



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Commission
Yuma City Hall, Room 141/142

Minutes from November 3, 2025, 5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the ADA Commission of the City of Yuma and to the general public that the ADA Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, November 3 at 5:30 PM in room 141/142 of Yuma City Hall (1 City Plaza, Yuma, AZ).**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Administrative Items

- a. Roll Call – Kathryn Roman, ADA Coordinator, followed with roll call.
Commissioners Present: Virginia Avelar, Pamela Clark, Jessica Drake, Jason Giard, Leslie McClendon, Bill Mowczko, Mark Rummel
Staff Members Present: Jay Simonton, City Administrator; Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Administrator; Dave Wostenberg, Director of Engineering; Steve Wilson, Assistant Director of Engineering; John LeSuer, Assistant City Attorney; Kathryn Roman, Administrative Specialist.
- b. Approval of Minutes – Motion (Clark/Mowczko) to approve Minutes of July 22, 2025.
Voice vote: Motion carried (7-0)
- c. Reappointment Updates- Virginia Avelar, Pamela Clark, and Mark Rummel agreed to carry out another term.

3. City of Yuma Public Works Update – ADA Elements – Joel Olea, Public Works Director

Joel Olea presented work plans and projects from Public Works Dept and how they incorporate ADA in their day-to-day operations. They train their staff to work proactively to identify and repair root cause of concern. Of the 27 lines of service, 5 of them work with ADA components such as street signage, pavement marking, traffic signal, asphalt maintenance, and concrete maintenance.

4. Yuma Police Department Update – ADA Elements – Chief Thomas Garrity

Chief Garrity provided an update on ADA parking enforcement and other accessibility compliance efforts from a law enforcement perspective. The Yuma Police Department has contracted with a company to provide facetime for residents and officers who require ASL translations. They have also purchased training curriculum regarding ADA.

5. ADA Transition Plan – Project Prioritization and Implementation Process Update – Jay Simonton, Acting City Administrator, and Steve Wilson, Assistant City Engineer

Steve Wilson and Jay Simonton provided an overview of the ADA Transition Plan, including high-priority projects and next steps. Steve Wilson outlined the process for prioritizing projects and provided an opportunity for commission questions and feedback. He will further condense the prioritization list for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal 2027 for the commission to review.

6. ADA Marketing & Communications Updates – Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Administrator

Jenn Reichelt presented the "Access for All" campaign that will roll out in January. She provided a sign-up sheet to commissioners for participation in 1 of 4 videos to be featured as part of the public outreach plan.

7. Upcoming Future Meeting Topics– Chairman Leslie McClendon & Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Administrator

Chairman Leslie McClendon asked Commissioners to suggest future agenda items and guest speakers. The following was discussed.

- a. Discussion of potential City department presentations (e.g., Parks & Recreation, IT, HR/Risk Management, Community Development)
- b. Identification of community and partner organizations for future engagement, including local nonprofits and institutions focused on accessibility and inclusion (e.g., Special Olympics, Saguaro Foundation, ACHIEVE Services, Easterseals, YCAT, Southwest Arizona Rehabilitation Center, Onvida Health, school districts, and the library district)

8. Call to the Public

Alexis Liggett addressed the commission with a question and other site resources for ADA. Her question for Parks Dept is whether the department will identify the ramadas that will not be ADA for rental purposes.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM.

ADA Commission Future Meeting Dates

February 10, 2026

April 28, 2026

July 28, 2026

Notice

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.

Public Comment- ADA Commission

In accordance with Arizona's Open Meeting Law, the Commission cannot engage in dialogue or respond directly to comments made during this portion of the meeting. Formal action cannot be taken on items not listed on the agenda. Comments may be referred to City staff for review or consideration at a future meeting.

Speakers are asked to clearly state their name for the record and limit remarks to five (5) minutes.

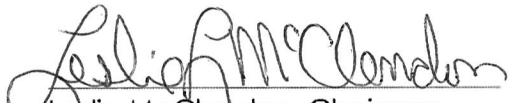
Americans with Disabilities Act

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.

Executive Session

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

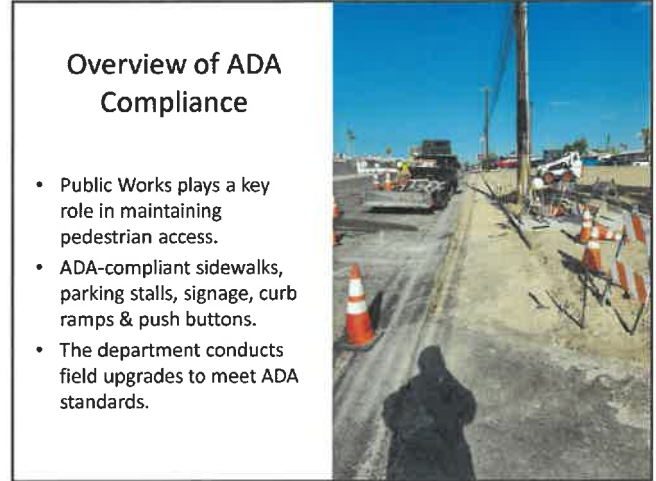

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ADA Compliance & Sidewalk Maintenance Program

City of Yuma Public Works Department
November 2025

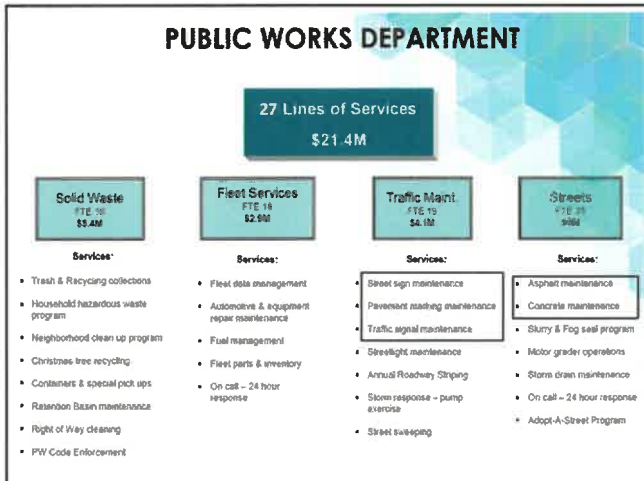
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Overview of ADA Compliance

- Public Works plays a key role in maintaining pedestrian access.
- ADA-compliant sidewalks, parking stalls, signage, curb ramps & push buttons.
- The department conducts field upgrades to meet ADA standards.

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Current Review & Practices

- Staff identifies and responds to field issue.
- Sidewalk inspection is collected and a workorder is created.
- Work is prioritize based on traffic, proximity to schools, and facilities.

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Systematic Approach

- Rely on a systematic approach for maintenance repairs
- Slurry seal program draws a complete inspection.
- Commitment to creating a barrier-free for all residents.



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Metrics

Concrete Paving				
	Total Cubic Yards			
Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	38.00	37.50	29.50	41.50
February	59.00	44.00	37.50	46.50
March	81.00	53.00	49.50	20.00
April	51.50	64.00	43.00	20.50
May	63	41	37.5	31
June	64	46.5	57	40
July	47.5	46	38	65
August	30	48	45.5	44.5
September	68	52.5	47	35
October	70.5	54.5	51.5	
November	49	37	37	
December	43	27	44.5	
Total	678	551	512	344

Concrete Repairs				
	Number of Locations			
Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	22	25	11	18
February	44	39	14	33
March	32	34	21	16
April	29	30	20	20
May	47	52	18	22
June	45	39	37	29
July	39	46	28	37
August	37	26	24	30
September	35	32	21	22
October	38	22	37	
November	26	24	31	
December	19	14	22	
Total	413	373	284	225

Request	Priority	AP #/ID	Location	Source	Location	Estimated Volume	Notes
6/1/2025	2	716/18413	N/A	1. Ramsey Loop - 100 Ft South of rd. with E 22nd St on W/2	2. 52th Street sidewalk	1	See Check No.
6/1/2025	2	720/2000	N/A	3. Ramsey Loop - 400 Ft South of rd. with S 22nd St on W/2	4. 52th Street	4	See Check No.
6/13/2025	3	714/2005	San Jose	4. Ramon Parkway - Inbound 4317 W. Inbound 4317 W	5. 52th Street sidewalk	1	See Check No.
6/11/2025	2	714/18413	San Jose	6. Ramon Parkway - Inbound 4316 W. Inbound 4316 W	7. 52th Street sidewalk	1	See Check No.
6/11/2025	3	714/18413	N/A	8. Ramon Parkway - Inbound 4316 W. Inbound 4316 W	9. 52th Street sidewalk	1	See Check No.
6/11/2025	2	714/18413	N/A	10. Ramon Parkway - Inbound 4316 W. Inbound 4316 W	11. 52th Street sidewalk	1	See Check No.

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Filling in Sidewalk Gaps

- Filling sidewalk gaps require coordination and patience.
- Projects can face right-of-way conflicts, fencing issues, and property challenges.
- Finished product now connects neighborhoods and improves safety.



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Questions



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Access for All Campaign DRAFT PSA Overview

Video 1: “What is the ADA?”

Purpose: To introduce the Americans with Disabilities Act, its origins, and why it matters to everyone in Yuma.

Key Details:

- **Theme:** History, rights, and local relevance.

- **Length:** 30–60 seconds.

- **Content:**
 - Brief overview of the ADA (passed in 1990, expanded access and equity).
 - Visuals of accessible infrastructure (ramps, crosswalks, buildings).
 - Short commentary from a City or ADA Commission representative explaining the City’s commitment to equal access.
 - Possible quote or caption: *“Accessibility isn’t a privilege — it’s a right.”*

- **Tone:** Informative and civic-pride focused.

Goal: Build foundational understanding and set the stage for the campaign.

Video 2: “Accessibility Means...”

Purpose: To personalize accessibility through local voices and show what inclusion means to residents and staff.

Key Details:

- **Theme:** Voices of inclusion and empathy.

- **Length:** 45–60 seconds.

- **Content:**
 - Montage of community members and City employees finishing the sentence *“Accessibility means...”*
 - Mix of perspectives: parents, seniors, veterans, business owners, and employees/residents with disabilities.
 - Include scenes from parks, downtown, City Hall, and public transportation.
 - Soft background music to match an emotional, authentic tone.

- **Tone:** Warm, reflective, and people-centered.

Goal: Highlight that accessibility touches every aspect of community life, promoting empathy and shared responsibility.

Video 3: “How Yuma is Improving Access”

Purpose: To showcase the tangible progress the City is making on ADA compliance and inclusion initiatives.

Key Details:

- **Theme:** Action and accountability
- **Length:** 45–60 seconds.
- **Content:**
 - Footage of completed or in-progress ADA upgrades — ramps, audible pedestrian signals, accessible park features, and the redesigned ADA webpage.
 - Include before-and-after visuals where possible.
 - Narration explaining how accessibility is integrated into City planning, CIP projects, and digital services.
 - Overlay short captions such as “*New audible crosswalks downtown*” or “*Accessible website tools now live.*”
- **Tone:** Upbeat, forward-looking, visually dynamic.

Goal: Demonstrate real results and reinforce trust that the City is investing in accessibility improvements that make daily life better for everyone.

Video 4: “Be an Advocate”

Purpose: To inspire residents to take action—report accessibility issues, model inclusive behavior, and support ongoing efforts.

Key Details:

- **Theme:** Empowerment and civic engagement.
- **Length:** 30–45 seconds.
- **Content:**
 - Practical tips: how to report accessibility concerns (website, SeeClickFix, ADA Commission, etc.).
 - Examples of good behavior: keeping curb ramps clear, offering help respectfully, considering accessibility when planning events.
 - Call to action: “*Let’s make Yuma accessible for all — together.*”
- **Tone:** Motivational and community-oriented.

Goal: Encourage ongoing community participation and sustain the campaign’s momentum beyond the initial rollout.