

**CITY OF ENCINITAS  
ADA/SECTION 504  
WORKSHOP COMMENTS  
10/01/2019**

COMMENT

- Commend City on reaching out with this program

COMMENT:

- Housing Program does not adequately represent people in wheelchairs or with developmental disabilities. Need to make a percentage of housing available to people with disabilities
- Parking along beaches is not sufficient; parking for events is not sufficient → more accommodations at events.
- Inconsistent surfaces make travel for people in wheelchairs very difficult

COMMENT:

- Housing designed so that anyone visiting can access front entrances, bathrooms, etc.

COMMENT:

- Path to bus inhibited by railway
- need more emphasis on allowing people to retain their independence as they age (when prioritizing projects)
- Birmingham Drive Improvements – San Elijo Ave. to Mackinnon Ave. #36 on Transition Plan – pending but would really help mobility. Ten years too long.

COMMENT:

- Streetscape does not help East to West mobility on Vulcan between Leucadia and La Costa to North Coast Highway 101
- Streetscape does not address East to West from North Coast Highway 101 to Vulcan and only prioritize to allow access from Vulcan to North Coast Highway 101.

COMMENT:

- MacKinnon Ave, utility pole in front of 1717 Mackinnon, is removal happening?  
ANSWER: Accessibility on MacKinnon is in Transition Plan.
- QUESTION: Is 5G going to affect pole removal?
- Are bike improvements considering ADA?

COMMENT:

- There are encroachments in the right-of-way by adjoining properties – City is inconsistent and unfair in enforcement
- Rubenstein Area – Enforce right-of-way equally
- many encroachments in Cardiff not addressed

COMMENT:

- Leucadia NCTD – Look at additional at grade crossings and more simple under-crossings for east to west access from North Coast Highway 101 to Vulcan
- Seek Grant funds for getting people out of cars.

COMMENT:

- Pedestrians/wheelchair should get equal/greater access to bike paths or pathways

COMMENT:

- Light/signal crossings–consider audio enhancements for visually impaired
- Suggest having walking lane have line in the middle for visually impaired.

COMMENT:

- Happy to participate in citizen review of the ADA/Section 504 workshop
- Many obstacles in the middle of the sidewalk, very difficult to navigate on steep streets.
- Why are utilities allowed to place obstacles/equipment in the middle of the sidewalk as part of development.

COMMENT:

- Cardiff mobility west to east is very difficult for wheelchairs. Need better pathways for all.
- Uneven surfaces, side-to-side slopes, etc.
- More people are staying in their homes because of lack of access for aging/disabled.
- Happy for curb cuts on Newcastle/San Elijo, but people cannot get to those streets. Take a broader look, not so narrow, more towards the future planning.
- Consider moving forward on Birmingham project for better access West to East.

COMMENT:

- Transportation is lacking.
- Cars at Leucadia Blvd still go through intersection when the signal says “Walk.”
- Bus does not go up to Vulcan
- Vulcan has only 18 in. dirt path.
- Behind on mobility on Vulcan.
- Work on pathways on Vulcan for North/South and for East/West crossing over railroad.

COMMENT:

- Short-term rentals not required to participate in ADA requirements if they have 5 or less rooms. Would like City Council to enact changes to short term rentals to have ADA requirements.

COMMENT:

- Parking
  - More ADA parking needed at special events; Holiday parade, etc.
- Sidewalk/walkways
  - Should be consistent throughout the City so they can be more accessible.
- Housing Element
  - Should be inclusive of those with accessible needs

COMMENT:

- Change codes to be more relevant to accessible needs.
- Design review to keep signs, poles, mailboxes off sidewalks for accessibility.
- Inconsistent encroachment enforcement issues
- Enforce encroachment laws walkway near safe routes to school program.
- Reclaim Right-of-way to allow sidewalks and pathways and clear path of travel.

COMMENT:

- Pedestrians and wheelchair bound should have more or same access and attention as bicycles do.

COMMENT:

- October is Blindness Awareness month
- Light/signal crossings –need audio devices for visually impaired
- On walking lane have line in the middle
- City should focus on pedestrians and those with disabilities for better access

COMMENT:

- Wheelchair community
  - Identify on City website accessible areas -where to go, how accessible is the destination (example – parks, beaches, etc.)
  - Research cities that are known for being accessible. See what they have done or plan for future (Austin, TX; Portland, OR)

COMMENT:

- Build homes for accessibility – all types of accessible issues. Make it a City building requirement.

COMMENT:

- Quail Gardens Drive – Use City-owned property to create community all relating to creating a completely accessible “town.”

COMMENT:

- Build independence through accessible pathways – throughout whole City – making connections.
- Lacking east/west access on Vulcan Avenue

COMMENT:

- Upgrade at grade crossing to be protective to all pedestrians regardless of ability.
- Aging society now needs better access to public facilities
- Transportation – walking, riding, bike, danger to vision impaired – not good enough.
- Bus routes do not run in order to connect to beaches.
- City behind on mobility throughout the City
- Need transportation connections to get around all areas of Encinitas and beyond.

COMMENT:

- Title III (Commercial)
  - Proposal re: short term vacation rentals should be required to adhere to ADA/Section 504.

## **SUMMARY ACTIONS TO WORKSHOP THEMES**

Current Transition Plan addresses accessibility by several areas in specific projects (see Transition Plan mobility enhancements: Leucadia, Cardiff and throughout the City).

Multiple projects on a ongoing basis, (i.e. sidewalk repair, mobility projects address mobility throughout the City is reflected in the Transition Plan).

Special Event accessible parking will be incorporated as part of the Special Event permitting process.

Encroachment will be addressed in a case by case basis throughout the City.

Housing and vacation rentals fall under Title III Commercial Regulations, not under Public Title II ADA Regulations.

See [Transition Plan](#) for ongoing projects throughout the years.