



City of Abilene

Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Board for People with Disabilities of City of Abilene to be held on July 14, 2026 at 3:00 PM at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes (Discussion and Action)

AGENDA ITEMS

2. City Mission and Board Resolution
3. Special Events Accessibility Checklist (Discussion and Action)
4. ADA Assessment (Discussion)
5. CityLink Report (Discussion)
6. Champions Day (Discussion)
7. Grant for Nelson Playground (Discussion)
8. Upcoming Board Topics (Discussion)

- This item allows board members to recommend topics to be included and discussed at future board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Abilene will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to scheduled meetings. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 325-676-6208. Telecommunication device for the deaf is 325-676-6360.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 8th day of July, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

*Kaitlin Richardson, Deputy City
Secretary, TRMC, CMC*

City Mission and Board Resolution





City Mission

"We work together to build a community of the highest quality for present and future generations."





Board Resolution

That the purpose of the Board is to serve as a point of contact and a voice for the residents of the City of Abilene to the City Council concerning matters of accessibility, use, and benefit to persons with disabilities, to review and discuss matters referred to the Board by the City Council and the City Manager, and to provide recommendations to the City Council.



Special Events Accessibility Checklist





City of Abilene Special Event Accessibility Checklist

General

- Please indicate an emergency contact table with phone #
- Designated location for power wheelchairs to charge
- Accessible walkways available
- Quiet area
- ADA accessible bathrooms
- Area for service dogs to rest and/or relieve themselves
- Have you provided a Request for Accommodation Statement within all marketing materials? (i.e., "If an ADA accommodation is needed, please contact [name of contact person and phone number] at least 72 hours before the event. "
- Is there a plan in place to provide sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, Braille, or other alternative formats, if needed?





Accessibility Checklist Cont'd

- Have staff, volunteers, or others been trained on appropriate ways to assist people with disabilities?
- Are all food and beverage vendors located on an accessible path of travel?
- Are all sales counters at a height of 34 inches or less and cane detectable?
- Are 5 percent of all tables in the eating area accessible?
- Are all displays and/or exhibits located on an accessible path of travel?
- Is there a minimum 5 -foot turning space in front of, or inside of, an exhibit area?
- If seating is provided to the general public, are there varied seating choices for people who use wheelchairs or other mobility equipment?
- Is companion seating available next to the space for the person using the mobility equipment?





Accessibility Checklist Cont'd

- Is proper signage in place identifying the accessible path, toilets, parking, and seating accommodations?
- Are there a minimum of 5 percent, but not less than 1, accessible portable toilet units?
- Are all cords, wires, hoses, etc., that are located within a path of travel ramped or placed within a cord cover? (If tape is used, colored tape is required)

Parade

- Designated area promoted for ADA viewing area
- Food trucks near ADA area
- Signage that says designated ADA viewing area
- Have you spoken with vendors about the need for them to be accessible?
- Do you have a parking plan with designated accessible parking spaces and/or a designated loading/unloading area?





City of Abilene Special Event Accessibility Checklist

ADA Accessibility

The City of Abilene wants to ensure that all special events provide reasonable accommodations to those with disabilities. Here is a general checklist when planning your event; please note there may be additional requirements and not all of these may apply:

General

- Please indicate an emergency contact table with phone #
- Designated location for power wheelchairs to charge
- Accessible walkways available
- Quiet area
- ADA accessible bathrooms
- Area for service dogs to rest and/or relieve themselves
- Provided a Request for Accommodation Statement within all marketing materials? (i.e., "If an ADA accommodation is needed, please contact [name of contact person and phone number] at least 72 hours before the event.")
- Is there a plan in place to provide sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, Braille, or other alternative formats, if needed?
- Have staff, volunteers, or others been trained on appropriate ways to assist people with disabilities?
- Are all food and beverage vendors located on an accessible path of travel?
- Are all sales counters at a height of 34 inches or less and cane detectable?
- Are 5 percent of all tables in the eating area accessible?
- Are all displays and/or exhibits located on an accessible path of travel?
- Is there a minimum 5 -foot turning space in front of, or inside of, an exhibit area?

- If seating is provided to the general public, are there varied seating choices for people who use wheelchairs or other mobility equipment?
- Is companion seating available next to the space for the person using the mobility equipment?
- Is proper signage in place identifying the accessible path, toilets, parking, and seating accommodations?
- Are there 1-5 percent accessible portable toilet units?
- Are all cords, wires, hoses, etc., that are located within a path of travel ramped or placed within a cord cover? (If tape is used, colored tape is required)

Parade

- Designated area promoted for ADA viewing area
- Food trucks near ADA area
- Signage that says designated ADA viewing area
- Have you spoken with vendors about the need for them to be accessible?
- Do you have a parking plan with designated accessible parking spaces and/or a designated loading/unloading area?

ADA Assessment





Accessibility Plan

- City of Abilene is required to have an Accessibility Plan and Transition Plan
- This is an unfunded requirement
- The City is under contract to develop the Accessibility Plan
- Staff has requested funds to begin the Transition Plan
- Regular Good Faith Effort Reviews are required
- Staff will bring items to Mayor's Board for People with Disabilities as needed
- Current Areas of emphasis:
 - Name ADA Coordinator – Lesli Andrews
 - Review and update policies, if needed
 - Review and update procedures and practices, if needed
 - ADA Self Evaluation, Accessibility Plan, and Transition Plan
 - Review and update website and digital information



CityLink Report



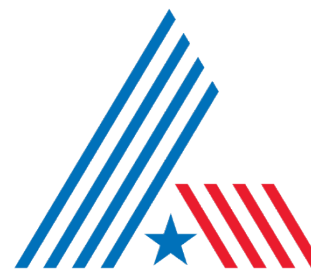


CityLink Report



CityLink ADA Metric Report

PARATRANSIT ADA-PASSENGERS	Jun-2025	Jul-2025	Aug-2025	Sep-2025	Oct-2025	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
BA1	1,360	2,347	2,102	2,500	3,006	2647	2770	2585	3216	3267	3217	2,944	3229	
BA2	65	81	74	72	67	39	95	350	586	545	529	420	526	
ADA PCAs	98	190	199	155	233	98	100	111	Apr-00	124	167	152	86	
Guests	23	34	36	36	32	16	36	10	12	13	10	7	11	
Citylink ADA Trips	1,546	2,652	2,411	2,763	3,338	2800	3001	3056	3927	3949	3923	3,523		
Number of Trip Denials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of on time trips	1,899	1,832	1,570	1,825	2,659	2630	2398	1474	2387	2819	2477	3823	2891	
Percent On Time	79%	72%	69%	77%	85%	87%	88.60%	87.03	70.33	81.49	72.95	83.33	82.83	
ADA Certifications														
ADA Paratransit Applications Received	69	79	63	40	33	27	45	41	43	32	24	54	35	
ADA Applications Denied	10	11	6	2	1	3	0	3	5	5	5	8	2	
ADA Applications Processed Late	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	



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Champions Day at Adventure Cove





Champions Day



Champions Day
July 18th

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Free Admission
for guests with disabilities

50% Off
for up to 4 family members

www.abilenetx.gov/aquatics

Adventure COVE

PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS

- July 18th
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Free Admission: guests with disability
- 50% Off: up to 4 family members

Texas Recreation and Park Society Healthy Play Grant





General Information



- TRAPS Statewide Initiative Program
- Goal is to help build healthy communities through play and recreation.
- Grant will fund the cost of the playground equipment for the new playground at Grover Nelson Park.

Upcoming Board Topics

