

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Accept the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update: Parks Facilities Supplement (Report)

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**Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

The purpose of this legislation is to accept the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update: Parks Facilities Supplement report. This is the first supplemental report to the previously accepted Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Update report. This supplemental report does not change specific City policies.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There are no direct costs to the City as a result of accepting this report. However, Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) and the city will incur costs as they complete the scheduled removal of barriers identified within their facilities. PP&R is responsible for scheduling and completing barrier removal at facilities under their jurisdiction. Removing barriers in a timely manner will require the City and PP&R to obtain additional funding. No staffing changes or positions will be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current fiscal year. At this time no staffing positions are anticipated to be created or eliminated in future years. No changes in financial agreements or obligations are anticipated.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

This report identifies roughly 20,355 physical barriers to persons with disabilities at the City of Portland Parks and Recreation, owned, operated or leased facilities. This report is an effective tool for the City to begin to remove those barriers. It is meant to be a "living" document that is a powerful tool for the City in managing and tracking barrier removal progress. This effort to identify, categorize, schedule and remove barriers to persons with disabilities will result in a more accessible, and equitable City for everyone. The impact will most affect those in the community with disabilities, and our aging populations, by increasing access to PP&R facilities, programs and services. The Portland Commission on Disability played a major role in initiating this report and they have continued to advise, guide and interact with the development of the report along with Parks Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Accessibility in the Built Environment Subcommittee. These groups have been advocates, participated in advisory roles and have assisted in the completion of this report. They have been, and

continue to be, involved in Parks and Recreation updates and review of the progress of the ADA Transition Plan Update. Furthermore, Parks Accessibility Advisory Committee is routinely engaged and updated on the progress of the ADA Transition Plan Update at their regular scheduled meetings. Three “open house” forums were held at various locations throughout the City. A public draft of the ADA Transition Plan Update: Parks Facilities Supplement was made available online at City websites, and at four locations: The Office of Equity & Human Rights office, Parks and Recreation Office, Midland Library, and St. Johns Library. Public comment was solicited at each of the open house forums, and online. Staff did receive written and online comments. These comments were reviewed by staff and will be added to the ADA Transition Plan Update: Parks Facilities Supplement. PP&R received 12 comments on the Parks ADA Transition Plan supplement. In summary, all of those who commented on the plan felt that over time the PP&R ADA Transition Plan would increase accessibility in parks and facilities. Some commenters encouraged PP&R to continue looking for ways to make parks and facilities more inclusive, and to continue going beyond ADA minimums in designing new spaces. Some commenters indicated specific barriers that prevented their use of pools or playgrounds, illustrating the need for PP&R to address these barriers. At this time it is uncertain who or which groups might testify on September 9, 2015.

### Budgetary Impact Worksheet

**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount