

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE TOWN HALL TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND FEEDBACK Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Monterey, CA. – Community members are invited to attend an upcoming town hall for information and to provide feedback on the City of Monterey's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan update. Two sessions will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, one in-person and one online:

- SESSION 1: 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chamber, Few Memorial Hall of Records,
   580 Pacific Street
- SESSION 2: 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Link to Register: https://montereyorg.zoomgov.com/j/1606477876

"The town hall meetings give the public an opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences and recommendations for ADA improvements," said Assistant City Manager and ADA Coordinator Nat Rojanasathira. "The City is committed to providing all individuals equal opportunities to services and facilities."

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2022, the City of Monterey published a Request for Proposal for an update to its <u>ADA Transition</u> <u>Plan</u> and selected Jensen Hughes as the consultant to undertake this project. In 2012, the City completed its most recent ADA Transition Plan Update, identifying 34 buildings, 27 parks, 22 parking lots/structures, and approximately 1,150 curb ramps and 300 pedestrian signals in need *(more)* 

of improvements to meet Federal and State accessibility standards. Since then, the City has been incrementally completing the recommended changes.

The 2022/2023 update includes: 1) an initial investigation and document review of the City's policies, programs, services, and activities; 2) a field survey and field inspections (as needed) for public rights-of-way, facilities, City rental properties, parks, and parking lot inspections; 3) database and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) integration; and 4) a final, updated ADA Transition Plan document to be completed and published in mid-2023. Public comments received at the Town Halls will assist in the development of the City's updated ADA Transition Plan.

#### **DISABILITY ACCESS**

The City of Monterey is committed to including the disabled in all of its services, programs and activities. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals in need of special assistance to participate in a meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (831) 646-3935. Notification 30 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II]. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent feasible.

#### Dial 7-1-1

For communication-related assistance, dial 711 to use the California Relay Service (CRS) to speak to City offices. CRS offers free text-to-speech, speech-to-speech, and Spanish-language services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you require a hearing amplification device to attend a meeting, dial 711 to use CRS to talk to the City Clerk's Office at (831) 646-3935 to coordinate use of a device.



More information on this project is available at <a href="https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/ada-transition-plan-update">https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/ada-transition-plan-update</a>
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