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## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Public Meeting Notice & Comment Period**

The City of Springfield is taking public comment and hosting public meetings regarding an updated ADA Transition Plan. The transition plan requires public entities to evaluate current services, policies, and practices to ensure persons with disabilities are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.

A copy of the draft transition plan can be obtained at the City's accessibility statement page <http://www.springfield-or.gov/accessibility.html> or by requesting a copy from Tom Mugleston at [tmugleston@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tmugleston@springfield-or.gov) or 541.726.3705. Alternate formats, including Braille and large print, will be provided upon request.

**Public Comment**

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comment regarding the transition plan by emailing [tmugleston@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tmugleston@springfield-or.gov), calling 541.726.3705 or attending one of the public meetings listed below. Comments will be taken until 5 p.m. on August 21, 2017.

Noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.  
Monday, August 14, 2017  
Springfield Justice Center EOC  
230 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Noon-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017  
Springfield Justice Center EOC  
230 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Persons with a disability who wish to request accommodation to participate in the Public Meeting should notify Tom Mugleston at least seven (7) business days prior to the Meeting at 541.726.3705 or

email your request to [tmugleston@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tmugleston@springfield-or.gov) to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet needs.

### **About the Transition Plan**

The City is required to conduct an ADA self-evaluation to review the accessibility of programs, services, and activities. The City is also required to develop a Transition Plan that sets forth the necessary steps for structural changes to facilities that are needed to make programs accessible.

In July 1992, the City of Springfield published its first self-evaluation and Transition Plan, and published a Final Report in 1995 detailing the progress made up to that point. Since 1995, the original plan and self-evaluations have become outdated as technologies, ADA law, and City programs and facilities have evolved. This Americans with Disabilities Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan updates, revises, and replaces the previously published Transition Plan documents.