

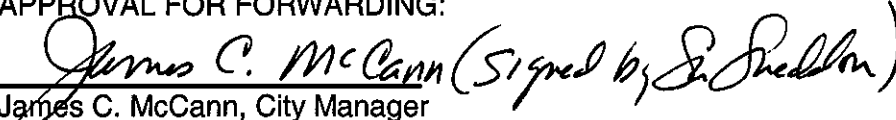
City of Calistoga

Staff Report

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Dan Takasugi, Public Works Director/City Engineer
DATE: March 4, 2008
SUBJECT: Adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:


James C. McCann, City Manager

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution to adopt the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition
3 Plan.

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5 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

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7 **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

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9 As required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ADA Section
10 504, the City has performed a thorough self-evaluation of City programs, services,
11 facilities, policies, practices, and procedures. From this evaluation, an ADA Self-
12 Evaluation and Transition Plan was developed to eliminate structural and non-structural
13 barriers that could prevent persons with disabilities from accessing City facilities or
14 participating in programs, activities, and services.

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16 On June 5, 2007, the City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with
17 Coastland Civil Engineering, to perform the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
18 Approximately half of this agreement was funded by a Community Development
19 Planning and Technical Assistance Grant.

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21 Coastland Civil Engineering provided a complete evaluation of City programs, services,
22 facilities, policies, practices, and procedures for ADA compliance. From the inventories,
23 Coastland Civil Engineering has prepared reports identifying barriers, proposing
24 solutions, estimating costs, and suggesting priority levels (using priorities set forth in
25 state and federal disability laws).

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27 A public meeting was held on August 9, 2007 to solicit input. Meeting notices for this
28 meeting were widely distributed. A total of 8 members of the public were in attendance,
29 excluding City staff, consultants, and media reporters. A Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and
30 Transition Plan was presented to City Council for review on November 20, 2007. The
31 public was invited to submit comments on the Draft Plan over a 40-day comment period

32 through December 31, 2007. One public comment was received during this period, and
33 the plan was amended in response to that public comment.

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35 Coastland Civil Engineering has prepared a Final ADA Self Evaluation and Transition
36 Plan that is ready for Council Adoption. Only the 7-page Introduction section and the
37 Transition Plan section of the Final Plan are attached with this report. The full Plan is
38 111-pages in length, and is thus not included herein.

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40 **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

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42 This project is consistent with General Plan Objective CIR 3.2. Staff will review the
43 specific projects concurrently during design pursuant to the California Environmental
44 Quality Act (CEQA).

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46 **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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48 Coastland Civil Engineering's cost estimate for full implementation of the ADA
49 Transition Plan is approximately \$4.5 million. Staff will rely heavily upon grant funding
50 sources to offset Transition Plan implementation costs. Many of these projects will be
51 executed during the course of performing Capital Projects. For example, our current
52 2007 Utility/Pavement project is installing 8 curb ramps as part of that project. Also, the
53 new Fire Station renovation project will address all accessibility issues at the Fire
54 Station. Many ADA Transition Plan projects will be performed as part of infill
55 development. Yet it is likely that some Transition Plan projects must be funded with
56 General Fund expenditures on future maintenance and capital improvement project
57 budgets.

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59 Staff anticipates that the adoption of an ADA Transition Plan will reduce legal costs to
60 defend the City from ADA-based litigation, although these savings cannot be easily
61 quantified.

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63 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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- 65 A. Resolution
66 B. Introduction Section of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
67 C. Transition Plan Section of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

