CREEC Consent Decree Update and Tie to ADA Transition Plan

July 21, 2021





### 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PROGRAM



Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Cose No.: 3:18-cv-00869-HZ

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**Annual Report** 

PERFORMANCE BY CATEGORY (2020)		
Number	Category	2020 Performance
1	Survey of City Corners to Identify Curb Ramps That Are Missing or Non-Compliant	On Track
2	ADA Technical Advisors	Done 🗸
3	Curb Ramp Installation and Remediation	Done 🗸
4	Prioritization of Annual Curb Ramp Commitment	On Track
5	Transition Plan	On Track
6	Curb Ramp by Request System	Done 🗸
7	Maintenance	On Track
8	Annual Reporting	On Track
9	Claimant Payments, Attorney Fees, Expenses and Costs	On Track





Consent Decree Requirement

# Hines (CREEC) Settlement Agreement/Consent Decree and its relationship with the Transition Plan by

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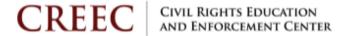
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Via Email Portland City Council

> RE: Letter of Support for PBOT Accessibility Program's Implementation of Consent Decree in Hines et al. v. City of Portland

Dear Members of the Portland City Council:

As counsel for the Plaintiff class in *Hines et al. v. City of Portland*, Case No. 3:18-cv-00869-HZ, we write to express our appreciation of and support for the Portland Bureau of Transportation Accessibility Program's (PBOT) commitment to implementation of the requirements set out by the consent decree. Since entry of that decree in September 2018, PBOT has worked with us in a robust collaborative manner to increase accessibility of Portland's public right-of-way through installation of curb ramps which are compliant with federal accessibility requirements and remediation of existing ramps which do not already meet those requirements. Specifically, since 2018 PBOT has increased accessibility of the public right-of-way by installing and remediating 3,848 curb ramps, nearly 100 more than required by the consent order for this three-year period.

PBOT's submission of its proposed ADA Title II Public Right-of-Way Transition Plan Update to the City Council this month timely fulfills another requirement of the *Hines* consent decree. *Hines* requires that PBOT install/remediate 18,000 curb ramps by 2030; the proposed transition plan ensures that PBOT will continue remediation to address the remaining noncompliant curb ramps after the consent decree has ended.

We appreciate PBOT's ongoing commitment to ensuring an accessible public right-of-way through compliance with *Hines* and beyond. We also are pleased with PBOT's engagement with people with disabilities and other

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stakeholders to obtain input for the plan's goals regarding the entirety of Portland's public right-of-way program including those for accessible curb ramps.

Sincerely,

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### **Letter of Support**







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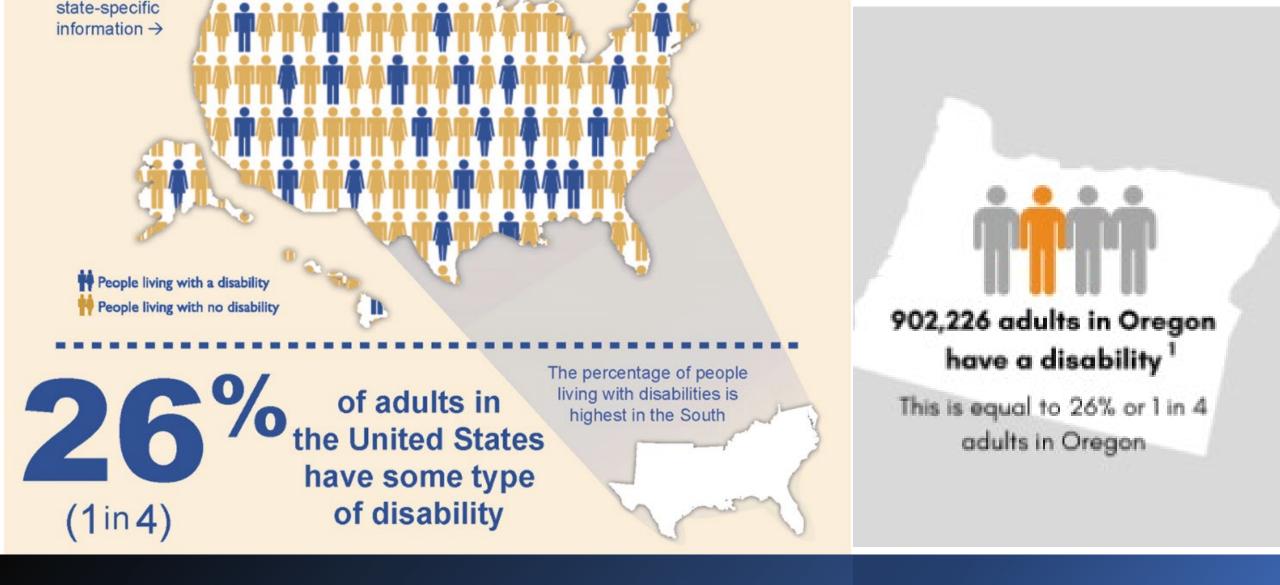


### What is a Transition Plan & Who Has to Have One?

Identifies how an entity will make everything it is responsible for, accessible to everyone.

Any state or local government with 50 or more employees.

Transportation part of the City's transition plan until now.



Adults with Disabilities

Mobility is the most common type of disability



## Timeline and Engagement

Release fully accessible draft plan in 10 safe harbor languages to 150+ organizations

Public comment period with 6 open houses, 13 other presentations, interactive website, survey

Plan updated based on comments, accessibility verified, translation

August 25, 2020

8/25/20 - 11/20/20

Current

# Comment Highlights

- Proactive sidewalk policy
- Consult before, during, after projects
- Schedule to complete
- Equity in historically underserved areas
- Increase accessible parking
- Transit Stops and transit
- Coordination within PBOT & City
- Safety
  - Cars parked too close to corners
  - Lighting
  - Consistency
  - Communication
  - Other uses on sidewalks

### Elements of a Transition Plan

Identify barriers

Removing Barriers

Named Person

Complaint Process

Schedule/ Budget

**PBOT** Responsible for Public Right-of-Way Transportation System Elements

#### **CURB RAMPS**

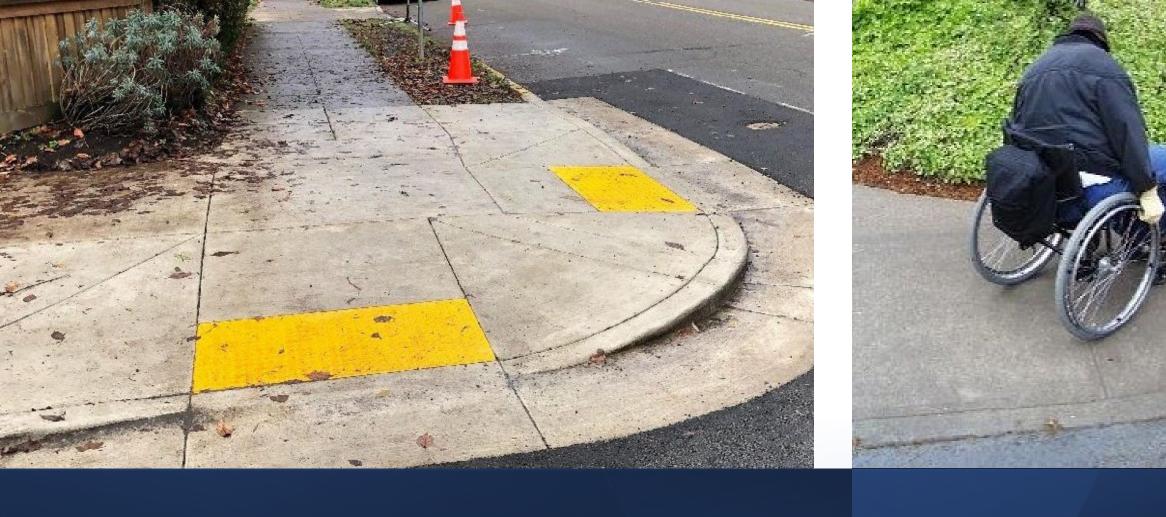
PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

**SIDEWALKS** 

**PARKING** 

TRANSIT STOPS

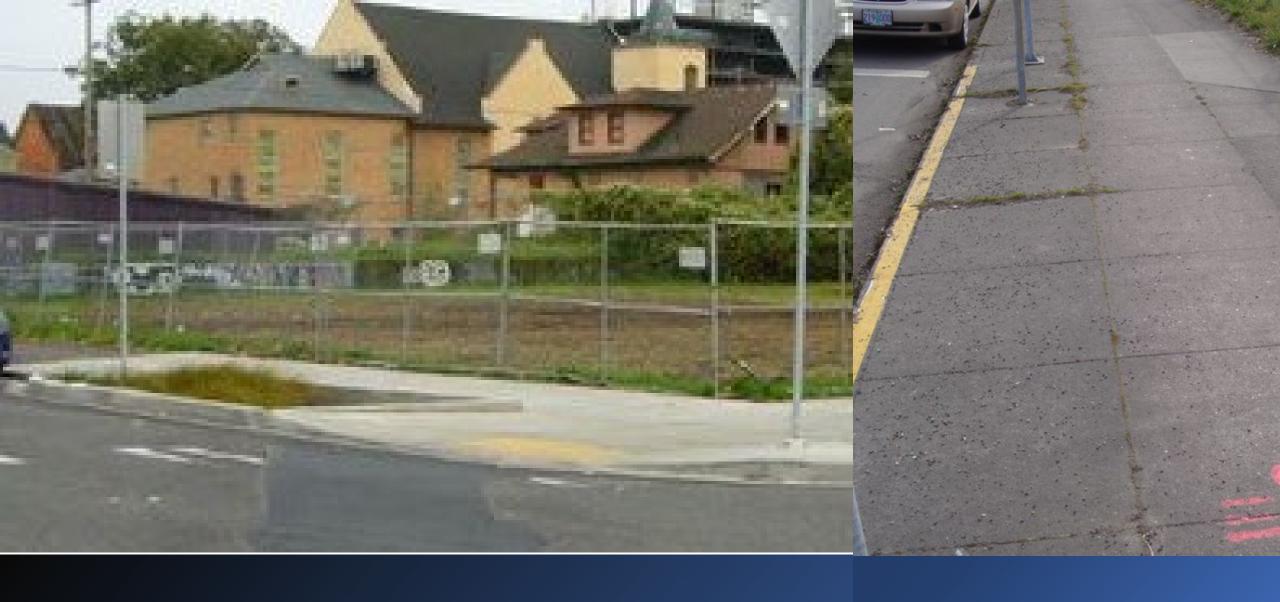
**FULL PROGRAM ACCESS** 



Compliant versus Non-Complaint Curb Ramps



Non-Compliant versus Compliant Pedestrian Signals



Compliant versus Non-Compliant Sidewalks

# What Is Full Program Access?

Buildings
Documents & Forms
Transportation System
Communications
Employment
Meetings



# Implementation

Carry out 20-year implementation schedule

PBOT & other projects move the work of the transition plan

Community engagement

Review policies, practices, procedures

Collaborate with planning/design staff and review project plans

Report annually and update plan every 5-years

# Early Actions



Ensure work included in projects



Evaluate to know more



Review policies and update as needed



**Engage community** 

# Planning for Accessibility



Maintenance
Paving Project
Completes
Curb Ramps



## Developer Project Improves Transit Stop





Before After

# SRTS Crossing





# Accessible Parking Policy Update

- User Focus Groups
- Adding spaces
- Updating policy
  - Location
  - Number
  - Project guidance
  - Van accessible



# Questions?



https://www.portland.gov/transportation/planning/adatransitionplan