

# ADA Transition Plan Overview

# Background

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits the discrimination of individuals based on disability – this include discrimination of access to public streets, sidewalks and trails.
- Local agencies are required to evaluate its facilities that do not meet the requirements set forth in the ADA, and develop a transition plan for structural changes to facilities that are needed to achieve program accessibility.
- MnDOT and FHWA have made recent efforts to ensure local agencies have ADA Transition Plans.

# Purpose of ADA Transition Plan

- Identify existing facilities within the public road right of way and determine whether they are meet standards for accessibility through a self evaluation.
- Establish ADA design standards for new facilities.
- Develop a plan and schedule for achieving compliance in accordance with the ADA.

# Steps to Compliance

- Step 1:** Designate an ADA Coordinator
- Step 2:** Provide public notice about ADA requirements
- Step 3:** Establish a grievance procedure
- Step 4:** Develop design standards, specifications, and details
- Step 5:** Assign personnel for the development and completion of a Transition Plan
- Step 6:** Approve a schedule and budget to implement the Transition Plan
- Step 7:** Monitor progress on the implementation of the Transition Plan

# Public Notice, Grievance Procedure and ADA Coordinator

- City is required to publish its responsibilities regarding ADA.
- If users of the facilities believe the City is not providing reasonable accommodations, they have the right to file a grievance.
- Grievance procedures and the Discrimination Complaint Form are outlined in Appendix D.
- ADA Coordinator: Dustin Lind, Engineering Supervisor

## Evaluation Inventory

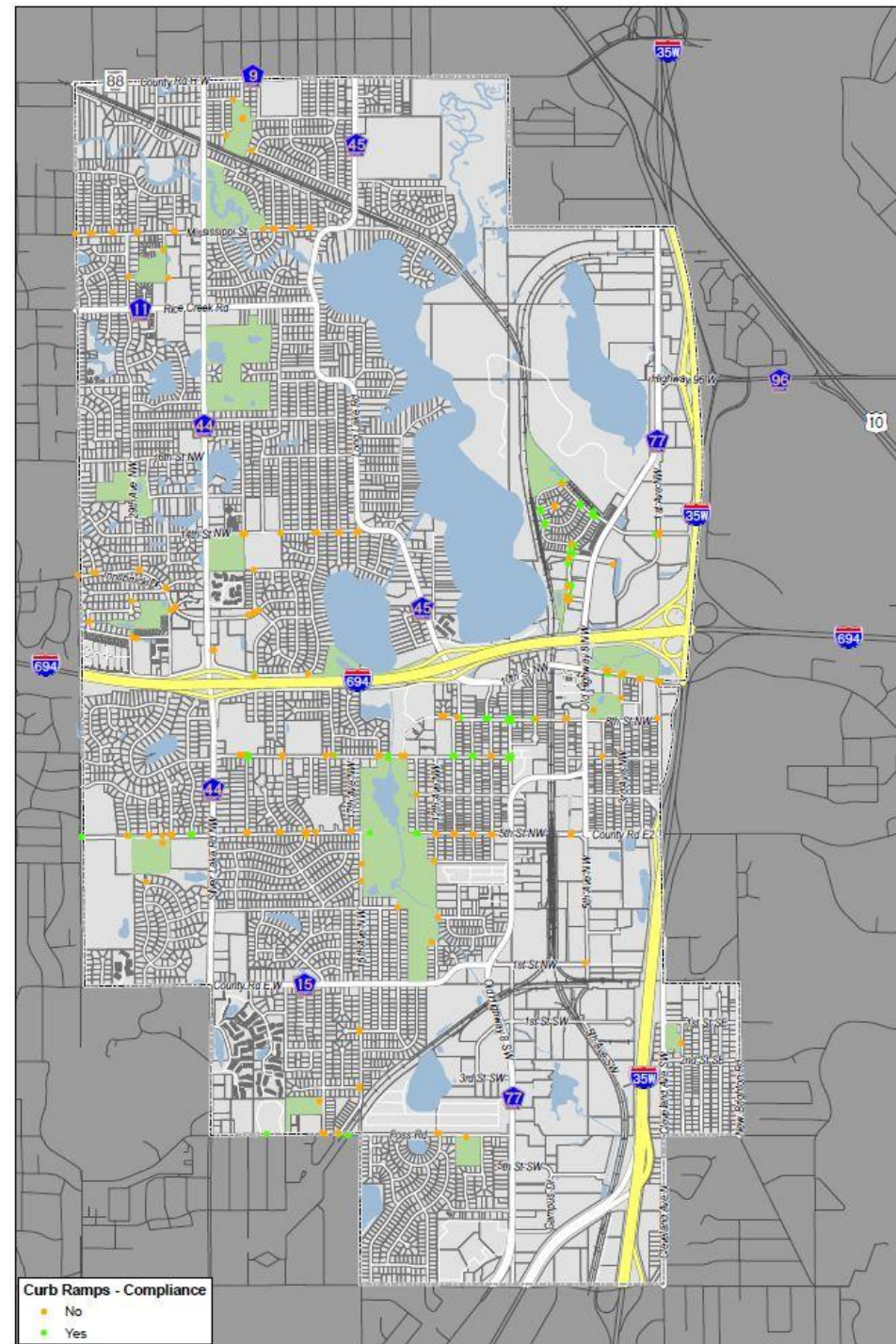
- Evaluation inventory was completed in summer of 2021
- Inventory took place on city streets
  - 10.7 miles of sidewalks
  - 6.6 miles of trails
  - 213 pedestrian curb ramps

## Results of Inventory

- 85% of sidewalks meet accessibility criteria
- 83% of trails meet accessibility criteria
- 29% of curb ramps meet accessibility criteria
- Estimated cost to achieve compliance: \$1,078,916

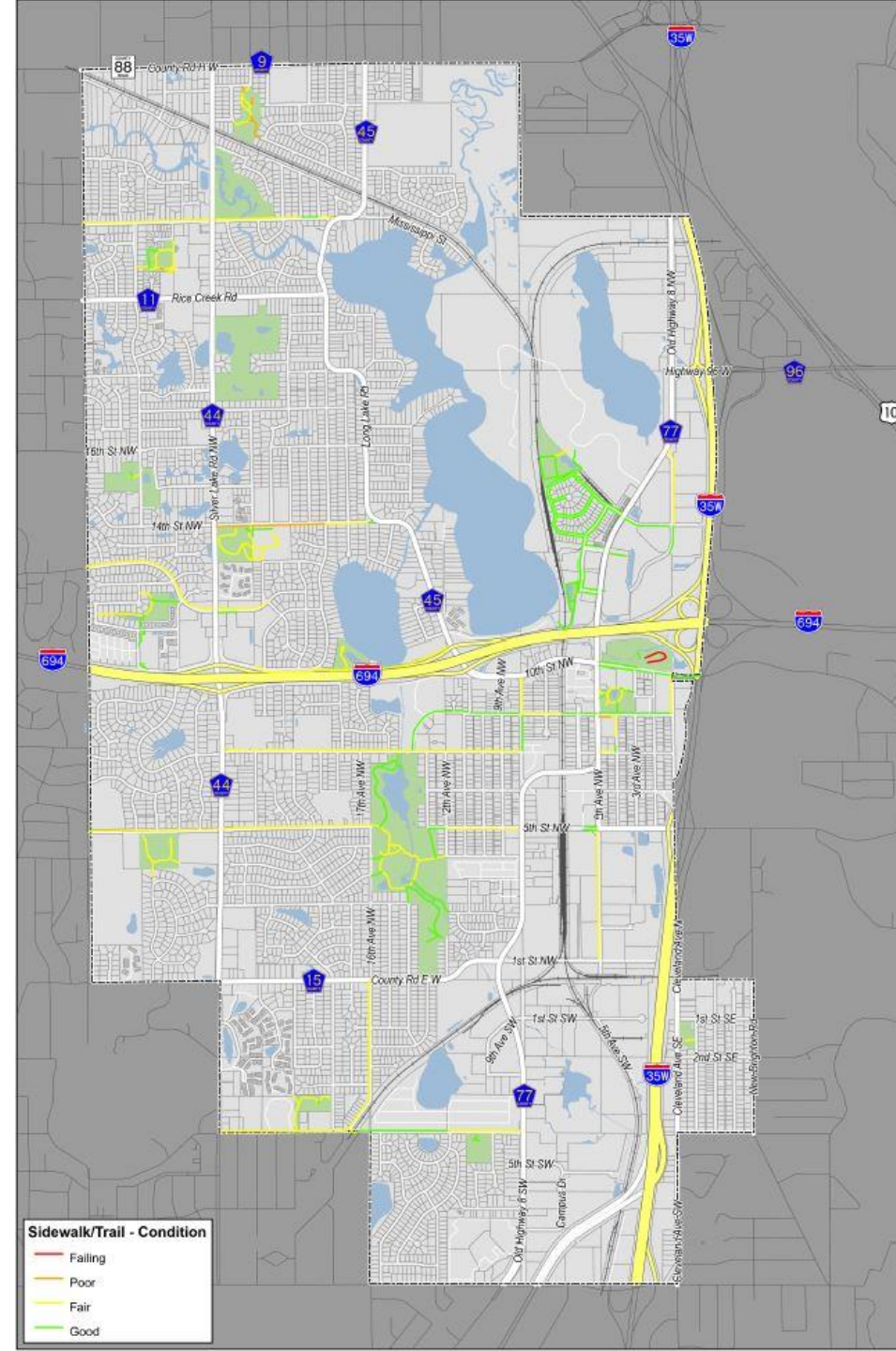
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- 213 curb ramps



## Sidewalks and trails

- 10.7 miles of sidewalks
- 6.6 miles of trails





# Implementation Approach

- Priority areas –
  - Near public buildings/facilities, schools, and commercial centers
  - Any location where an improvement project was constructed after the ADA came into effect but accessibility features were omitted
- Policy approaches:
  - Incorporate improvements into CIP projects
  - All accessibility improvements that have been deemed reasonable will be scheduled in a way that is consistent with transportation priorities
  - The city will coordinate with external agencies to ensure that all new or altered pedestrian facilities are ADA compliant to the maximum extent feasible
- Goal: After 20 years, 80% of pedestrian facilities will be ADA compliant.

# Implementation Approach (cont.)

- Follow ADA design standards and best practices (MnDOT, PROWAG).
- Coordinate with Ramsey County, Metro Transit and MnDOT as their facilities are improved.
- Post Transition Plan online for public review.
- Public input is a key part of on-going plan implementation.
- Re-evaluate plan and inventory every five years.

# Questions?

## ADA Transition Plan