Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Use and Management Committee Meeting

July 28, 2022

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Disability Statistics

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Applicable Rules and Guidelines for Accessibility

- Americans with Disabilities Act of (1990)

- ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010)

- U.S. Access Board Guidelines for Outdoor Accessible Areas (2014)

- California Building Code (2019)

Americans with Disabilities Act

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ADA Title II and Section 504 Requirements

- Public-serving programs, activities and services, and communications

- Self-Evaluation

- ADA Transition Plan

- ADA Coordinator

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What are the Authority's current actions toward Accessibility?

- Programming
- Partnerships
- Communications
- Preserves – New and Existing

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ADA Transition Plan Goals

- Identify accessibility barriers

- Inventory in GIS

- Implementation plan for addressing barriers and improving accessibility

- Build relationships with accessibility advocates

- Involve the public in the planning process

- Increase Staff awareness and knowledge

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Interdepartmental Project Team

- Field Operations

- Educational Programs

- Public Affairs

- Administrative Operations

- Planning

Process

1. Assessments
   a. Staff Questionnaire
   b. Facilities
   c. Programs and Services
   d. Communications and Webpage
2. Draft Transition Plan
   a. Self-Evaluation Draft Report
   b. Barrier Removal Implementation Plan
3. Final Transition Plan

Public Engagement

- Project webpage

- Accessibility advocates and stakeholder outreach

- 3+ public meetings or workshops (virtual and in-person)

- Survey

- Board, CAC, and U+M engagement

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Project Schedule

Spring 2022	• Project Kick-off
Fall 2022	• Public Meeting #1 • Facilities, Programs and Services, and Communications Assessments
Winter 2022 - 2023	• Public Meeting #2 • Self-Evaluation Report
Spring 2023	• Public Meeting #3 • Draft ADA Transition Plan • Final ADA Transition Plan

ADA Transition Plan Outcomes and Impact

- Applicable regulations and guidelines summarized in one place.

- Understand current barriers and costs of barrier removal.

- Prioritize barrier removal projects with input from the public and staff.

- Tool to inform future work plans and capacity planning.

Questions and Discussion

ADA Transition Plan

Citizens' Advisory Committee

March 27, 2023

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Tonight's Topics

- ADA Transition Plan Overview

- Public Engagement

- Barrier Removal Prioritization Criteria

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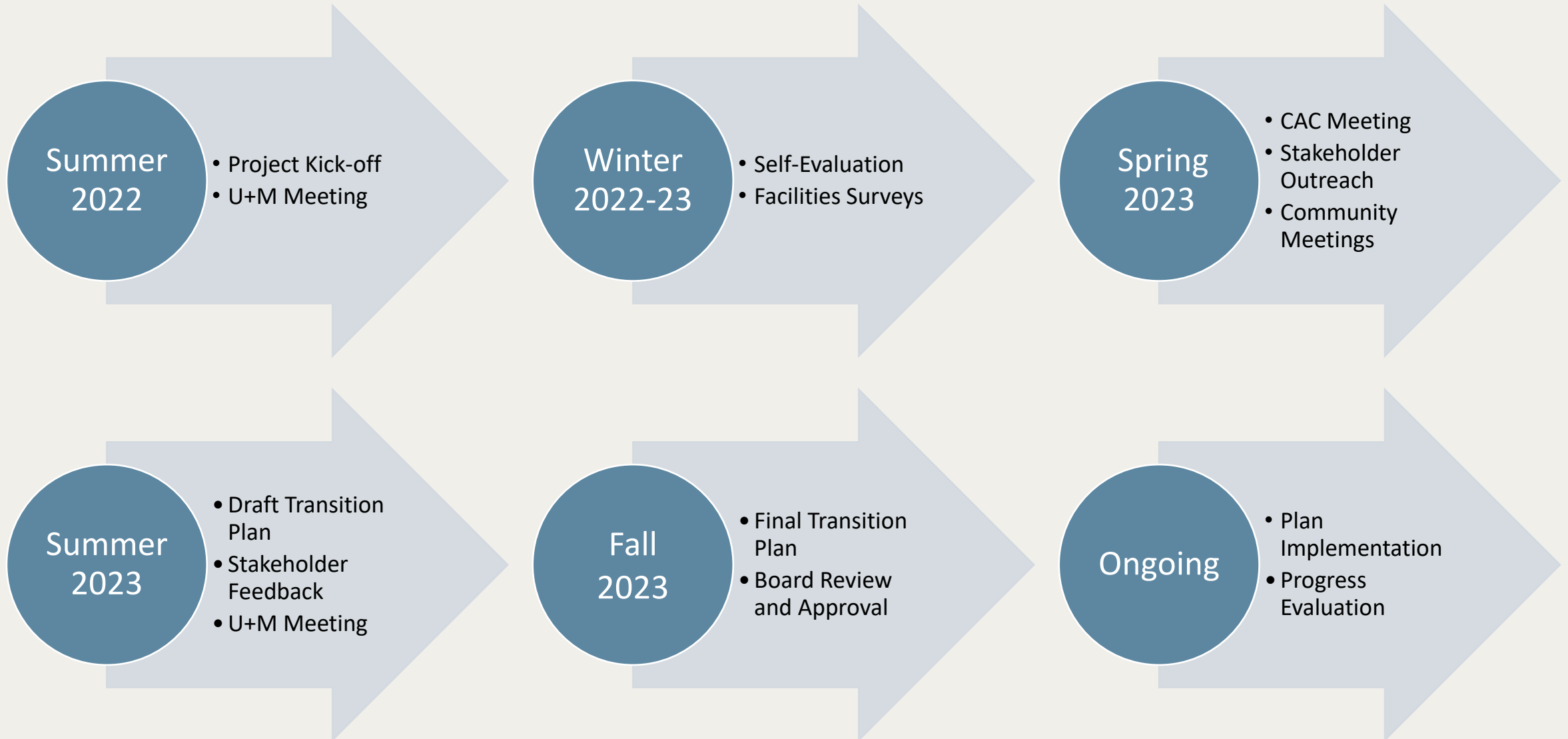# What are the Authority's current actions toward Accessibility?

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ADA Transition Plan Contents

- Introduction and Process Overview

- Results of Assessments
  - Self-Evaluation Questionnaire
  - Facilities Surveys

- Recommendations for Improvement
  - Programs, Services, and Communications

- Barrier Removal Implementation Plan
  - Prioritization Criteria

- Grievance Procedure

- Responsible Staff

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ADA Transition Plan Timeline

Summer 2022
- Project Kick-off
- U+M Meeting

Winter 2022-23
- Self-Evaluation
- Facilities Surveys

Spring 2023
- CAC Meeting
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Community Meetings

Summer 2023
- Draft Transition Plan
- Stakeholder Feedback
- U+M Meeting

Fall 2023
- Final Transition Plan
- Board Review and Approval

Ongoing
- Plan Implementation
- Progress Evaluation

Public Engagement

- Project webpage

- Accessibility advocates and stakeholder outreach

- Community meetings or workshops (virtual and in-person)

- Asking questions, listen to feedback (survey, focused interviews)

- CAC, U+M, and Board engagement

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Prioritization Criteria

- Safety

- Geographic Distribution

- Usage Levels

- Public Feedback and Requests

- Project Readiness

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