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Accessibility of Pedestrian Facilities within the Public Rights of Way

Local agencies that have control over existing sidewalks or roadways must conduct self-evaluations of their facilities (including pedestrian rights of way) to determine accessibility. If the agency has more than fifty (50) employees, they must also develop a transition plan that details noncompliant features, the method that will be used to remediate them, the time for doing so, and the person responsible for ensuring compliance.

The County has recently completed inventorying the location of sidewalks and multi-use paths within the County. A County wide map of the pedestrian facilities is available at the following web link:

http://gis.citrusbocc.com/viewer.html?service=public/multi_modal_transportation_map

As part of this ADA Transition Plan we will also inventory, inspect and evaluate ADA Curb Ramps within County owned and maintained rights of way to determine/document existing physical barriers and to ensure the existing ramps comply with the Florida DOT Design Standards, Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (a.k.a. the Florida Greenbook) and the Citrus County Land Development Code. If a facility needs to be installed, or if a facility is found not to be in compliance, a work order will be generated and the County will construct/reconstruct the facility to bring it into compliance.

While inventorying, inspecting and constructing transportation facilities the County will refer to the Florida DOT Design Standards, Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (a.k.a. the Florida Greenbook) and the Citrus County Land Development Code for guidance with road and right of way facilities. Additional ADA resources and Toolkits can be found at the FDOT Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ADA / Accessibility Program and at the following website:

<http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm>

During construction of new pedestrian facilities, the County continually inspects the work to assure adherence to the design and completion of the facilities. A project is not closed out until it has been verified that accessible facilities have been completed.

ADA/504 Statement

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and related federal and state laws and regulations forbid discrimination against those who have disabilities. Furthermore, these laws require federal aid recipients and other government entities to take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate the disabled and ensure that their needs are equitably represented in County programs, services and activities.

The County will make every effort to ensure that its facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to those with disabilities. The County will make every effort to ensure that its advisory committees, public involvement activities and all other programs, services and activities include representation by the disabled community and disability service groups.

The County encourages the public to report any facility, program, service or activity that appears inaccessible to the disabled. Furthermore, the County will provide reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals who wish to participate in public involvement events or who require special assistance to access facilities, programs, services or activities. Because providing reasonable accommodation may require outside assistance, organization or resources, the County asks that requests be made at least two (2) calendar days prior to the need for accommodation.

Questions, concerns, comments or requests for accommodation should be made to the County's ADA Contacts:

For County Buildings and Sites:

Charlie Gatto

ADA Coordinator

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For County Roads and Right of Way Facilities:

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Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act & Grievance Procedure

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Citrus County, Florida will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in County access, services, activities, programs or benefits.

The County has developed a web link with the ADA Notice and Grievance Procedure pertaining to access, services, activities, program or benefits regarding County buildings or sites. The web address is <http://www.citrusbocc.com/humanres/ada.htm>.

Complaints pertaining to access, services, activities, program or benefits regarding County Roads or Right of Way Facilities will be addressed under the following grievance procedure.

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Public Roads and Right of Way Facilities
Grievance Procedures under the Americans with Disabilities Act

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in providing services, activities, programs or benefits for accessibility of pedestrian facilities within the public rights of way.

While planning, designing and constructing transportation facilities the County endeavors to comply with the ADA by implementing the Florida DOT Design Standards, Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction and Maintenance for Streets and Highways (a.k.a. the Florida Greenbook) and the Citrus County Land Development Code for road and right of way facilities.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

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Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA/504 Coordinator will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days of the meeting, the ADA/504 Coordinator will respond in writing and where appropriate, in format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the County and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA/504 Coordinator does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response to the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator or his/her designee will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator or his/her designee will respond in writing and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by the ADA/504 Coordinator, appeals to the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator or his/her designee and responses from these two offices will be retained by the County for at least three years.