no cost unless otherwise indicated. Stipends are available to persons with disabilities.

Please register by July 15.

Send registration and payment to:

Prairie Freedom Center

301 South Garfield Avenue, Suite 9

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Make checks payable to:

Prairie Freedom Center.

Persons requiring special accommodation

for attending the events should call

(605) 367-8745, [TTY (605) 367-7039]

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104



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Join us in celebrating 15 years
of the Americans with Disabilities Act