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Approval of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Right-of-Way Prospective Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** approving the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Right-of-Way Prospective Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-FY 2025/26 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Public Right-of-Way Prospective Plan

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Barden Settlement Agreement requires the City to remove or ameliorate obstacles in the pedestrian right-of-way and to submit to the Barden Class Counsel an annual Prospective Plan of accessibility improvements.

The *Barden, et al., v. City of Sacramento* class action lawsuit was settled effective January 1, 2004. A primary provision of the settlement agreement requires the City to expend an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of its annual "Transportation Funds" (defined as eligible Measure A and Gas Tax funds) on removing or ameliorating obstacles in the public rights-of-way. The obligation under the Barden Settlement Agreement lasts 30 years from the above effective date.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, the City agreed to submit to Barden's Class Counsel a Prospective Plan each year specifying how the City is proposing to spend the Annual Obligation during the year. In compliance with the settlement agreement, staff prepared the FY 2025/26 ADA Prospective Plan for the City Council approval.

The City's estimated FY 2025/26 Annual Obligation is approximately \$6,989,000. The FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan expenditures are estimated to be \$10,334,000.

Staff expects that every year there will be either an overage or a shortage in expenditures carried forward from the prior year. In past years, the City typically exceeded the Annual Obligation and carried an overage forward. The current ADA overage is over \$3 million.

Policy Considerations: Implementation of the ADA accessibility programs and improvements is consistent with the City's General Plan goal of providing an equitable, sustainable multimodal system that offers a range of viable and healthy travel choices for users of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities by improving walking connectivity and removing barriers.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Approval of the FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under CEQA General Rule 15061-B-3, CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. This action will have no effect on the environment and, thus, is not subject to CEQA.

Prior to final approval, each individual project included in this prospective plan will be subject to environmental review in compliance with CEQA.

Sustainability: Implementation of the ADA accessibility programs, services and improvements is consistent with the sustainability goal of improving air quality by designing and constructing pedestrian ways that encourage walking and accommodate all users including persons with disabilities.

Commission/Committee Action: Staff presented and reviewed the FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan with the Disabilities Advisory Commission (DAC) on December 3, 2025. The DAC reviewed and accepted the prospective plan and appreciated the efforts of staff to incorporate accessibility improvements into projects.

Rationale for Recommendation: Approval of the Prospective Plan by the City Council is required under the terms of the Barden Settlement Agreement.

Financial Considerations: The estimated value of the FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan for Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-Way is \$10,334,000.

The FY 2025/26 ADA Prospective Plan is being funded through the following capital improvement

projects and programs:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Estimated Expense</u>
Accessibility Program FY20 (T15200600)	\$2,000,000
Transportation Corridor Improvements FY20 (R15200000)	\$1,736,000
Active Transportation Program (T15180400)	\$ 111,000
Fong Ranch Road Pedestrian Crossing (S15120500)	\$ 113,000
Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements 2025 (S15120500)	\$ 796,000
Auburn Boulevard Bridge Replacement (T15145300)	\$ 439,000
Franklin Boulevard Complete Streets Phases 1 & 2 (T15165500)	\$4,000,000
Jackrabbit Trail Crossing (T15225500*)	\$ 700,000
Vision Zero School Safety (T15235600**)	<u>\$ 439,000</u>
	\$10,334,000

*Funds have already been expended as construction is underway or completed.

**Construction funds will be added to the project budget after authorization by Caltrans.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan

For Accessibility Improvements in the Public Rights-of-Way

Program Area	Description of Accessibility Work	Estimate
Curb Ramps, Detectable Warning Tiles, and Sidewalk	Curb ramps, detectable warning tiles, barrier removals, and other accessibility work associated with Street Overlays, Sidewalk Repairs and Drain Inlet Upgrades. Estimated 35 curb ramps.	\$2,291,000
Citizen Requests	Citizen requests related to curb ramps, truncated domes, crosswalks, audible signals, and other barrier eliminations along class members' daily path of travel. Estimated 8 curb ramps.	\$300,000
Audible Signals Phase 2	Installation of audible signals.	\$1,256,000
Specific Capital Improvement Projects with Accessibility Features (List Attached)	Accessibility features (Curb Ramps, Crosswalks, Pedestrian Signals, Pedestrian Islands, Sidewalks, Bulb Outs, etc.) constructed as part of other projects for overall efficiency of project work.	\$6,487,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS		\$10,334,000

**Specific Capital Improvement Projects with Accessibility Features
Included in FY 2025/26 Prospective Plan**

CIP No.	Project Name	Project Description	Estimated Cost
S15120510	Fong Ranch Road Pedestrian Crossing	Construct curb ramps and pedestrian refuge islands, place truncated domes, and install high visibility crosswalk.	\$113,000
S15120511	Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements - 2025	Construct curb ramps, place truncated domes, and install rectangular rapid flashing beacons.	\$796,000
T15145300	Auburn Boulevard Bridge Replacement	Construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, driveways, and median cut-through, place truncated domes, and install audible pedestrian signals.	\$439,000
T15165500	Franklin Boulevard Complete Street – Phases 1 & 2	Construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and driveways, place truncated domes, and install rectangular rapid flashing beacons, audible pedestrian signals, and marked crosswalks.	\$4,000,000
T15225500	Jackrabbit Trail Crossing	Construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, curb ramps, and median cut-through, place truncated domes, and install pedestrian signal and marked crosswalk.	\$700,000
T15235600	Vision Zero School Safety	Construct sidewalk, curb and gutter, and curb ramps, place truncated domes, and install rectangular rapid flashing beacons, audible pedestrian signals, and marked crosswalks.	\$439,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED CIP COSTS			\$6,487,000