

## AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES (ADA) IMPROVEMENTS – CITY WIDE

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Area: City of Punta Gorda  
Location: Various Location throughout the City  
Category: Public Safety

Focus Area(s): Quality of Life, Infrastructure

### Need:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a Federal Civil Rights Legislation which mandates non-discrimination to persons with disabilities. The ADA, Title II prohibits discrimination by public entities on the basis of disability. Therefore, it is important that the City of Punta Gorda comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including those protecting persons with disabilities. In order to accomplish this, the City has developed a Transition Plan by conducting a self-evaluation of the accessibility by persons with disabilities on its facilities; identifying issues of accessibility that need to be addressed; upgrading its program for improvement of those facilities and to comply with ADA mandated standards.

### Purpose:

To ensure that all individuals are provided reasonable access to all City facilities, programs, services and activities, and to identify and create a **plan** to mitigate deficiencies within all City facilities, programs, services and activities that may pose an obstacle to those individuals that have a disability.

### Objective:

To remain eligible for federal grant funding, the City is required to have in place an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan that includes a schedule of implementation.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$888,814
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$888,814
Total Project Cost:	\$779,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$779,000 – Tier I
Annual Operating Cost:	Various/TBD

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities by preventing and removing barriers to accessibility

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, by making all City facilities, programs, services and activities accessible

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Yes, may increase O&M depending on the improvement and project

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

Yes

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Yes, Public Works, Facilities and Urban Design

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

Yes, improvements provide additional accessibility access to City facilities and programs

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, this project is included in the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Element; ADA Transition Plan; Park and Recreation Master Plan; and Capital Needs Assessment

Will the project impact environmental quality of the City of Punta Gorda? If so, how?

No

Will the project improve quality of life in the City of Punta Gorda?

Yes, increasing accessibility for those with and without disabilities

Is the project state or federally mandated?

Yes, this is a requirement for all Title II entities

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No