

Appendix C – Public Outreach

Public outreach for the creation of this document consisted of the following activities:

- Public Hearing – A Public Hearing on the ADA Transition Plan was held at 7:30 P.M. on June 5, 2017 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. There were no members of the public that spoke at the public hearing. However, a letter was received by a constituent regarding ADA matters and can be seen in Appendix C.
- Notice in City Newsletter – A notice was published in the City’s April, May, and June City Newsletter giving the time and the date of the public hearing on the plan. It also provided the City website information to access the electronic version of the plan for review.
- The plan was posted on the City website from April 21st, 2017 to June 4th, 2017. City staff did not receive any feedback besides what was presented in letter form to the council during the public hearing.

The following letter was received and noted as received at the June 5th, 2017 City Council Meeting:

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Brainerd, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, 2017 to hear public comment and recommendations on the City of Brainerd's draft ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan. The draft plan is available for viewing on the City's website at <http://www.ci.brainerd.mn.us/502/ADA-Transition-Plan>. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the draft ADA Transition Plan will be heard at this meeting.

Any individual needing special accommodations please call 828-2307.

Publish Brainerd Dispatch April 21, 2017

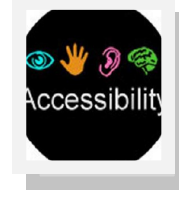
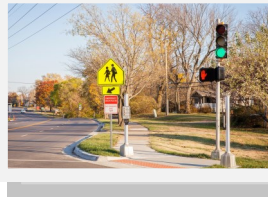
Publish City of Brainerd Website April 21, 2017 - June 4, 2017

City of Brainerd’s Draft ADA Transition Plan is out for Public Comment

A draft of the City of Brainerd’s ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan 2 will be available on the City’s website at www.ci.brainerd.mn.us under the Engineering Department’s homepage starting April 14, 2017. Public Comment will be received at the City Council Meeting on June 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM. A notice of hearing will be published in the Brainerd Dispatch on April 21st.

The adoption of an ADA Transition Plan by all public agencies with greater than or equal to 50 employees is a requirement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) enacted on July 26, 1990. ADA is a civil rights law prohibiting the discrimination against individuals on the basis of a disability. ADA consists of five titles outlining protections in the following areas:

- I. Employment
- II. State and Local Government Services
- III. Public Accommodations
- IV. Telecommunications
- V. Miscellaneous Provisions



Title II of ADA is companion legislation to two other previous federal statutes and regulations: the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Title II of ADA pertains to programs, activities, and services a public entity provides. As a provider of public transportation services and programs, the City of Brainerd must comply with this section of the Act. Title II of ADA provides that “...no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity.”

As required by Title II of ADA, the City of Brainerd has performed self-evaluations of its policies, practices, and programs including current facilities and infrastructure in public rights-of-way and developed this draft transition plan to verify that, in implementing the City’s policies and practices, the departments are providing accessibility and not adversely affecting the full participation of individuals with disabilities.

The City of Brainerd welcomes the public to provide input and recommendations on the draft ADA Transition Plan and will receive, review, and discuss input until June 5, 2017, at which time, a final draft will be prepared and presented to the City Council at the June 19, 2017 meeting.

If you have any questions about the draft ADA Transition Plan or would like to provide feedback or input, please feel free to contact Paul Sandy, Assistant City Engineer at 218-828-2307 or email him at psandy@ci.brainerd.mn.us.

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to: BRAINERD City Council

From: Mary Koep

Subject: Public hearing re. ADA

BRAINERD is a difficult place
for people with disabilities,
glaring deficiencies:

1. Bicycles on sidewalks - Very dangerous
for people using canes, walkers or
unsteady on feet.
Solution: BAN bicycles on sidewalks.
2. PARKS LACK ACCESSABILITY.
3. downtown LACKS adequate
handicapped parking.
4. There should be several handicapped
parking spaces on WASHINGTON ST.
5. Council Chamber LACK Adequate
wheelchair space AND should
have earphones AVAILABLE for
hearing impaired.
6. When Approving handicapped

Parking, city should require
it be as close as possible to site.
EXAMPLE: Washington School
has handicapped parking on the
side with poor accessibility.
Spaces should be in front of
building, closest to doors.

BHS - has handicap parking
but so far from entrance
it is not helpful.

Handicapped parking - Where it
does exist - should be enforced.

Most of the time it seems to
be a joke.