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Re: **Curb Ramp Activities Report: July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides detailed information about City of Oakland curb ramp activities for the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. The report provides updates on implementation of the City's ADA Curb Ramp Transition Plan and construction / reconstruction of curb ramps by the City and others. The Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA), Design and Construction Services Division (DCSD), currently administers City curb ramp programs. The City ADA Coordinator and Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) provide oversight and guidance for City ADA Title II compliance activities, including curb ramp programs.

## BACKGROUND

ADA Title II regulations stipulate that when structural changes to facilities are necessary to achieve program accessibility, a public entity that employs 50 or more persons must develop, within six months of January 26, 1992, a transition plan setting forth the steps necessary to complete such changes. That plan is to identify physical obstacles in the public entity's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs or activities to individuals with disabilities; describe in detail the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible; specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve compliance; and indicate the official responsible for implementation of the plan. In January 1996, the City prepared its transition plan with respect to buildings and facilities.

If a public entity has responsibility or authority over streets, roads, or walkways, then its ADA transition plan must include a schedule for providing curb ramps or other sloped areas where pedestrian walks cross curbs, giving priority to walkways serving entities covered by the ADA, including State and local government offices and facilities, transportation, places of public accommodation, and employers, followed by walkways serving other areas [28 C.F.R. § 35.150(d)(2)].

The 1996 Buildings and Facilities Transition Plan included curb ramp needs for off-street facilities and priorities for curb ramp installation at existing street corners. The Buildings and Facilities Transition Plan incorporated by reference a citywide curb ramp survey completed in 1994. Another citywide curb ramp survey was completed in 2002. The City operated robust curb ramp programs from 1996 to 2007 but no formal changes were made to the 1996 Plan. Pursuant to *Fairfield v. Oakland* (2007), the ADA Programs Division developed a separate ADA Curb Ramp Transition Plan to formalize long-standing curb ramp policies, practices and procedures and to adopt new ones as necessary to substantially comply with federal mandates.

Soon after passage of the ADA, the City recognized that it would take some time to complete a curb ramp transition plan, which requires construction of ramps at over 17,500 locations (street corners). In Fiscal Year 1990-91, the City launched the On-Call Curb Ramp Program to ensure access for people with disabilities living and working in Oakland during the lengthy transition period. The Program is currently funded by the City's general fund and state gas tax funds.

The On-Call Curb Ramp Program constructs curb ramps on an individual basis in response to requests from qualified persons with disabilities. Generally, requests come from residents with disabilities who wish to get to from their home or work place to transportation, school, medical facilities or other areas to accommodate their activities of daily living. This program installed approximately 1,021 curb ramps from 1991 to 2009 (July).

Under the Curb Ramp Transition Plan, the City conducts curb ramp infill activities using a corridor-based approach. The following location (land use) priorities for curb ramp infill activities are based upon U.S. Department of Justice ADA Title II Regulations, the City of Oakland General Plan (1998), and best practices of other jurisdictions:

Tier 1: Transit streets and centers

Tier 2: Public facilities

Tier 3: Privately-owned public accommodations

Tier 4: Locations that do not fall into any of the above groups but are within 100 feet of a sidewalk route.

Tier 5: Locations that do not fall into any of the above groups and are greater than 100 feet from a sidewalk route. These locations are neither counted as "possible locations" nor scheduled for improvement.

The City conducts various other capital improvement programs under which curb ramps are constructed or reconstructed, such as streetscape, street resurfacing, and sidewalk repair projects. Curb ramp construction and reconstruction is also completed through private improvements inspected by City staff.

Under its ADA Curb Ramp Transition Plan, the City of Oakland commits to install 500 curb ramps, and anticipates that others will install 150 curb ramps, on an average annual basis. In Fiscal Year 2008-09, the combined total number of curb ramps constructed by the City and by others was 566. It is anticipated that the combined total for FY 2009-10 will be 995.

## STATUS REPORTS

### Curb Ramp Transition Plan

The Right of Way Access Coordinator has drafted curb ramp scoping, design and construction standards that will be applicable to all public right of way improvements under the City's jurisdiction, including work performed by the City and by others (private developers, utility companies, etc.). The ROW Access Coordinator will bring the draft curb ramp standards forward to the MCPD for review in March 2010. Once finalized, these standards will be posted on the City website.

### Curb Ramp Construction Activity

**Table 1: On-Call Curb Ramps Constructed**

*Thirty (30) curb ramps were constructed under the current On-Call Curb Ramp Contract (C316310) from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.*

<b>Complaint location</b>	<b>Ramp No.</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>No. of Ramps</b>	<b>Contract Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Trestle Glen Road/Wesley Way	H1718	6/25/09	7/1/09	1	C269110	1,800
Trestle Glen Road/Wesley Way	H1717	6/25/09	7/1/09	1	C242312	1,800
2 <sup>nd</sup> / Harrison		9/23/09	10/27/09	7	C316310	11,200
2 <sup>nd</sup> / Webster		9/23/09	10/27/09	8	C316310	12,800
3 <sup>rd</sup> / Broadway		9/23/09	10/27/09	3	C316310	4,800
3258 Lakeshore E-side		10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
3265 Lakeshore		10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
Lakeshore/Trestle Glen Road	H1716	10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
Lakeshore/Longridge	H1494	10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
Piedmont/Yosemite	C876	10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
Piedmont/Gleneden	C926	10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
Piedmont/Pleasant Valley Rd.		10/6/09	10/30/09	3	C316310	4,800
Telegraph/49 <sup>th</sup> St		10/6/09	10/30/09	1	C316310	1,600
<b>Total On-Call Ramps</b>				<b>30</b>		<b>\$37,200</b>

**Table 2: Pending On-Call Curb Ramp Requests**

Forty four (44) curb ramps are on the pending list for the current On-Call Curb Ramp Contract (C316310)

Request Date	Ramp Number	Ramp ID	STREET 1	STREET 2	No. of Ramps	Cost Est.
1/22/09	102	A421	8 <sup>th</sup> Street	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	103	A418	8 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	104	A602	9 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	105	A416	8 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	106	A603	9 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	107	A605	9 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MADISON ST	1	2,000
2/02/09	108	C480	49 <sup>TH</sup> ST	WEBSTER ST	1	2,000
2/09/09	109	C477	49 <sup>TH</sup> ST	WEBSTER ST	1	2,000
2/10/09	110	C478	49 <sup>TH</sup> ST	WEBSTER ST	1	2,000
2/14/09	111	C479	49 <sup>TH</sup> ST	WEBSTER ST	1	2,000
2/14/09	112	C2038	FOREST ST	SHAFTER ST	1	2,000
2/14/09	113	C2036	FOREST ST	SHAFTER ST	1	2,000
2/14/09	114	C2112	HUDSON ST	BOYD AVE	1	2,000
2/14/09	115	C2122	COLLEGE AVE	MANILLA AVE	1	2,000
2/14/09	116	C2039	FOREST ST	SHAFTER ST	1	2,000
2/24/09	117	C2125	COLLEGE AVE	HUDSON ST	1	2,000
2/26/09	118	C2126	COLLEGE AVE	MANILLA AVE	1	2,000
2/27/09	119	C2127	COLLEGE AVE	MANILLA AVE	1	2,000
2/27/09	120	C2123	COLLEGE AVE	MANILLA AVE	1	2,000
2/27/09	121	B780A	MANDELA PKW	16 <sup>TH</sup> ST	1	2,000
2/27/09	122	B597	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	CHESTNUT ST	1	2,000
3/02/09	123	B355	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	CHESTNUT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	124	B354	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	CHESTNUT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	125	B595	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	CHESTNUT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	126	B596	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	CHESTNUT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	127	B352	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	128	B592	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	129	B591	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	130	B353	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	LINDEN ST	1	2,000
3/10/09	131	B593	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	LINDEN ST	1	2,000
3/16/09	132	B594	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	LINDEN ST	1	2,000
3/17/09	133	B350	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/18/09	134	B351	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	135	B589	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	136	B590	28 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	137	B362	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	138	B363	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	139	B601	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000
3/19/09	140	B602	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	MYRTLE ST	1	2,000

Request Date	Ramp Number	Ramp ID	STREET 1	STREET 2	No. of Ramps	Cost Est.
3/20/09	141	B360	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/20/09	142	B361	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/20/09	143	B600	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	FILBERT ST	1	2,000
3/20/09	144	B359	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	LINDEN ST	1	2,000
3/20/09	145	B599	26 <sup>TH</sup> ST	LINDEN ST	1	2,000
				<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$86,000</b>

Additionally, the following four (4) Curb Ramps will be upgraded with domes:

Ramp ID	Street1	Street 2	Cost
C2120	College Avenue	Manila Avenue	1,600
C2121	College Avenue	Manila Avenue	1,600
B357	26 <sup>th</sup> ST	Chestnut ST	1,600
B358	26 <sup>th</sup> ST	Linden ST	1,600
	<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$6,400</b>

**Table 3: Corridor Curb Ramp Improvements Completed**

Sixty nine (69) curb ramps were constructed under City right-of-way capital improvement programs during the period of July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Contract Number	Expected Number of Curb Ramps	Number of Curb Ramps Installed to Date	Percent of Project Complete	Project Description
C269110	1	1	100%	Sidewalk Project
G339610	18	18	100%	
C315010	50	50	80%	San Pablo Ave Street Improvement
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>		

**Table 4: Curb Ramps Constructed by Others**

*Fifty nine (59) curb ramps were constructed or reconstructed through private improvements inspected by City staff during the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009*

LOCATION	CONTRACT NO.	No. of Ramps	Date of Completion
San Pablo/Castro Street/Martin Luther King Jr. Way	PG&E 115KV	8	12/23/2009
Martin Luther KingJr.Way/ Grand Avenue	PG&E 115KV	4	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/Northgate/Telegraph Ave	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Telegraph/Grand Avenue/Valley St	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/ Valley/Webster	PG&E 115KV	2	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/ Webster/Valdez St	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Valdez St/Harrison/Grand Ave	PG&E 115KV	2	12/23/2009
Harrison St/ Bay Place/Grand Ave	PG&E 115KV	2	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/Bay Place	PG&E 115KV	6	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/Park View Terrace	PG&E 115KV	1	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/Lenox Avenue	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Grand Avenue/Lee Street	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Grand Avenue/Perkins Street	PG&E 115KV	2	12/23/2009
Grand Ave/Ellita Avenue	PG&E 115KV	3	12/23/2009
Grand Avenue/Bellevue	PG&E 115KV	4	12/23/2009
Grand Avenue/Euclid Avenue	PG&E 115KV	1	12/23/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur SE	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur NE	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur SW	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur NW	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur Median	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur Median	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur Island	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur Island	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
Lakeshore & MacArthur Island	PG&E 115KV	1	9/20/2009
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	

**Table 5: Upcoming Corridor Curb Ramp Improvements**

The current On-Call Curb Ramp contract (C316310) will result in construction of 260 curb ramps. The contract was awarded to AJW Construction and commenced in October 2009.

On October 19, 2009, the notice to commence a sidewalk repair contract (C317510) was issued to Rosas Brothers Construction. The contract will require construction of 90 curb ramps in residential areas.

The Notice to Proceed for a Federal Economic Stimulus Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Contract (C376310) is currently in process. This project will include construction of 330 curb ramps along prioritized corridors.

It is anticipated that City street resurfacing will result in construction of 250 curb ramps in Fiscal year 2009-10.

There are two additional two sidewalk and curb ramp projects (C370610 and C370510) that are planned for FY 09-10. Bidding for these two projects is anticipated in May 2010. The projects will result in construction of approximately 305 new ramps.

Project Number and Description	Number of Ramps	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Schedule/Status
C316310—On Call Curb Ramps	260	1500	\$390,000	Constructed started in October 2009
C317510—Curb Ramps in Residential Areas	90	1800	162,000	Constructed started in October 2009
G376310—Stimulus for sidewalk and curb ramps in prioritized corridors	330	1500	\$495,000	Notice to proceed is in process
G339610—Five-year resurfacing street program	88	2000	\$176,000	Scheduled to start in summer 2009
G376410—Stimulus for Street Resurfacing (five year program)	162	1500	\$243,000	Scheduled to start fall 2009
C370610—Citywide sidewalk repair, residential & prioritized corridors	41	1800	\$25,200	Bid anticipated in May 2010
C370510—Curb ramp construction, residential & prioritized corridors	264	1600	\$422,400	Bid anticipated in May 2010
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,235</b>		<b>\$1,913,600</b>	