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Mayor Madden Announces Release of City of Troy's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to Promote, Expand Accessibility to City Services, Facilities

Transition plan serves as road-map for development and implementation of changes to increase access to city facilities, programs, and activities

Plan developed in collaboration and communication with people with disabilities in the Troy community

Mayor Madden: development of Troy's first transition plan is critical to city's efforts to expand accessibility for all members of our community

TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the release of the City of Troy's first-ever Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan, part of the administration's efforts to promote inclusion and accessibility for all people in the Collar City. The release of the transition plan comes on the 29th anniversary of the ADA being signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26th, 1990.

Mayor Madden said, "The development of Troy's first transition plan is critical to our city's efforts to expand accessibility for all members of our community. The feedback and expertise from members of Troy's disability community remain essential to this ongoing process. With the first phase of this important process complete, we look forward to continued collaboration on how best to implement positive changes and

initiatives which advance the objectives of the Americans with Disabilities Act in our community."

Conducted in collaboration and communication with people with disabilities in the Troy community, the process included a department-level inventory and review of existing policies and practices which served as a road-map for the development and implementation of the transition plan. In 2018, the city announced the formation of an ADA Review Group to assist in the City's ongoing self-evaluation process. The self-evaluation process helps determine the accessibility of public facilities and identify barriers which limit access or participation of individuals with disabilities from City programs or activities. The review group included local disability advocates, former elected officials, and individuals with disabilities from the Troy community.

Members of the City of Troy's ADA Review Group included:

Denise Figueroa – Executive Director, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
Sandy VanEck – Director of Innovation and Design, Arc of Rensselaer County
Robert Doherty – former Troy City Councilmember, District 4
Cliff Perez – Systems Advocate, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley
John Salka – ADA Coordinator, City of Troy

Feedback gathered at various city-owned facilities was compiled in the transition plan, including recommendations to change or expand accessibility for a variety of city services and locations. Information compiled in the transition plan will help the city plan for future improvements to accessibility. The city's ADA transition plan will continuously be updated to ensure compliance with changes or updates.

The plan also identifies additional locations for review and evaluation, and outlines ongoing projects, including website compliance, technology upgrades to broaden program accessibility, and completion of a citywide sidewalk assessment.

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of soliciting public comment regarding the ADA Transition Plan. A date and time for the hearing will be announced at a future date. Written comments will be accepted prior to the hearing. Any written comments about, or suggestions/additions to, the transition plan may be directed to the ADA Coordinator:

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For more information, or to view the city's draft ADA transition plan, please visit www.troyny.gov/ADA

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