

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

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SUBJECT: **2008 CITY STANDARD PLANS REVISION TO MEET THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution regarding the update to the City's existing 2008 Standard Specifications, Design Standards, and Standard Plans by revising City Standard Plans 2, 42 and 44 to meet current ADA standards and replacing City Standard Plans 4A and 4B with the latest Caltrans ADA Pedestrian Ramp Standard Plans.

DISCUSSION:

In regards to the City's 1995 Facilities Transition Plan, an ADA Advisory Committee was established in March 1996 to prioritize the improvements recommended under the plan. The Committee consisted of members representing the City's able/disabled community. This Committee worked in partnership with the City's Public Works and Community Development staffs, Holewinski, Blevens, Fedelem and Lukes Architects ("HBFL") Architects, and the principal author of the Facilities Transition Plan.

To comply with the Committee's requirements, the City approved and adopted an ADA Transition Plan in 1995, prepared by HBFL. This Transition Plan focused solely on compliance with Title II requirements specifically within facilities owned by the City. In 2002, the ADA Transition Plan added the upgrade of facilities within the right of way (pedestrian ramps, accessible parking, etc.).

Recognizing the need to periodically review and update the City's Transition Plan, the City retained Sally Swanson Architect's, Inc. in 2015 to review and update the ADA Transition Plan and add the Self Evaluation Process. The project included a review of all documents provided by the City, a comprehensive self-evaluation of policies, procedures and practices. This effort included a detailed survey of all City sidewalks and Intersections, traffic signals, and review of City parks and public parking lots for existing accessibility barriers and integrated into the City ADA Transition Plan.

Public Works/Engineering is responsible for identifying street sections being resurfaced over the next few years and for identifying curb ramps that are not compliant with current ADA standards. These identified curb ramps will be scheduled for upgrade to applicable standards. Because of this, the City

Standards must be up to date with the latest Caltrans ADA Standards to ensure any construction related to ADA will be compliant with the state/federal requirements.

The last update of the City Standards was in 2008. Over the past 8 years, there have been many changes to design requirements, improvements in technology and construction materials, and improved methods of construction that include new ADA state/federal requirements that are incorporated into the revised City Standards 42R and 2R and Caltrans's latest ADA pedestrian curb ramp Standard Plans. Many of the changes are a result of lesser standards in current practices, the need to address newer challenges.

City Standard 42 shall be removed and be replaced with the revised City Standard 42R. The new City Standard is updated and amended conforming to the latest Caltrans Standards.

City Standard Plans 4A and 4B contain detail construction for ADA Pedestrian Access Ramps Type A, B, C, and D. These details will be removed and replaced with the latest Caltrans standard plans. Because the ADA requirements for pedestrian ramps change frequently, the City will adopt the use of the latest Caltrans Standard Plans for ADA pedestrian access ramps.

Because City Standard Plans 44 and 2 make references to City Standard Plans 4A and 4B, the City Standard Plans 44 and 2 shall be replaced with Standard Plan 44R and 2R to reflect such changes.

The City allowed three contractors and the ADA Advisory committee to review the new standard plans for a period of 30 days and did not receive comments. The City revised Standards are attached and now ready for the City Council's consideration and approval.

ISSUE:

Shall Council approve a Resolution regarding an update to the City's existing 2008 Standard Specifications, Design Standards, and Standard Plans by revising City Standard Plans 2, 42, and 44 to meet current ADA standards and replacing City Standard Plans 4A and 4B with the latest Caltrans ADA Pedestrian Ramp Standards?

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project is funded with \$310,625 of Gas Tax funds. To date \$143,508 has been spent and encumbered for the preparation of the RFQ; ADA curb ramp pedestrian ramp survey, survey of City sidewalk in its entirety and hiring the professional services of Sally Swanson to prepare the ADA transition plan, leaving an unencumbered balance of \$167,117. The cost to update the revised plans and distribute via email will be under \$1,000.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

The specific time considerations associated with approval of the revised 2008 City Standard Plans is tied to the approval of the ADA Transition Plan. The timely approval of both documents will ensure consistency in the construction of facilities, improved construction methods, and higher standards for all development that occurs within the City of Salinas.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Postpone approving the revisions of the “2008 Edition of the City of Salinas Standard Specifications, Design Standards, and Standard Plans”. This is not recommended because the infrastructure should be built to the latest state/federal requirements.
2. Not adopt the revisions of 2008 City Standards and retain the existing 2008 Edition of the City Standards. This is not recommended because the 2008 City’s Standard Plans need to be updated to reflect improved construction methods, materials, state/federal requirements so as not to build non-compliant infrastructure.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Approval of the revisions of the City Standard Plans addresses the current City Council Goals of Excellent Infrastructure. By approving the revisions, the City of Salinas will be complying with state/federal guidelines when it relates to ADA parking and pedestrian ramp construction

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