# APPENDIX B ADA TRANSITION PLAN

## The County of Albany

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan: Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-Of-Way

#### Introduction

The purpose of this Plan is to ensure that the County of Albany creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. The County of Albany has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of their pedestrian facilities. The County's ADA Transition Plan will identify physical barriers and prioritize improvements that should be made to County-owned pedestrian facilities throughout the County of Albany. This Transition Plan will describe the existing policies and programs to enhance the overall pedestrian accessibility.

### **Legal Requirements**

The federal legislation known as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) enacted on July 26, 1990 provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in the area of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications. The County will follow ADA standards established by the State of New York.

Title II specifically applies to "public entities" (state and local governments) and the programs, services and activities they deliver. Title II Article 8, requires public entities to take several steps designed to achieve compliance. The County's ADA Transition Plan will, at a minimum, include:

- 1. A list of the physical barriers in County-owned pedestrian facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities.
- 2. A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
- 3. The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.

The Albany County Commissioner of Public Works is responsible for the plan's implementation. The County is in the process of identifying and assessing obstacles in the public right-of-way through the use of an Inventory Tool. Barrier Removal Priorities based on location priority and accessibility conditions will be a part of the inventory process. It is very important that the public be aware that their involvement in this plan is a valuable component to the County in compiling a workable plan of compliance. The Public's involvement is solicited in developing the ADA Transition Plan.

#### **ADA Coordinator**

The ADA Coordinator for the County of Albany shall be Tyrell Gladden. The ADA Coordinator shall be responsible for implementing the County's ADA Transition Plan.

## **Public Complaint**

Public complaint, suggestions and comments can also be an integral part of the Transition Plan. Public comments may often drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a complaint, comment or request, please contact the ADA Coordinator for the County of Albany at the Division of Affirmative Action, Albany County Department of Human Resources, 112 State Street, Suite 900, Albany, NY 12207, phone: (518) 447-7010, fax (518) 447-5560, email: titlevicoordinator@albanycountyny.gov

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