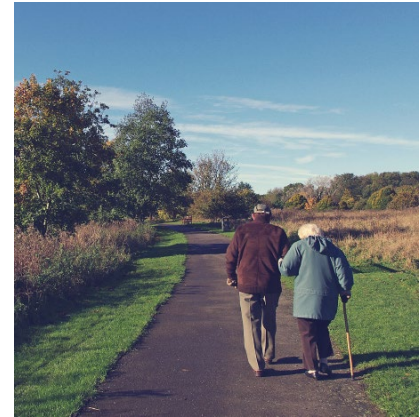
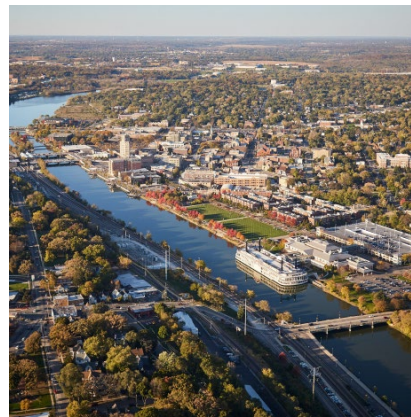
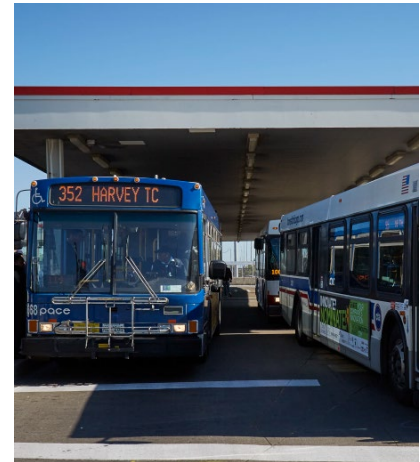


Regional ADA Coordinator Meeting

May 12, 2026



Introductions

Gilton Cross, CMAP Planner, Project Manager

Jules Voigt, CMAP Planner

Sema Abulhab, CMAP Planner

Jaemi Jackson, CMAP Principal Planner, Program Manager

Dr. Yochai Eisenberg, UIC Applied Sciences

Topics covered so far:

- Website and mobile application accessibility
- Role of an ADA coordinator
- Self-evaluation and transition plans
- Accessible engagement
- Guides to providing accessible ROW during construction
- Facilities assessments
- ADA data gathering tools
- ADA transition plan implementation metrics

CMAP updates and announcements

- Accessible Communities Celebration – June 9
- NEW TEMPLATE ALERT: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way and Companion Guide
 - To be posted CMAP website and [IDOT ADA Title II Statewide Compliance Assessment and Support Project webpage](#)
 - Thank you IDOT, HDR, and our ADA Coordinator reviewers:

Gretchen Klock, KDOT	Jennifer McMahon, City of St. Charles
Carlos A. Feliciano, IDOT	Joe Surdam, Lake County DOT
Amruta Mate, IDOT	Daniel Maziarz

Village of Lincolnwood

- Population: 13,179
- Plan completed by Vitruvian Planning consultants
- Transition plan adopted in November 2025

Features	Number assessed
Sidewalks	56 miles
Curb ramps	1,577
Driveways with accessibility needs	79
Sidewalk obstructions	465
Designated on-street parking spaces	202

Village of Lincolnwood

- **How are you choosing what to implement?**
 - Currently addressing any ADA issues located along their infrastructure program's routes.
 - Creating a plan for the ADA improvements outside of the infrastructure routes – they will start with the tiers as a priority and will be completed as a separate project.



Village of Lincolnwood

- **How did you fit in projects amongst other capital improvement projects?**
 - \$200,000 budgeted for this project this year.
 - This year we had a significant cut back of Capital Improvement Projects, but this was one that the Village has committed to and kept and did not remove funding.
- **Any other budget/programming considerations?**
 - \$200k in CIP annually (until at least 2030) for ADA improvements
 - Hope to continue until all plan issues are addressed, then switch to preventative maintenance approach

Next Regional ADA Coordinator Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026
FINALE

Look out for an email with meeting details.

This will be our final meeting, and it will be 100% in-person at the Old Post Office.



Accessible Communities
CELEBRATION
PLUS Regional ADA Coordinator Meeting & Walk Audit

JUNE 9, 2026 | 9 AM

The poster features a central illustration of six diverse individuals: a woman in a wheelchair, a woman with a white cane, a man in a blue shirt and white shorts, a woman in a black dress and orange top, a child with a green backpack, and a man in orange pants holding a smartphone. The background is light blue with white decorative swirls. The text is in white and yellow on a blue background, and the date is in white on a green banner.

ACCESSIBLE CITIES FOR ALL: RESOURCES

Yochai Eisenberg, PhD
Delphine Labbe, PhD



**DISABILITY AND
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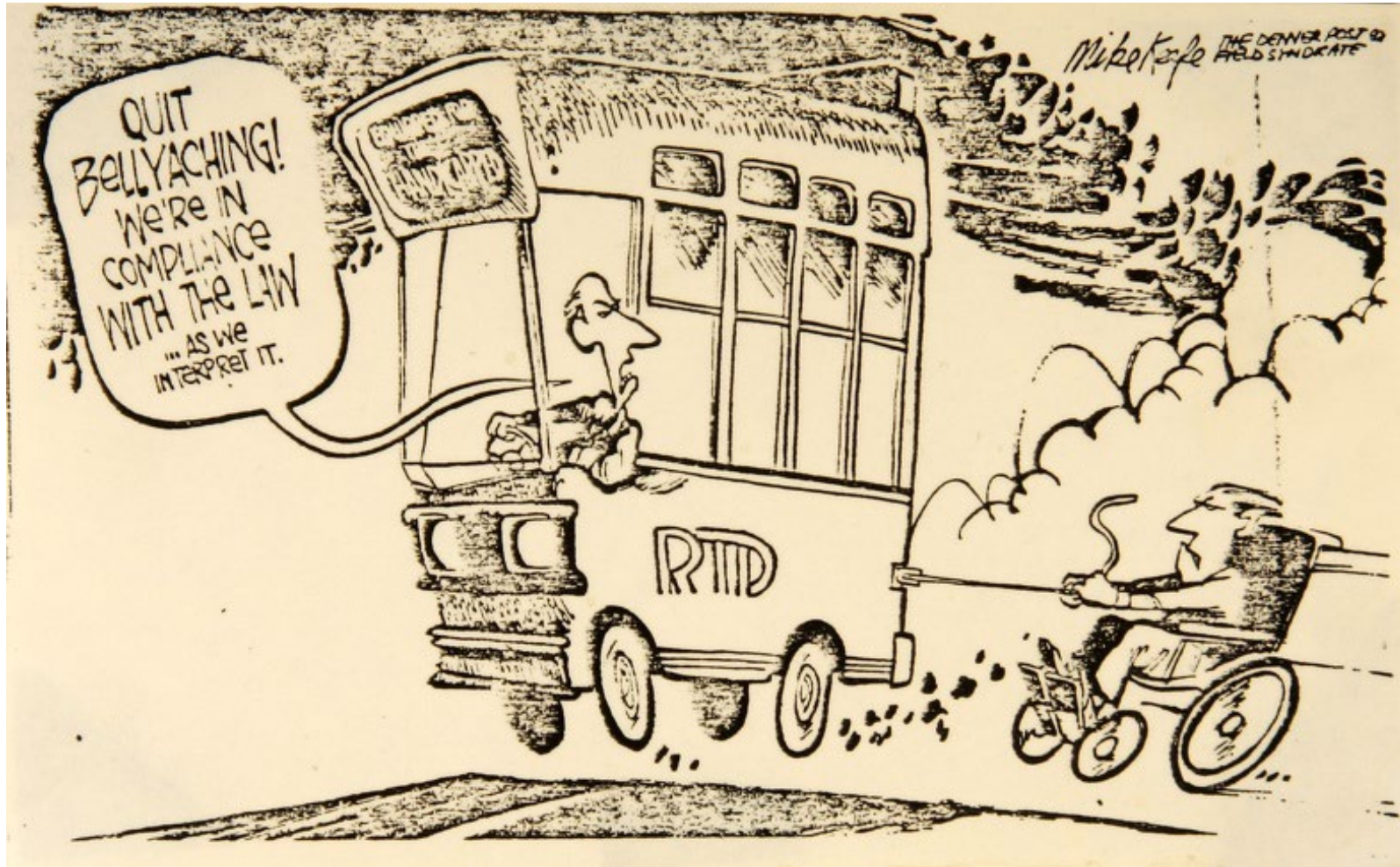


Presentation Goals

- Discuss resources used and current needs
- Introduce a new project to support ADA transition planning
- Explain resources and tools for creating a high-quality transition plan.



What is our role?

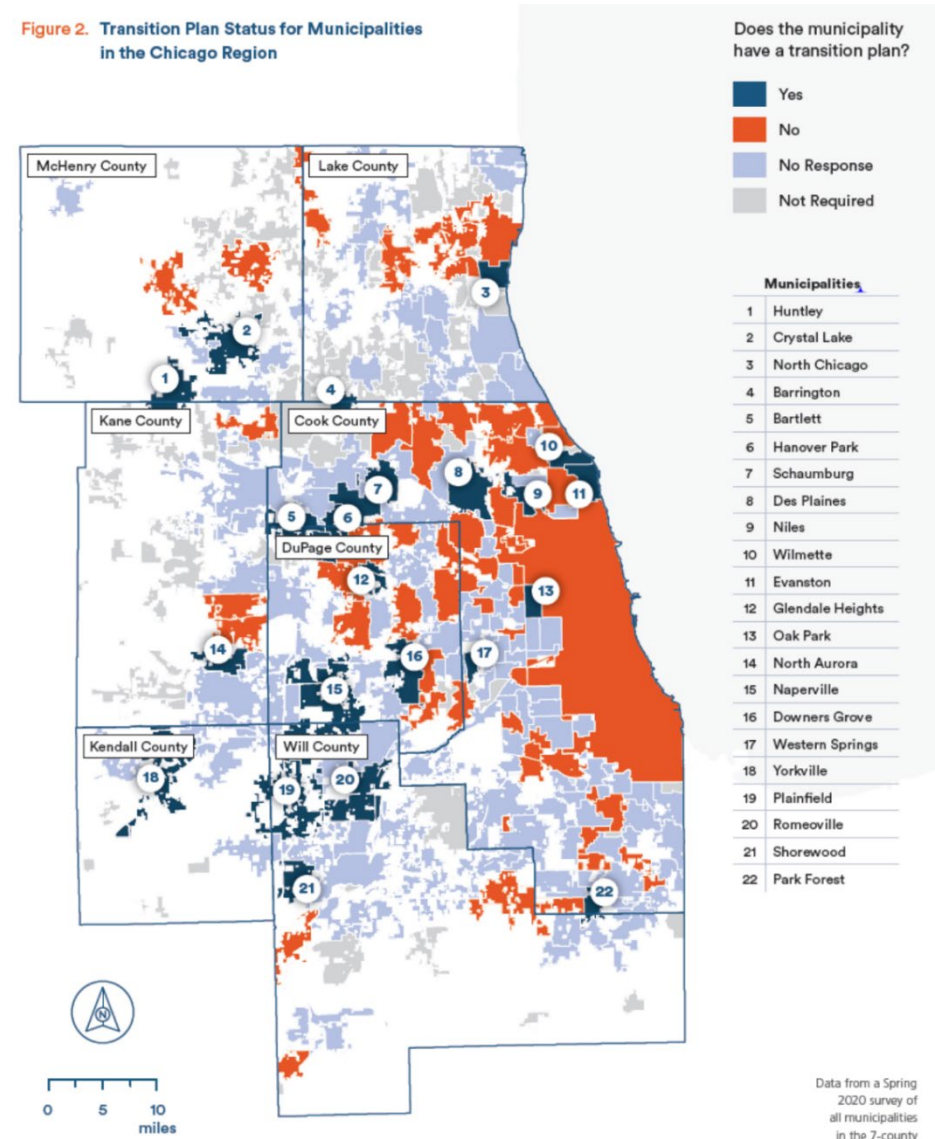


Does your community have an ADA Transition Plan?

2020 – 22 (10%) of NEIL communities had a plan

2026- 54 (22%) of NEIL communities have a plan.

Figure 2. Transition Plan Status for Municipalities in the Chicago Region



The Big Challenge

Cities

- Focused on compliance.
- May not want to know about infrastructure problems.
- Lack of knowledge and resources.
- Accessibility is an underprioritized problem until it isn't.

Disability Advocates

- Want change yesterday.
- Want to share lived experience and have it valued.
- Have lawsuits as tool to defend civic rights when advocacy does not work.

Break Out Group Discussion Questions

- What resources have you been using?
- What do you like about those resources?
- What resources or knowledge do you wish you had?

Developing a new resource

- **Accessible Cities for All: Translating Knowledge to Support Better ADA Implementation 2026-2029**
 - Create a toolkit and training for ADA coordinators to increase the implementation of ADA transition plans.
 - Develop a training for people with disabilities and resources for public agencies to support civic engagement

Project objectives

- 1) Improve knowledge and awareness of ADA transition planning practices
- 2) Increase confidence and skills among ADA coordinators in their ADA transition planning
- 3) Facilitate behavior change and practice change
- 4) Increase public agencies' knowledge of how to more effectively onboard and engage people with disabilities in their advisory boards

Resource for implementation

[Story map to help tell the story internally](#)


[Quality Assessment of Transition Plans](#)

[Project Sidewalk](#)

[Casebook examples of high-quality transition plans](#)

[Performance metrics](#)

Story map on why an ADA transition plan

 The Right to the Right-of-Way

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Great Lakes Center

The Right to the Right-of-Way

Cities face an urgent decision about the future of accessibility in their pedestrian environments; wait for a lawsuit or take action now?

Great Lakes ADA Center - Yochai Eisenberg, PhD, Mackenzie Hayes, B.S., Sierra Berquist, MUPP
November 11, 2022

Quality Assessment of Transition Plans

Related to which part of Title II	Questions	Response options/instructions	Required, Additional requirement through recent litigation, Good or Best practice	Search terms	Response (Note- leave no blank spaces)	Additional Comments	Page # where found
General Information							
1	0 Entity Name		n/a				
2	0 State		n/a				
3	0 Date of the most recent plan/update	listed on the front, not date of adoption	Best practice				
4	0 First plan or revision	put the document # so, first plan =1, 2nd plan (first update) =2 etc.	Best practice	"revis"			
5	0 Years of previous plans	n/a if no previous (for multiple answers separate with comma not AND, OR etc.)	Best practice				
6	0 Was the transition plan done by a consultant? (consultant company logo/name appears on the document or is described)	1- yes, 0- no	n/a				
Public Participation Opportunities							
7 (d) 1	Is the transition plan available for public inspection?	1- yes, 0- no	Required				
8 (d) 1	Is the transition plan available on the agency's website?	1- yes, 0- no	Good practice				
9 (d) 1	What was the webpage URL?	Enter name of the webpage and copy/paste the URL	n/a				
10 (d) 1	If not available on website, how was the plan acquired?	1- direct contact to LPA?, 2 - FOIA request, 99- n/a	n/a				
11 (d) 1	Is the website where the transition plan was found accessible to individuals with vision impairments?	1- yes, 0- no . Based on WAVE accessibility checker having no errors.	Required				
(d) 1	Is the transition plan document itself accessible? See: https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/create-verify-pdf-	1- yes, 0- no. Use Adobe Acrobat PDF accessibility check. Mark 1 if no failed	Required				

Project Sidewalk



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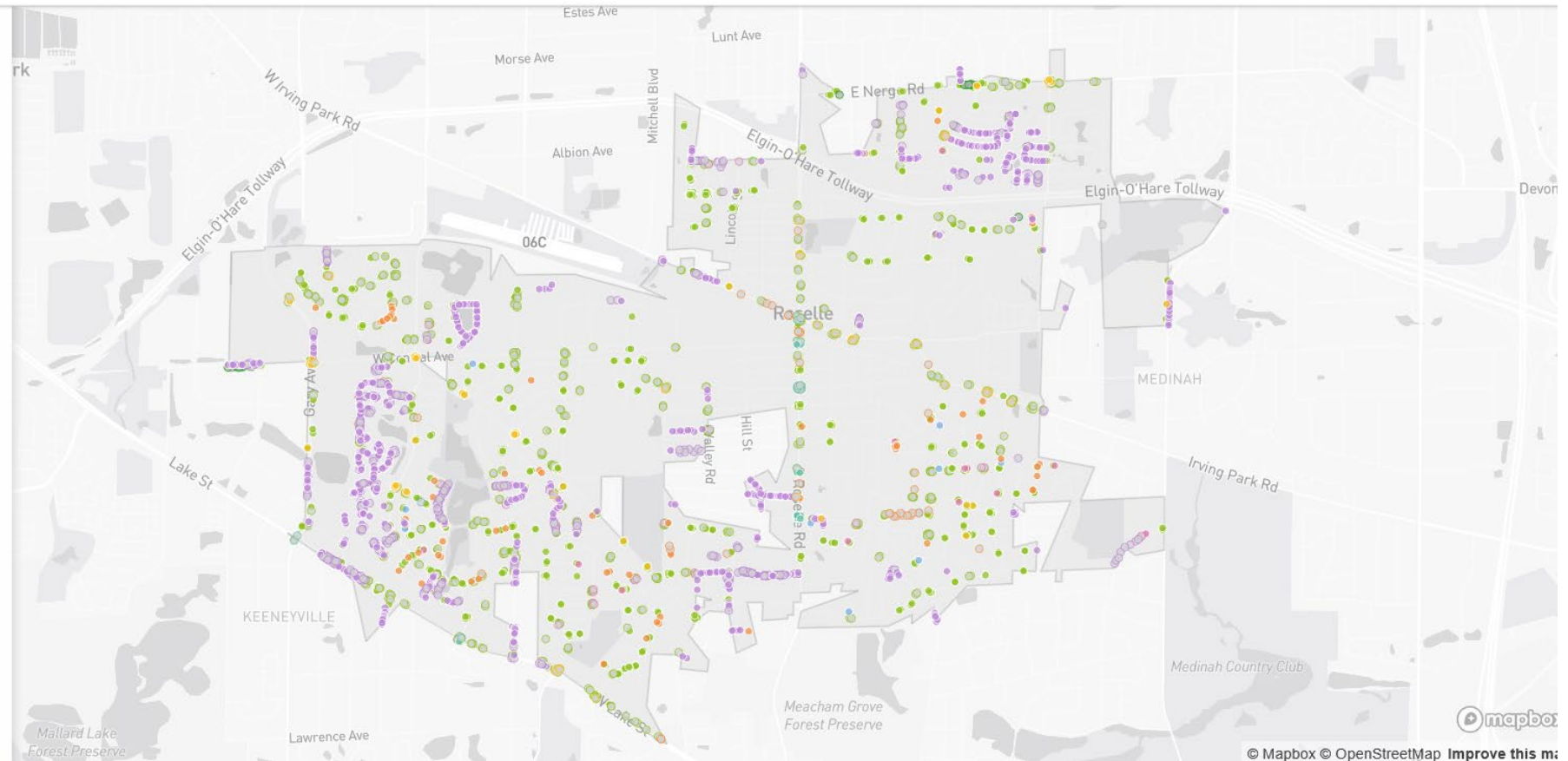
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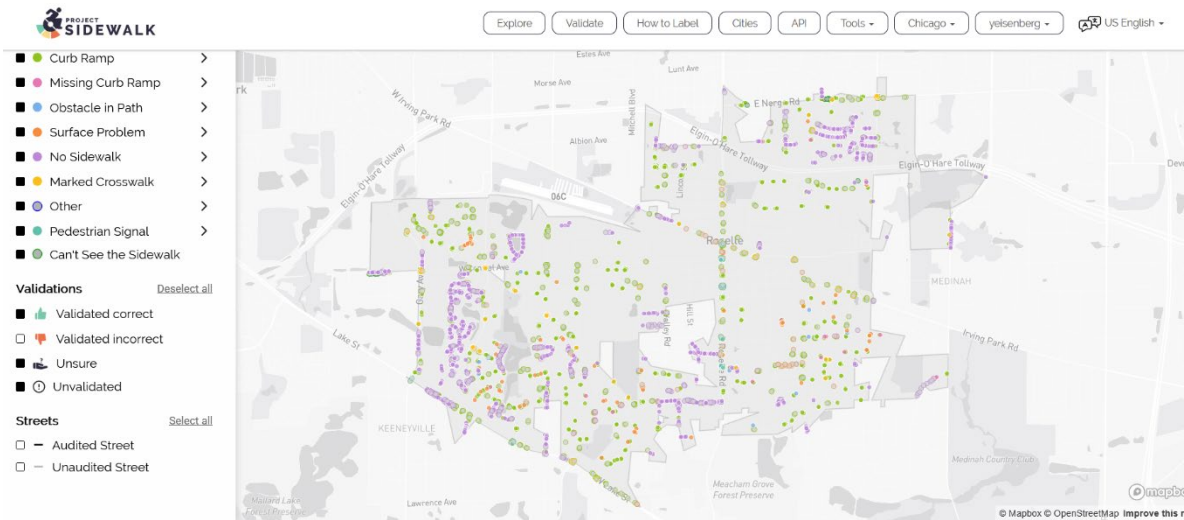
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Project Sidewalk for ADA Transition Plans



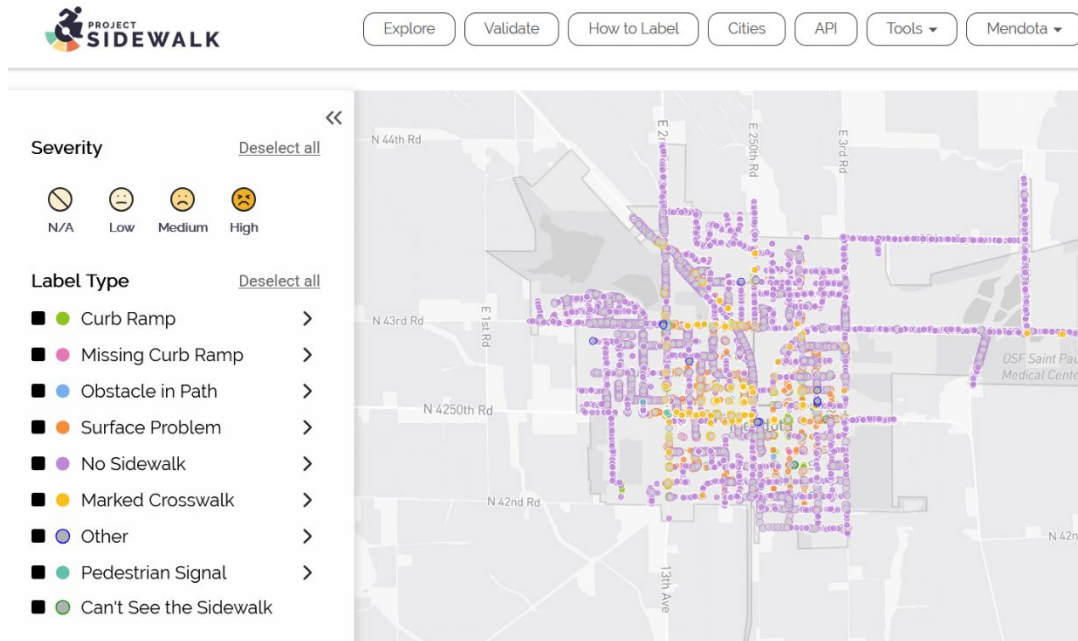
Project sidewalk in Roselle, IL.

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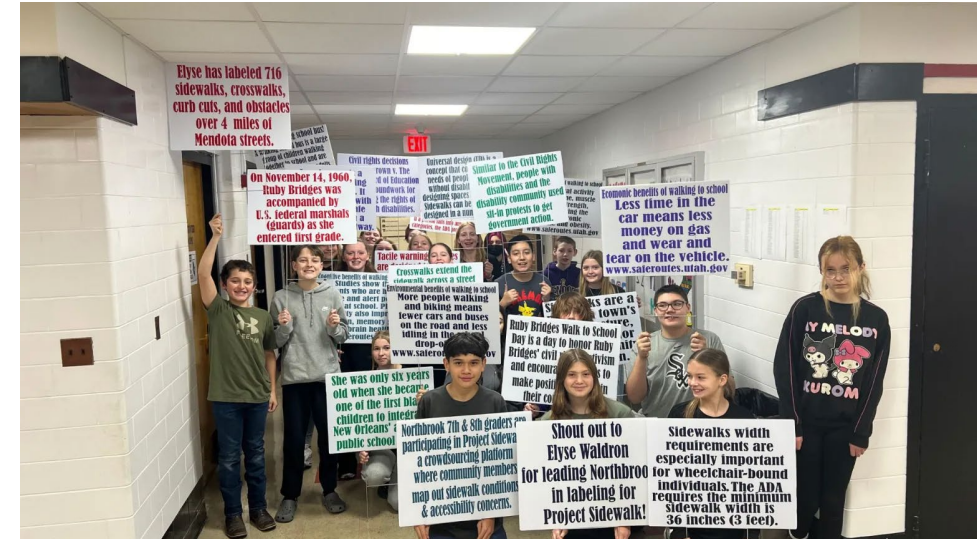


= ADA Transition Plan

Project Sidewalk for Funding



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= \$1.5 million infrastructure funding

Lesson learned from cities with quality ADA transition plans

- Case studies
 - Description of the source of information
 - Key definitions and concepts
 - Overview of cases
 - Key indicators of success
 - Show how those successful cities developed and implemented their plans



Creating High-quality ADA Transition Plans for the Pedestrian Environment : A Casebook of Success Stories

DELPHINE LABBÉ
YOCHAI EISENBERG

Casebook-example



FUNDING & OTHER RESOURCES

What funding sources were used for the plan?

- Jacksonville had a revolving sidewalk and ADA accessibility improvement fund that is captured within their CIP
- The City also used some specific state fundings that funded 100% of curb ramps work.

What other resources were used for the plan?

- The city clerk and the city manager used online resources such as Google, to search for other comparable municipalities' publicly available plans to get ideas for how to proceed in creating the plan.



IMPLEMENTATION

What was the schedule for implementation?

- The City was in-process of designing a schedule at the moment of the interview.

What were the methods used, including prioritization?

- Jacksonville nested their ADA implementation as part of other policies and procedures that the city had.

How did the municipality monitor progress?

- Annual administrative updates are presented to the city manager.
- A formal plan update was planned to be completed every 5 years. Jacksonville considers their plan a "living document" so they try to update it as they make changes.



Photo Source: Luca Nardone / Pixels

"You bring stakeholders to the table and based upon that inventory, you make strategic decisions on what your priorities are for implementation. What is a reasonable time frame for those priorities? And how are you going to proceed in the future? Right? If you can show any ADA auditor, any attorney general, anybody who's coming to look at your community and your program if you can show them that you've done that... You may not have fixed everything. [...] but if you could demonstrate to them good faith, and the fact that you're not brushing it off, then you're going to be fine with any audit that's out there."

Performance metrics for ADA transition plans

For Cities

- Document progress on implementing ADA transition plans
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Lawsuit prevention

For people with disabilities and public

- Easier to access and understand processes
- Understand progress in barrier-removal

Example 1 of Metrics

- Goal 3: Plan and Prioritize Barrier Removal
 - Objective: Manage funding sources
 - Documented alignment of plans, funding sources, and budgets across departments (e.g. public works, transportation, parks and recreation)
 - Annually updated sources and quantity of anticipated revenue expected for the coming year for barrier removal projects

Example 2 of Metrics

- Goal 4: Implement Barrier Removal in the Pedestrian Network
 - Objective: Remove barriers in the pedestrian network as prioritized in the ADA transition plan
 - Met or exceeded goals for increased percentage of accessible pedestrian infrastructure features throughout the whole jurisdiction within specified time frame (e.g., 1 year)
 - Objective: Support and sustain the ADA Coordinator
 - Retained ADA liaison and/or ADA program area representative in each department/division to assist the ADA Coordinator and form a council within internal department

Civic Engagement on Advisory Committees of People with Disabilities

- Considering the importance of having people with disabilities as part of the plan development.

Scoping Review

- Examine the current literature on civic engagement of people with disabilities on advisory committees, their experience, and the factors that impact this form of civic engagement.

Focus Group

- Explore the perceptions of the civic engagement experiences of people with disabilities who are advisory committee members.

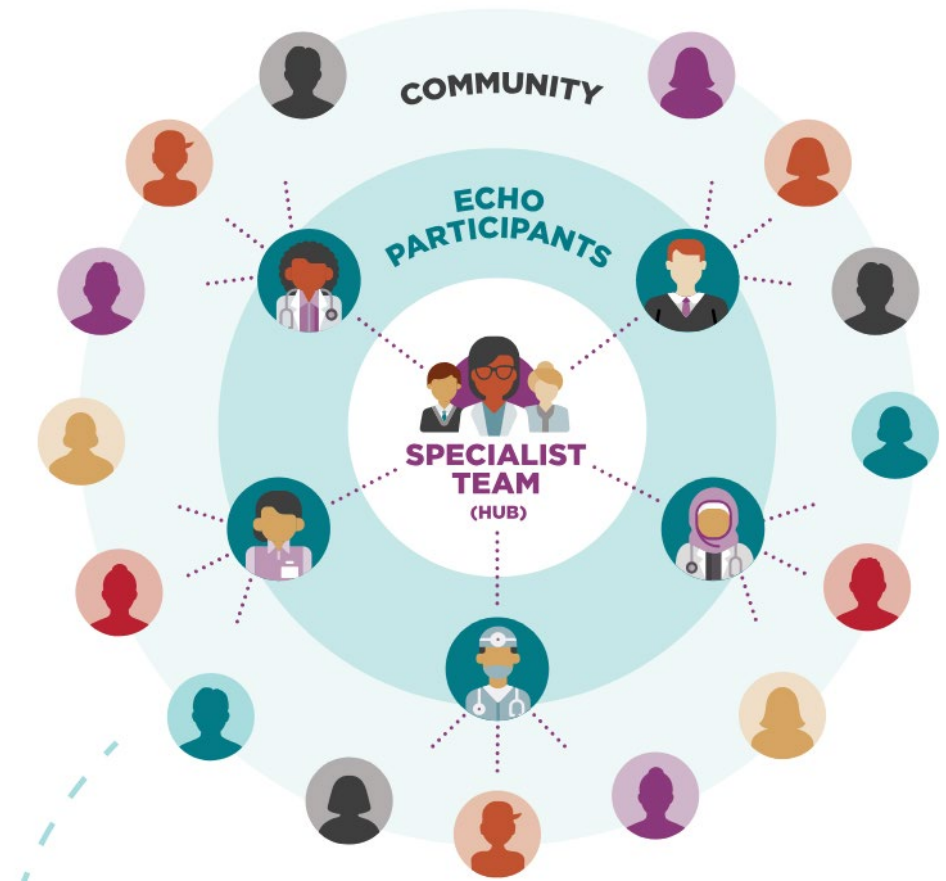
Need for training and on boarding resources

- Developing knowledge around accessibility and policy
 - How policies are being developed
 - How to advocate for changes
 - What are the rights and laws
- Developing communication and social skills
- How could cities better support this engagement?

Next Steps

- Help inform development of the toolkit
- Project ECHO?
- How would you want to stay connected?

Project ECHO



Resources – Great Lakes ADA Center

- Visit adagreatlakes.org/Research/AccessibleCities.asp



Questions and Contact



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