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PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN
CURB RAMP AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas is dedicated to providing safe and accessible routes of travel in our community for people of varying abilities. As part of this commitment, the Unified Government has developed a Public Outreach Plan specifically focused on our Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program. The purpose of this plan is to inform members of the community about our program and to solicit feedback on priorities and implementation. The Department of Public Works will modify and update this plan as needed.

Public Outreach Plan:

1. The Public Works Department will be responsible for implementing the Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program. The County Engineer will be designated as the lead official responsible for overseeing implementation of the program. A Curb Ramp Coordinator has been designated to provide a point of contact with the community.

2. A curb ramp request program will be initiated. Requests will be accepted from persons with disabilities and priority locations identified for construction. Priority will be given to locations that complete an accessible route for specific individuals in need or that give improved access to government offices and facilities, transportation, places of public accommodation, or employers.

3. An information page regarding the curb ramp request program will be added to the Unified Government's website. The page will include contact information for the Curb Ramp Coordinator.

4. Training will be given to key Unified Government staff on how to handle calls from the public regarding curb ramp improvements, specifically staff in the Public Works Department and 311 Call Center. Training is planned for August and September 2010.

5. A presentation will be given on the Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program to the Unified Government's Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues. The Committee will be asked for further feedback on the program. The presentation is planned for October or November 2010.

6. A brochure on the Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program will be developed. Information on the Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program may be incorporated into a multi-purpose brochure used for ADA outreach. Completion of the brochure is planned for November 2010.

7. A public meeting will be announced and held to present the draft of the comprehensive program plan for the ADA Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Improvement Program. The meeting topics will include an explanation of the public involvement and curb ramp request components of the program. The public meeting is planned for January or February 2011. The comprehensive plan will be presented to the Department of Justice by April 8, 2011.