

**Community Outreach Meeting**

Date: June 12, 2008  
Meeting No.: 3

**Re: City of Santa Barbara (CSB) ADA Survey, Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Updates, Accessibility Training Program**

**Location:** Pilgrim Terrace Cooperative Homes - 649 Pilgrim Terrace Drive  
**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

**Attendees:** Kristy Schmidt, City Administrator’s Office – ADA Coordinator  
John Ewasiuk, Public Works Director  
Christine F. Andersen, Public Works Director  
George Estrella, Chief Building Official  
Sarah Hanna, Parks and Recreation  
Traci Alvarez, Public Works Administrative Assistant  
Sarita King, Public Works Administrative Specialist  
Bonnie Elliott, President of AACCS Committee  
Gilda Puente-Peters, Gilda Puente-Peters Architects, (GPPA)  
Members of the community – see attached list

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The following items were discussed and decisions made:

*Items Discussed*

**1. Introductions**

Kristy Schmidt, ADA Coordinator welcomed all members of the community that attended this meeting to provide their valuable input in the prioritization process of this Transition Plan update as well as staff members representing different City departments.

**2. Project Overview**

- Summary of ADA Transition Plan and Self-evaluation updates. Gilda Puente-Peters, the City’s Accessibility Consultant, with a PowerPoint presentation summarized the project methodology and findings.

- What did we learn during this project interactive process. Kristy Schmidt, ADA Coordinator described what City staff learned during the process of developing the City's ADA Transition Plan and Self-evaluation updates. City staff got a better understanding of "Program Accessibility" a key concept and requirement for existing Title II facilities under the ADA. Another area was how to recognize physical barriers to access and what it will take to become a "Barrier Free" city.

### 3. Public Input Meetings – Actions by City

- Results of two previous public input meetings and actions by the City  
Gilda Puente-Peters gave an overview of the comments received by the public in the previous public outreach meetings, and informed the attendees, that these comments were incorporated in the Transition Plan.

### 4. Interface with Accessibility Advisory Committee to Staff (AACS)

- Interface with AACS  
Kristy Schmidt, indicated that the ACCS committee has become more active as a result of this ADA Transition Plan update, and that she, as the ADA Coordinator now attends the AACS committee meeting.
- Changes at the AACS  
Kristy Schmidt mentioned that there is one vacant position at the AACS committee, so interested persons should submit an application. It was also mentioned that the AACS meetings are open to the public, so everyone is welcome to attend and participate at these meetings.

### 5. Summary of Project Outcome

- ADA Transition Plan  
Gilda Puente-Peters summarized the project outcome, indicating that now the City has an extensive database that includes all physical barriers to access for the 9 priority facilities. Staff when altering existing facilities should use these Accessibility Survey Reports. Based on the survey findings and the program accessibility analysis, a prioritization of barrier removal took place. The City has a separate database that includes all barriers to program access prioritized as A-high priority, and also priorities B and C that are barriers of medium to low priority which will enhance accessibility and move towards a barrier free environment for the public areas where programs, services and activities are offered. A schedule for implementation for priority A was developed and also for priorities A, B and C.

Another outcome of this project are the general accessibility survey reports for 139 facilities and their program accessibility forms. For these facilities, a ranking within each department and an overall ranking of the General Fund facilities is included in the Transition Plan report.

- Self-evaluation

The Self-evaluation update included the development of a compliance structure, and developed a list of local disability contacts. The City's website was analyzed for compliance with Section 504. The ADA Notice and Grievance Policy was updated as well as New Communication Assistance Request Policy.

Recommendations were provided to update the Pedestrian Master Plan, Meetings and events policy and practices in City facilities, Contracting and purchasing, maintenance of accessible features and accessibility signage.

## **6. Strategy for Implementation and Monitoring of the Transition Plan**

- Yearly budgeting and prioritizing projects.

The implementation of the Transition Plan entails the budgeting process that will include barrier removal budgeting every two-years and also projections for the six-year plans.

- Involvement of Accessibility Advisory Committee to Staff (AACS) throughout the implementation process.

The AACS committee as well as public input will be welcomed in this ADA Transition Plan budgeting and prioritization process. Adjustments to the plan will be made during the life of the project, to reflect current needs and priorities sought by the community.

- Monitoring of the Transition Plan

It is very important to monitor the barrier removal progress, by marking the implementation column in the Transition Plan reports for the 9 detailed facilities. It is also important to keeping track of changes to facilities with general evaluations only.

- How to stay engaged

Participating in the AACS committee meetings or letting staff know of issues that are of priority in terms of accessibility to City's programs, services, and activities.

**7. Public Input regarding Transition Plan Priorities**

- Gather public input regarding the Transition Plan and major physical or programmatic barriers to access the City's programs, services, and activities. *The list below is a summary of the input received from persons with disabilities regarding additional priority barrier removal items and general comments:*
  1. Barrier - Sidewalk on Bath Street between Junipero & Mission Street
  2. Share our Transition Plan with the County and other cities in the area
  3. Bonnie Elliott recommends 7 AACS members
  4. A tree barrier was reported to the City and handled with a one day turn around
  5. Access from Rose Garden to Museum
  6. Mission Street has very serious barriers - it is currently under construction for a bikeway project
- Questions and Answers