

# VILLAGE OF BALLSTON SPA ADA TRANSITION PLAN KICKOFF MEETING



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# WHAT IS AN ADA TRANSITION PLAN?

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in the areas of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation, and telecommunications.
- Title II of the ADA specifically applies to “public entities” (state and local governments) and the programs, services, and activities they deliver. Title II, Article 8, requires that each public entity must develop a Transition Plan (also referred to as “Plan”) that ensures accessible facilities are provided in the public right of way.



# ADA TRANSITION PLANS

An ADA Transition Plan must include:

1. A list of physical barriers and their locations in a public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities;
2. A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make facilities accessible;
3. The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II;
4. Public complaint/grievance procedure; and
5. The name/position of the ADA coordinator and/or official responsible for the plan's implementation.

# ADA TRANSITION PLANS – THINGS TO CONSIDER NOW

- **Public engagement and participation**
  - When does it make the most sense to gather public feedback? What methods are preferred for engaging with the public? Consider accessibility needs.
- **Barrier correction methods**
  - Will the municipality or will individual property owners be responsible for removing barriers to accessibility? Combination of both?
- **Prioritizing repairs**
  - A methodology for determining which sidewalks get priority for repairs is necessary. General guidance recommends basing this on adjacent land use. Ex: facilities serving gov't buildings and schools are the highest priority.

# PROJECT TEAM ROLES

## **CDTC and LaBella Associates:**

- Data collection methodology, tools, training
- GIS & survey tool maintenance
- Data analysis
- Cost estimates
- Plan writing
- General support and technical assistance

## **Village of Ballston Spa:**

- Data collection
- Advisement on local information
- Public input

# PROJECT TIMELINE - DRAFT

Project Phase	Feb	March				April				May				June				July				August				September				October				November															
	2/27	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27									
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## DATA COLLECTION – ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

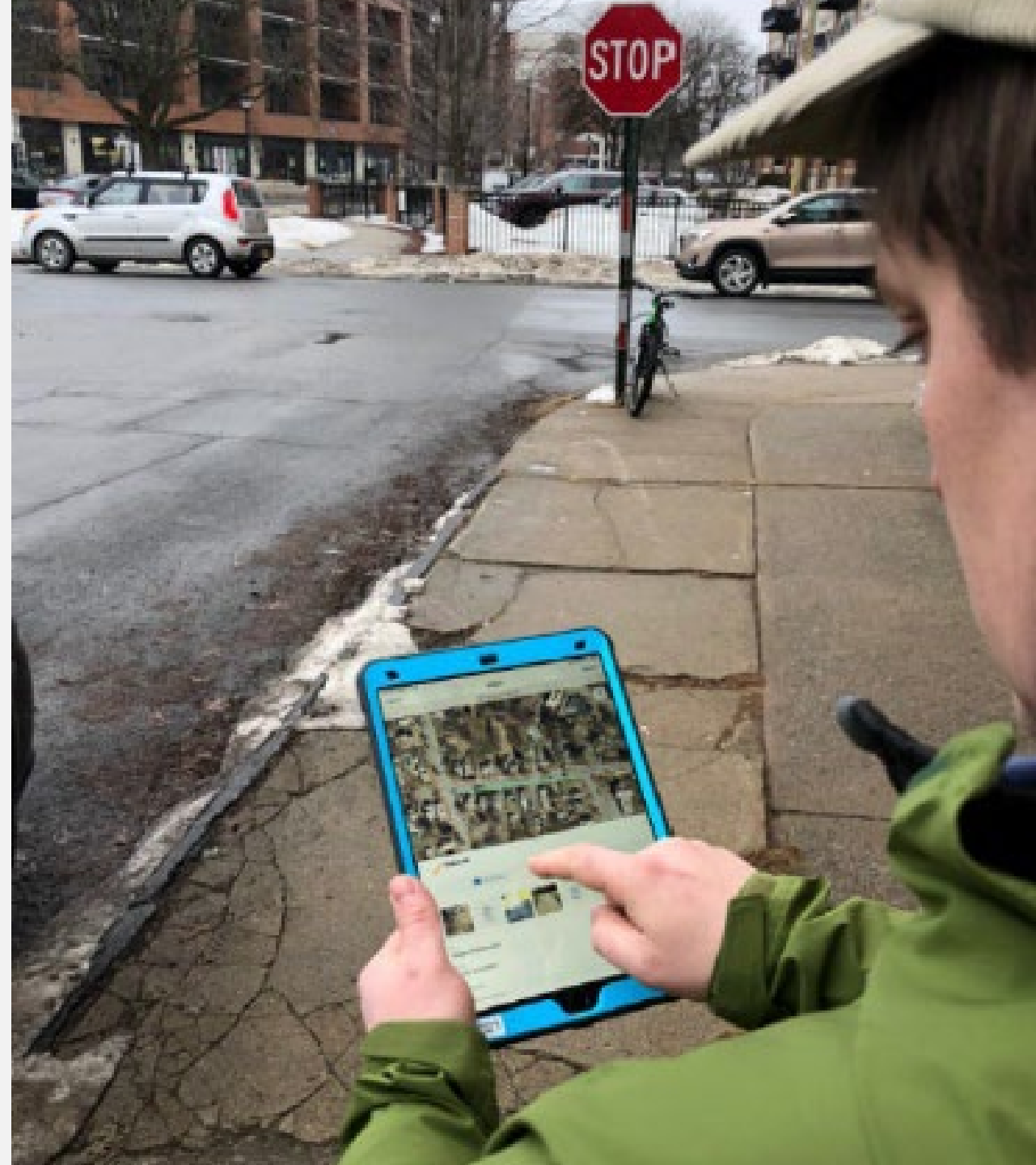
- Widely accepted guidelines established by the United States Access Board to assist in the evaluation of accessibility of public facilities
- Provides design guidance for a wide array of facilities in the public right of way including sidewalks, curb ramps, crossings, pedestrian signals, and transit stops.
- Utilized in evaluating pedestrian facilities in the preparation of this plan.



# DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY

Data collectors will use handheld devices equipped with data collection apps to walk the study area and assess each sidewalk segment, intersection, and transit stop for things like:

- Heaving or missing sidewalk panels
- Sidewalk obstructions or narrow sidewalks
- Inaccessible curb ramps
- Detectable warning strip deterioration
- Inaccessible pedestrian signals
- Inaccessible pedestrian crossings
- Inaccessible transit landing zones
- Other?





# DATA COLLECTION - TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

**Data collection will be conducted using the Survey123 app and ArcGIS Online.**

- LaBella Associates will create and manage access to data collection surveys.
- LaBella Associates will provide training materials and lead a data collector training session.

**Personal cellular phones or tablets may be utilized.**

- Wireless service and GPS/data location services must be enabled for data collection.
- The data collection process is data and battery intensive.



# DATA COLLECTION - DEMONSTRATION

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

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*“A public entity shall provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, to participate in the self-evaluation process by submitting comments.”*

# NEXT STEPS

## **Finalize Data Collection Surveys:**

- LaBella Associates will share copies of the existing survey for review and comment.
- Considerations for sidewalk trees causing heaving panels. Others?

## **Schedule Data Collection Training**

## **Schedule Internal Meetings**

- How frequently would we like to meet?

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THANKS!