The City of Union City is in the process of updating its current ADA Transition Plan, which will document the improvements made since the 2010 Update and will identify deficiencies that still remain. The updated Plan will be used as a guide for making physical improvements to facilitate accessibility in the public right-of-way for persons with disabilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that a City’s ADA Transition Plan identify the hindrances encountered by the disabled in its public access system and prioritize projects and formulate strategies for transitioning to a fully accessible City.

The Transition Plan Update addresses three (3) main types of deficiencies to improve mobility in the public roadway system, consisting of Wheelchair Ramps, Sidewalks and Traffic Signals. Access issues within public parks and other public buildings and facilities may also be addressed in the Transition Plan Update.

The Plan is being updated after completing a field survey of existing facilities, including improvements completed since the last Plan update, to determine the deficiencies in the public infrastructure system that remain. The updated Plan outlines a strategy for making improvements considering several factors such as the extent of deficiencies, identified needs, proximity to certain facilities, requests and complaints by the community, available budget and a realistic schedule.

For example, street corners were surveyed to determine the locations where there are no wheelchair ramps or where they no longer conform to the current ADA standards. Similarly, field surveys were used along with existing databases to arrive at locations where sidewalks are non-existent, are not wide enough for wheelchair access due to the presence of poles, posts or other obstruction or are simply broken or too steep for the wheelchairs to negotiate. Traffic signals were also analyzed to see if the Pedestrian Push Buttons were within easy reach of persons in wheelchairs and to see if the pedestrian signals had timers, etc.

The City of Union City would like your input in updating its Transition Plan as well as be notified of any access related deficiencies that you may know of on an ongoing basis. We will add such information to our data base and address these in the next relevant City project. If any suggestions, comments or specific deficiencies are brought to City’s attention by Dec. 6, 2016, they will be evaluated for inclusion in the Plan prior to its adoption by the City Council on Dec. 13, 2016. If you are unable to attend the City Council meeting which will begin at 7 PM, you may relay any comments to Farooq Azim, Principal Civil Engineer, at (510) 675-5368 or preferably via e-mail at Fazim@UnionCity.Org. You may also send the comments or suggestion by mail to the Public Works Dept., City of Union City, 34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587.

The City appreciates your effort and thanks you in advance for your contribution to the City’s 2016 Update to ADA Transition Plan.

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