

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Commission Meeting
Room 190
One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ

Minutes from Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Resolution R2015-047 that one or more members of the ADA Commission may participate telephonically. Voting procedures will remain as required by the Yuma City Charter and other applicable laws.

A. Call to Order

Chairman McClendon called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

B. Administrative Items

1. Roll Call - Kathryn Roman, ADA Liaison, followed with roll call.

- Commissioners Present: Virginia Avelar, Jessica Drake, Jason Giard, Leslie McClendon
- Commissioners Absent: Bill Mowczko
- Staff Members Present: Jay Simonton, City Administrator; Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Administrator; Jen Miller, Communications Manager; Dave Wostenberg, Director of Engineering; Steve Wilson, Assistant Director of Engineering; John LeSueur, Assistant city Attorney; Randy Crist, Director of Building Safety; Kathryn Roman, Administrative Specialist.

2. Approval of Minutes - Motion (Giard/Drake) to approve Minutes of January 28, 2025.
Voice vote: Motion carried (4-0)

C. Overview of ADA Survey Results

Erin Eurek, of Kimley Horn, presented an overview of the recent ADA survey results and explained how the data will be utilized in the City's ADA planning and prioritization process. *(Presentation attached to minutes.)*

D. Update on ADA Transition Plan- Status, Prioritization Process, and Next Steps

Simonton provided an update on the City's ADA Transition Plan, including the current status and the prioritization process underway. Staff is reviewing facility reports and will present a draft list of high-priority projects to the Commission at a future meeting. *(Presentation attached to minutes.)*

E. ADA Presentation from Building Safety

Crist gave a presentation on how the Building Safety Department incorporates accessibility into its work. He noted that while the City has historically relied on the 2010 ADA regulations and standards, the recently adopted 2024 International Building Code (IBC) includes more current and detailed accessibility requirements. These updates—reviewed extensively by the Building Advisory Board—address changes in wheelchair dimensions, restroom layouts, adult changing stations, power-operated doors, and accessible routes in multi-story buildings. Crist emphasized that Chapter 11 of the IBC and ICC A117.1 now guide new construction projects

and are easier to interpret than older standards. He also described the City's ADA inspection protocols, including verification of accessible paths, ramps, restrooms, and parking features. (Presentation attached to minutes.)

F. Future Meeting Topics/Guest Speakers

Chairman McClendon and Reichelt invited Commissioners to suggest future agenda items and guest speakers. Commissioners expressed interest in:

- Presentations from community stakeholders
- ADA-focused trainings
- Clarification of common ADA-related terms and acronyms
- Development of Commission bylaws

Staff shared that ADA-related comments/concerns submitted through Yuma Click & Fix will be shared in writing with Commissioners at each meeting.

G. Call to the Public

Chairman McClendon noted that the Commission will follow the same public comment protocols as the City Council.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- **Pamela Clark** – Owner of Desert Mobility; offered her storefront as a resource hub for ADA outreach.
- **Don Paulsen** – Requested increased enforcement of accessible/handicap parking regulations.
- **Alexis Liggett** – Raised concerns about the need for maintenance of Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) surfacing to remain ADA-compliant.
- **Mark Rummel** – Provided photographs documenting ADA-related concerns across the city, including missing ramps, railings, and accessible intersections.

H. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the City of Yuma does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services. For information regarding rights and provisions of the ADA or Section 504, or to request reasonable accommodations for participation in City programs, activities, or services contact: ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, City of Yuma Human Resources Division, One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364; (928) 373-5125 or TTY (928) 373-5149.

The Commission may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

APPROVED:


Leslie McClendon, Chairman


Date



ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Update

4/22/25



Kimley»»Horn





Public Outreach Update

- Advertisement Efforts
- Online Survey Results
- Online Mapping Tool Results
- How will survey/mapping results be used?
- Ongoing Public Input/Outreach
- Why Ongoing Outreach is Essential

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Temporary ADA Survey Banner on ADA Commission Webpage



"See Click & Fix" Banner on ADA Commission Webpage




Advertisement at DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS



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Your input will guide the 2025 ADA Transition Plan, ensuring Yuma's programs, facilities, and services are accessible to all.

SURVEY OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 28



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LEARN MORE AT YumaAZ.gov/ADA

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AYÚDANOS CON LA PUESTA DE ACCESIBILIDAD DE LA CIUDAD DE YUMA

Opinión es importante para el Plan de ADA 2025. Queremos asegurarnos de que programas, instalaciones y servicios en Yuma sean accesibles para todos.

PARTICIPA ANTES DEL 28 DE FEBRERO






Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. Title II of the ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in all programs, activities, and services of public entities and requires state and local governments to complete an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to identify and remediate barriers to access. The City of Yuma is currently updating their ADA Self-Evaluation and Plan which will guide the City in removing barriers to access over the next several years.

For More Information About The Yuma Self-Evaluation and ADA Transition Plan Contact:

Robert Duffy, ADA/504 Coordinator
Environmental and Safety Program Manager

Human Resources
City Hall, One City Place Yuma, AZ 85364
Office: 928-373-5125





Estadounidenses con discapacidades (ADA) Autoevaluación y Plan de Transición

La Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés) es una ley de derechos civiles que prohíbe la discriminación contra las personas con discapacidades en todas las áreas de la vida pública, incluidos los trabajos, las escuelas, el transporte y todos los lugares públicos y privados que están abiertos al público en general. El propósito de la ley es garantizar que las personas con discapacidades tengan los mismos derechos y oportunidades que todos los demás. El Título II de la ADA prohíbe la discriminación contra las personas calificadas con discapacidades en todos los programas, actividades y servicios de las entidades públicas y requiere que los gobiernos estatales y locales completen un Plan de Autoevaluación y Transición de la ADA para identificar y remediar las barreras de acceso. La Ciudad de Yuma está actualizando su Autoevaluación y Plan de ADA que guiará a la Ciudad en la eliminación de barreras de acceso durante los próximos años.

Para obtener más información sobre la autoevaluación de Yuma y el plan de transición de la ADA, comuníquese con:

Robert Duffy, ADA/504 Coordinator
Gerente del Programa de Medio Ambiente y Seguridad

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Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

The City of Yuma is seeking input from interested persons to participate in the updating of the City's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Feedback can be provided by completing an online survey or using an online map. QR codes and URLs for both methods are provided at the bottom of this page. The online survey allows the public to identify specific locations or facilities where barriers to access exist and to provide feedback on how the City is doing related to program accessibility. The online map is interactive and allows the public to identify specific locations or facilities where barriers to access exist. Feedback received prior to February 28, 2025, will be incorporated into the 2025 ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Feedback received after that time will be incorporated into the next Plan update.

Learn More:
<https://www.yumaz.gov/government/engineering/americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-commission>


We Want Your Input:

Scan or Click Here to Take Our Survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Yuma-ADA-Transition-Plan>

Locate Areas of Concern on Our Map:
<https://wikimapping.com/Yuma-ADA-Transition-Plan.html>




The information provided by you in developing the ADA Transition Plan please visit the City's website or complete a grievance.
<https://www.yumaz.gov/government/engineering/americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-commission>



Estadounidenses con discapacidades (ADA) Autoevaluación y Plan de Transición



La Ciudad de Yuma está buscando la opinión de las personas interesadas para participar en la actualización del Plan de Autoevaluación y Transición de la ADA de la Ciudad. Los comentarios se pueden proporcionar completando una encuesta en línea o utilizando un mapa en línea. Los códigos QR y las URL de ambos métodos se proporcionan en la parte inferior de esta página. El sitio web La encuesta permite al público identificar ubicaciones o instalaciones específicas donde existen barreras para el acceso y proporcionar comentarios sobre cómo le está yendo a la Ciudad en relación con la accesibilidad del programa. El mapa en línea es interactivo y permite al público identificar ubicaciones o instalaciones específicas donde existen barreras de acceso. Los comentarios recibidos antes del 28 de febrero de 2025 se incorporarán al Plan de Autoevaluación y Transición de la ADA de 2025. Los comentarios recibidos después de ese tiempo se incorporarán a la próxima actualización del Plan.

Aprende más:
<https://www.yumaz.gov/government/engineering/americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-commission>

Queremos su opinión:

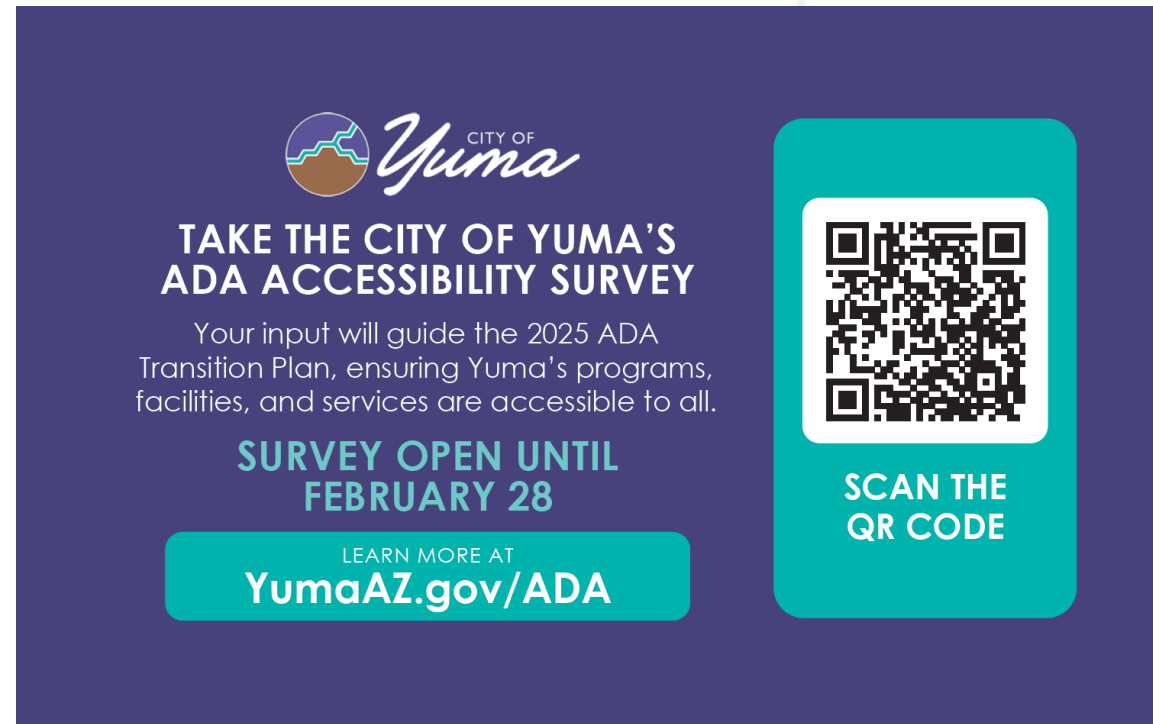
Escanee o haga clic aquí para realizar nuestra encuesta:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Yuma-ADA-Transition-Plan>

Localice las áreas de interés en nuestro mapa:
<https://wikimapping.com/Yuma-ADA-Transition-Plan.html>

RENUNCIA:
La información proporcionada por los encuestados solo se utilizará para el propósito de desarrollar el Plan de Transición de la ADA. Para presentar una queja formal de la ADA ante la Ciudad de Yuma, visite el sitio web de la Ciudad y siga las instrucciones del procedimiento de queja para completar un formulario de queja en línea o denuncie por correo electrónico.
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Advertisement via “Business Cards”



The image shows a business card for the City of Yuma's ADA Accessibility Survey. The card has a dark blue background with white and teal text. At the top left is the City of Yuma logo. The main text reads: 'TAKE THE CITY OF YUMA'S ADA ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY'. Below this is a paragraph: 'Your input will guide the 2025 ADA Transition Plan, ensuring Yuma's programs, facilities, and services are accessible to all.' The survey end date is 'SURVEY OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 28'. A teal button contains the text 'LEARN MORE AT YumaAZ.gov/ADA'. On the right side, there is a QR code on a teal background with the text 'SCAN THE QR CODE' below it.

*ADA Survey Business Card
Distributed by ADA Commission*



Other Advertisement Efforts

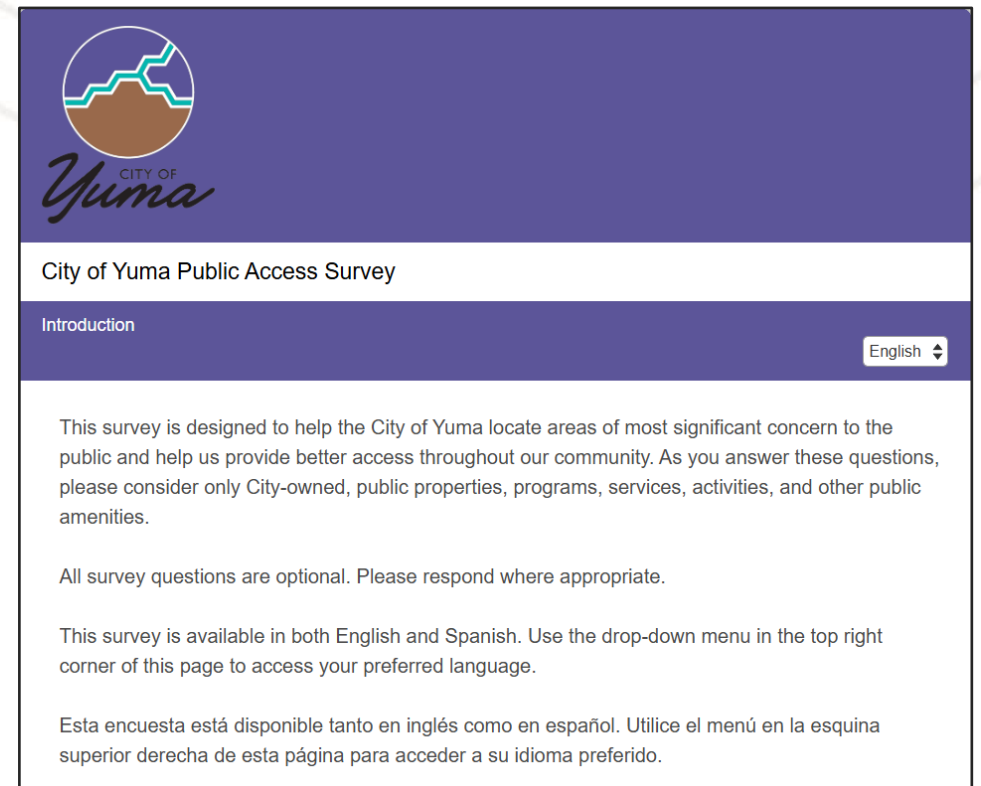
- News Release
- Social Media
- ADA Commission Public Service Announcement (<https://yumaaz.canto.com/b/KKS4E>)
- Coordination with disability advocates, individuals with disabilities, and other stakeholders as part of 1/28/25 ADA Commission Meeting



Online Survey

- Available in both English and Spanish
- 23-question survey
- Topics
 - City buildings/recreational facilities
 - City parks
 - City public rights-of-way
 - City programs, services, and activities
- 126 respondents

Online Survey Homepage with English/Spanish Language Toggle





Which of these City of Yuma buildings or recreational facilities do you visit regularly?

Location	Percent of Respondents that Visit Location Regularly
Historic Yuma Civic Center	53%
Yuma Theatre	44%
City Hall	41%
Yuma Art Center	38%
Valley Aquatic Center	32%



Building/Recreational Facility Results

- Majority of respondents did not have any issues with physical barriers, communication barriers, or other accessibility-related challenges in City-owned buildings/recreational facilities
- **Recurring Accessibility Concerns:**
 - Lack of available accessible parking spaces
 - Lack of accessible routes
 - Lack of adult changing tables
- **Other Concerns:** Signs that are faded or difficult to read

Which of these City of Yuma parks do you visit regularly?

Location	Percent of Respondents that Visit Location Regularly
West Wetlands Park	62%
Smucker Memorial Park	41%
Gateway Park	36%
Pacific Avenue Athletic Complex	35%
Caballero Park	27%



City Park Results

- Majority of respondents did not have any issues with physical barriers, communication barriers, or other accessibility-related challenges within City-owned parks
- **Recurring Accessibility Concerns**
 - Lack of available accessible parking spaces
 - Lack of accessible routes
 - Lack of maintenance for existing routes
 - Wood chips in playgrounds not accessible for wheelchairs



City Public Rights-of-Way Results

- Majority of respondents did not have any issues with physical barriers, lack of curb ramps at crossings, or crossings at signalized intersections
- **Recurring Accessibility Concerns**
 - Damaged or obstructed sidewalk
 - Inaccessible push buttons
- **Other Concerns**
 - Lack of shelters and benches at bus stops
 - Lack of time to cross signalized intersections

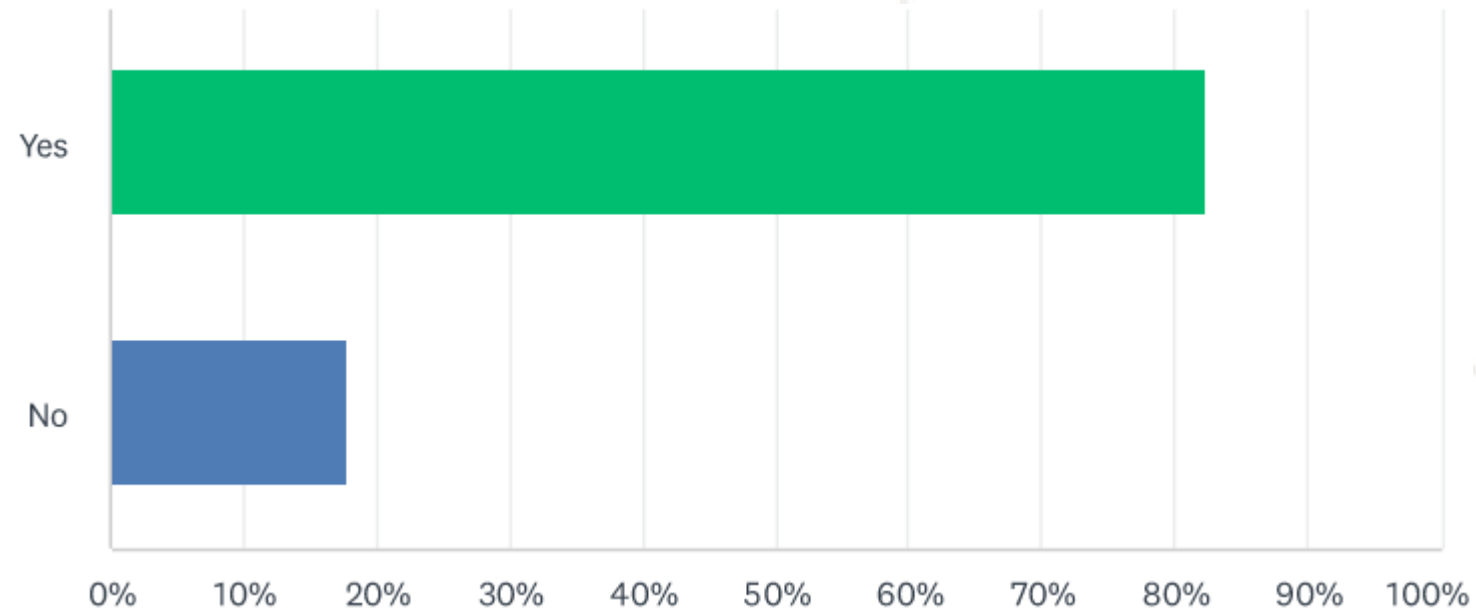


City Program, Services, and Activities Results

- Majority of respondents did not have any issues with participating in programs, services or activities sponsored by the City
- **Recurring Accessibility Concerns:** None submitted
- **Other Concerns**
 - Need more information/publicity for events
 - Lack of public transportation

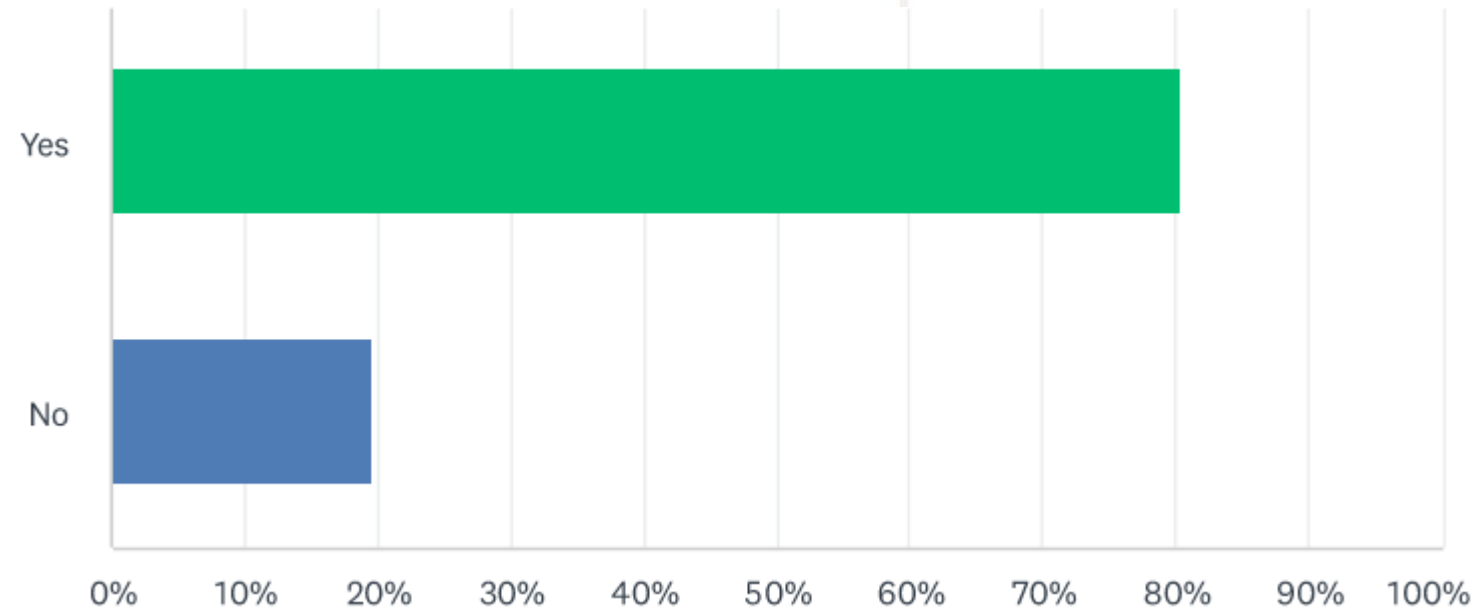


Are you able to obtain available information from the City of Yuma website?





Are you able to obtain available information from the City of Yuma social media sites?





Overall Feedback Regarding Accessibility

- Majority of respondents feel the City of Yuma is accommodating of persons with disabilities
- The City resolves needs once identified and is improving on accessibility
- Respondents rated both City public amenities and City programs, services, and activities a 3.3 out of 5 overall

3.3★
average rating



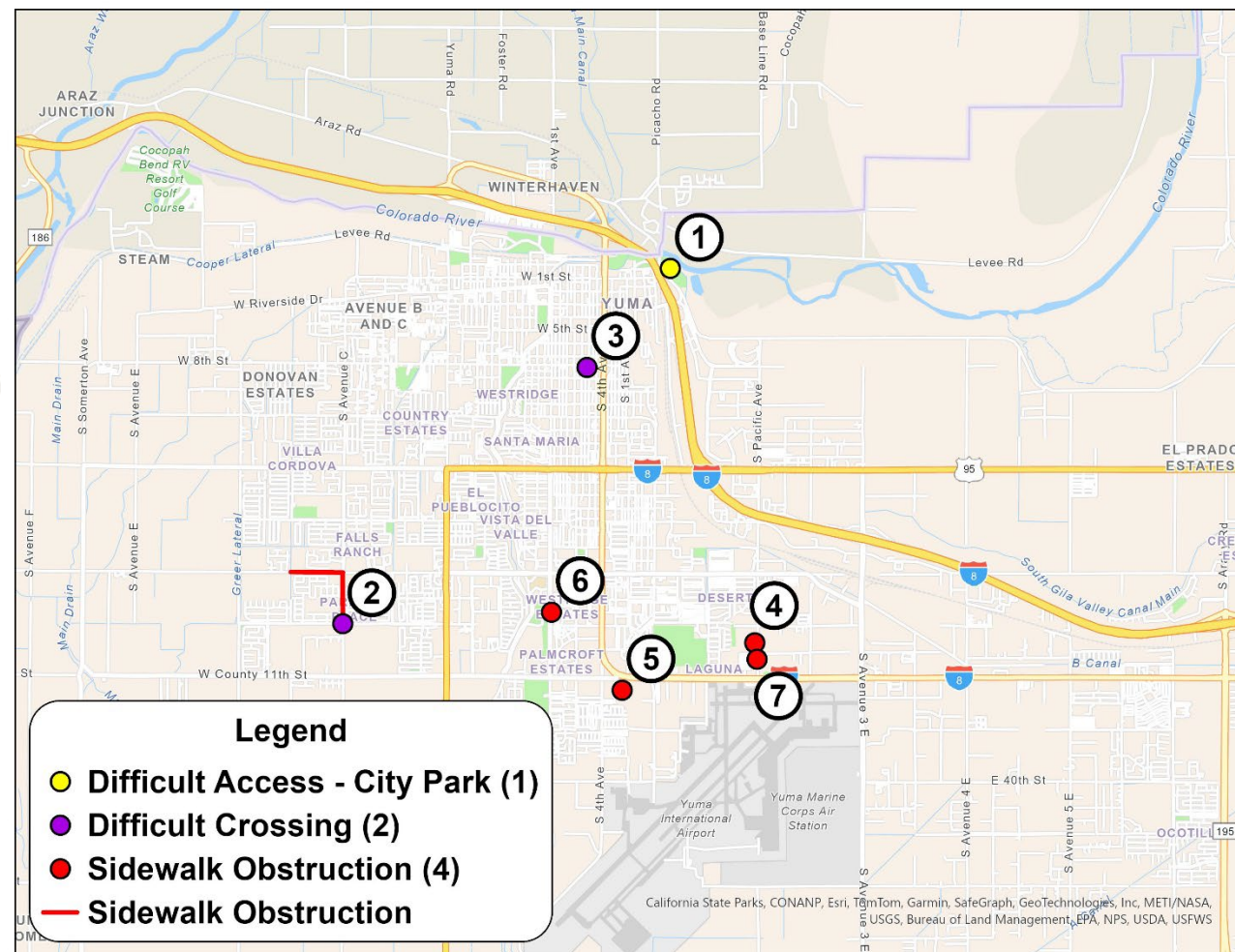


(OPTIONAL) Which of the following describes you? (Click all options that apply to you and enter any relevant details you would like to share)

Demographic	Percentage of Respondents
I am a resident of the City of Yuma	75%
I'm a person with one or more disabilities	38%
I have a family member with one or more disabilities but I'm not their caregiver	33%
I am a caregiver for a person with one or more disabilities	19%
I live in the Yuma area, but reside outside the City limits of Yuma	14%
I have clients who have one or more disabilities	9%
None of these choices describe me	0%

Online Mapping Tool

Issue ID	Comment
1	Restroom ramp too steep
2	Pedestrians cannot easily get across let alone handicapped persons
3	Missing sidewalks on Pacific Avenue
4	Missing sidewalks on 32nd Street
5	Missing sidewalks on Avenue A
6	Need HAWK signal at 8th Street and 6th Avenue so highschoolers and pedestrians can cross 8th Street
7	Missing sidewalks Pacific Avenue connecting 32nd Street to the Walmart





How will the survey/mapping results be used?

- Identify and prioritize accessibility barriers across City spaces
- Guide planning and budgeting for future ADA improvements
- Inform Council decisions on capital projects and policy
- Support ADA Commission recommendations and ongoing oversight
- Align City efforts with community accessibility needs



Ongoing Public Input/Outreach

- The survey is just the beginning – continue outreach through events and meetings
- Gather input regularly at public events and Commission meetings
- Engage stakeholders to reach broader and underrepresented communities
- Share updates and progress to promote transparency
- Keep the conversation going to build trust and support long-term improvements



Why Ongoing Outreach is Essential

Continued community engagement ensures that the ADA Commission remains responsive, informed, and focused on the needs of those most impacted by accessibility barriers

Ongoing public input helps guide meaningful change and reinforces the City's commitment to inclusion for all.



Questions?





City of Yuma ADA Transition Plan Update

April 22, 2025



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ADA Transition Plan Next Steps

- Review all facility and roadway reports completed by Kimley-Horn
- Catalog and analyze all identified ADA barriers
- Rank and prioritize issues based on safety, public access, and feasibility
- Collaborate with department directors to assess scope and timing
- Present draft list of high-priority projects to the ADA Commission for review and feedback (July meeting)
- Finalize FY 2026 ADA work plan based on input and funding considerations

City's Project Ranking Criteria

- **Public Safety** – Does the barrier pose a safety risk to users?
- **Access to Public Services/Programs** – Does it limit access to City programs or facilities?
- **Ingress/Egress** – Does it impact entrance or exit routes?
- **Parking Accessibility** – Are accessible parking spaces and routes compliant?
- **Barrier Severity** – How much does it restrict or prevent access?
- **Public Concerns** – Has it been reported or raised by the community?

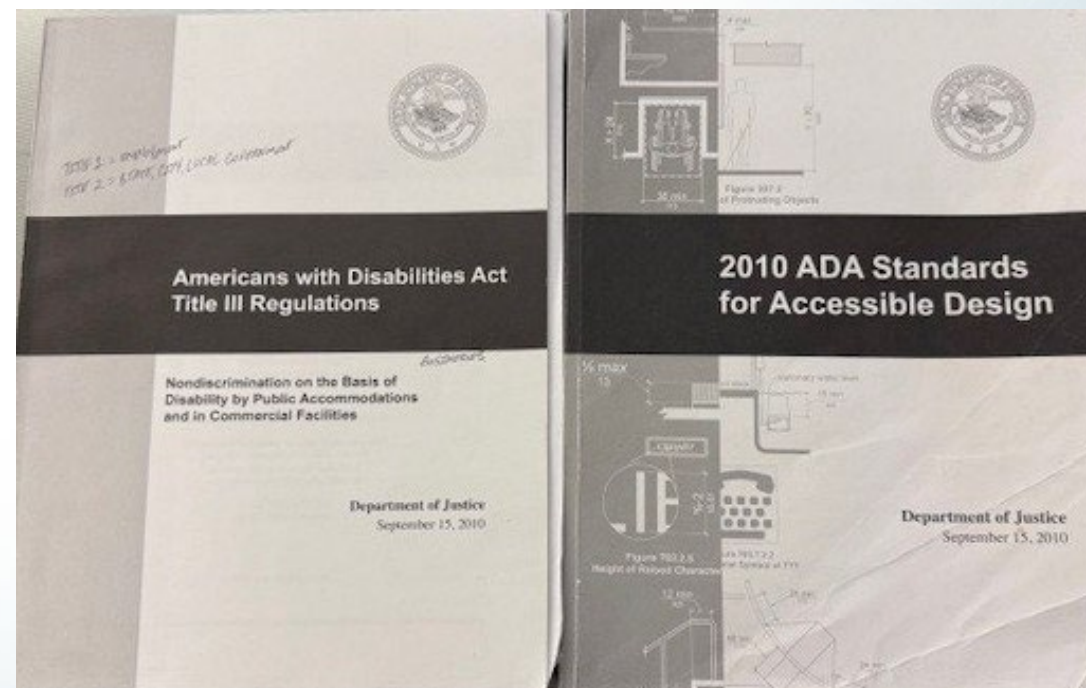


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Department of Building Safety ADA update

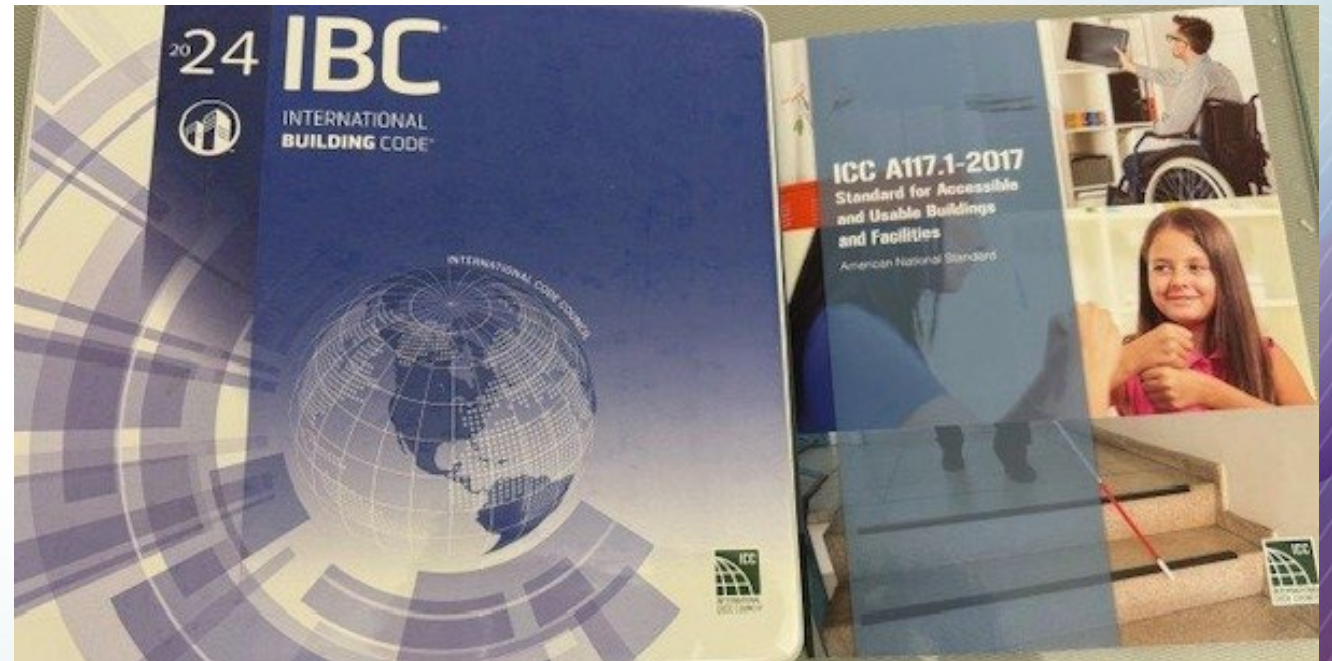
The Americans with Disabilities Act

- Historically the City of Yuma has used the Americans with Disabilities Act Regulations and the ADA standards.
- The ADA has not been updated since 2010
- ADA can be confusing and hard to find information



IBC Chapter 11 and the ICC A117.1

- Accessible requirements found in our adopted building code.
- ICC A 117 standard much easier to understand.
- Fully updated accessibility requirements in the 2024 IBC.
- Will be on a 6-year cycle moving forward.



The review process with the Building Advisory board

- **Advisory board worked on chapter 11 for 2 full meetings**
- **Much discussion on elevators**

- Clint Harrington – Chairman
- Jim Adler – Vice-Chairman
- Bill DeNise – Board Member
- Sandy Anthony – Board Member
- Rob Campbell – Board Member
- Jerry Griffin – Board Member
- Jedi Teeling – Board Member
- Jediah Schmidgall – Board Member
- Chris Thompson – Board Member



Updated accessibility in the 2024 IBC

- Wheelchair dimensions are increased to 30" x 52", for scooters & laydown wheelchairs (30"x 48" in 2010 ADA). Applies in new construction.
- Turning radius for wheelchairs increased to 67" for new restroom construction/accessible toilet compartments (60" in 2010 ADA). Applies in new construction.
- An extra 18" vertical grab bar is required on the side wall at accessible toilets/compartments (not required in 2010 ADA).
- Accessibility is required in private clubs and religious facilities (these facilities are exempt in the 2010 ADA).
- Power operated doors are required at Assembly occupancies over 300 person and Business, Mercantile and Hotel occupancies over 500 persons (not required in 2010 ADA).
- Family or assisted-use toilet room required in Assembly and Mercantile occupancies where an aggregate of 6 or more male and female water closets are required by the Code. Shall include only one water closet and one lavatory (with some exceptions such as a urinal). (No requirement in the 2010 ADA for a family or assisted-use toilet room).





Updated accessibility in the 2024 IBC

- Adult changing stations are required in Assembly or Mercantile Occupancies where family or assisted use toilet rooms are required, Educational occupancies at rooms or spaces used for assembly purposes where an aggregate of 6 or more male and female water closets are required for that room or space, and educational occupancies above the 12th grade (colleges & junior colleges) where an aggregate of 12 or more male and female water closets are required to serve the classrooms and lecture halls. (No requirement in the 2010 ADA).
- Multistory buildings. Accessible route required to connect each accessible story, mezzanine and occupiable roofs in multilevel buildings and facilities (includes 2 story buildings – big difference from the 2010 ADA). Exception for stories, mezzanines and occupiable roofs that have an aggregate area of not more than 3,000 SF.


Private Sector Facilities (Places of Public Accommodation & Commercial Facilities)

An accessible route is not required to connect stories in a private sector facility (place of public accommodation or commercial facility subject to title III of the ADA) that is either less than 3 stories or that has under 3,000 square feet per story and is not a:

- shopping center or mall with 5 or more sales or rental establishments
- professional office of a health care provider
- public transit facility or airport terminal




Exception: Facility under 3 stories (no limit on square footage)

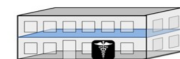


Exception: Each story under 3,000 sq. ft. (no limit on number of stories)

In mixed use facilities that otherwise qualify for this exception, vertical access is required to any story containing occupancies not permitted the exception.



An accessible route is required to stories containing an occupancy excluded from the exception, such as a health care provider.



An accessible route is not required to stories without occupancies excluded from the exception.



ADA Inspections

- All sidewalks/ramps on the project are inspected
- Restroom dimensions and grab bars inspected



ADA inspections

- Parking requirements are verified
- The accessible path is verified throughout the building for compliance.



Discussion

