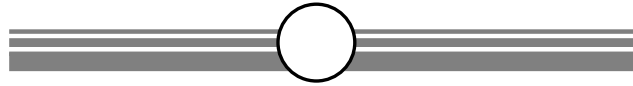


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**Subject: Acceptance of ADA Compliance
Assessment Report From Sally Swanson
Architects**

ITEM # 5

STAFF REPORT

Background:

The City Council directed staff during the July 15, 2008 Council meeting to solicit professional consultants with access compliance experience for the survey work necessary to begin the City's Transition Plan as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The City issued a Request for Proposals in November 2008 to obtain a consultant to conduct the ADA Compliance Assessment. The Accessibility Advisory Committee reviewed the proposals, evaluating them based upon each firm's past performance in compliance assessment, demonstration of adequate plan to assess City facilities, qualifications/experience of staff conducting the assessment, and timeliness to assessment completion. Sally Swanson Architects, Inc. was chosen to produce the assessment and, after several months of work by the firm and review by the City Accessibility Advisory Committee, has produced a final report that has received unanimous approval by the committee.

The ADA Compliance Assessment identifies City facilities that require modification to increase compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and the California Building Code. This was accomplished by performing a needs analysis, assessing the costs to bring the City into compliance with these regulations and providing a budgetary estimate of materials and labor.

The report is broken into two parts: a facilities report that details all necessary improvements to public buildings, parks, and other facilities; and a public right of way report developed from a representative sample of City streets that demonstrates the types and costs of mitigations needed for full compliance for sidewalks, intersections, and pedestrian signals. In all, it is estimated that total facility and park compliance through modification will require an investment of \$2,305,669. Representation right-of-way (roughly 10% of total City ROW) mitigations cost approximately \$3.3 million alone.

In order to save paper, the final Access Compliance Survey Report may be viewed at the following web address: <http://www.lemoore.com/ada.htm>

Once approved for use by the Council, the Accessibility Advisory Committee will, with public input, be able to draft priorities for correction to propose to Council for the completion of the

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Transition Plan. In order to complete federal standards for an ADA Transition Plan, it will be necessary for the Council to:

- 1) Set priorities for physical or architectural barrier elimination
- 2) Specify the necessary steps to achieve compliance with the ADA by providing a schedule for barrier elimination
- 3) Indicate the official responsible for implementing each portion of the plan.

Budget Impact:

None. The existing contract with Sally Swanson Architects, Inc. was approved for \$54,500. Acceptance of the report will authorize final payment and completion of the contract.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council, by motion, accept the Access Compliance Survey report as complete, and direct the Accessibility Advisory Committee to begin drafting priorities for mitigation.