



# ADA Sidewalk Improvements



Council Briefing  
February 10, 2015



# History



- July 1990 - Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy Established
- January 1992 – Title II (Public Services & Transportation) Became Effective
- February 2003 – City Adopted “ADA Title II Comprehensive Evaluation & Transition Plan”
  - Primarily Focused on Buildings and Services
  - Generalized Count of Curb Ramps
  - Did Not Include Sidewalks or ADA Accessible Routes
- Dec. 2012 – City Adopted “ADA Master Plan”
  - Maps Proposed ADA Accessible Routes
  - Inventory of Existing Curb Ramps, Sidewalks & Other Pedestrian Elements
  - Identifies Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements (~ \$65M)
- Dec. 2013 – City Adopted “MobilityCC” Which Incorporates “ADA Master Plan”
  - Merges “Corpus Christi Urban Transportation Plan” and “ADA Master Plan”



# ADA Title II



- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II:
  - Title II: Public Services and Transportation – prohibits discrimination in accessing services (including employment to the extent not already covered by Title I) provided by the state and local government entities
  - Applies to Public Entities (any State or local government and any of its departments, agencies, or other instrumentalities)
  - Applies to Newly Constructed Buildings & Facilities
  - Applies to Alterations of Existing Facilities
  - Requires alterations to existing facilities as necessary to provide accessibility to programs and as required by ADA transition plan; however, alternative reasonable methods of accessibility are permitted



# ADA Master Plan



- Recommended Annual Funding Goal of \$3.5M
- 3 Phases Of Suggested Improvements Identified:
  - Phase 1 - City/State/Public Buildings
    - ✓ 43 Street Segments
  - Phase 2 - Major Transportation Routes
    - ✓ Arterials & Collectors
    - ✓ 101 Street Segments
  - Phase 3 - Places of Public Accommodation
    - ✓ Facilities Operated by Private Entities Whose Operations Affect Commerce
    - ✓ 155 Street Segments



# Improvements Effort



- All Bond Street Reconstruction Projects
- Bond Program ADA Improvements - \$13.6M Total
  - ✓ Bond 2004 -\$ 4.0M
  - ✓ Bond 2008 - \$ 5.0M
  - ✓ Bond 2012 -\$ 2.3M
  - ✓ Bond 2014 - \$ 2.3M
- Street Preventative Maintenance Program (SPMP)
  - ✓ Overlays
  - ✓ Funded in Bond 2012 & 2014
- TxDOT
- RTA Bus Pads
- CDBG



# Sidewalk Accessibility



➤ **Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II -**

“Each facility or part of a facility altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public entity...shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be altered in such manner that the altered portion of the facility is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, if the alteration was commenced after January 26, 1992.”

➤ **Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28, Section 35.150 -**

“A public entity may comply with the requirements of this section through...any other methods that result in making its services, programs, or activities readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.”

➤ **ADA Best Practices Tool Kit -**

“Alternative routes to buildings may be acceptable where people with disabilities must travel only a marginally longer route than the general public.”

➤ ***Alonzo v. City of Corpus Christi -***

City agreed to install curb ramps in compliance with the ADA on all future street renovations, which includes overlay projects.



## Airline Road – McArdle to SPID



- Sidewalk Between Prosperity Bank and SPID:
  - No City alterations or construction has occurred in the blocked sidewalk sections after January 26, 1992.
  - No street overlays occurred to the portion of Airline road adjacent to the subject sidewalk sections
  - The route of Airline Road between McArdle and SPID is listed in Phase 2 of the 2012 ADA Master Plan
  - There are alternate accessible routes of travel at this location
- When the City reconstructs or overlays this section of the street, it will ensure continued compliance with ADA requirements.



# Airline Road – McArdle to SPID



East Side  
(On ADA Master Plan List)







# Airline Road – McArdle to SPID



West Side  
(On ADA Master Plan List)





# Other Locations



Brannan Street



Bushick Place



Otranto Drive



Elba Court

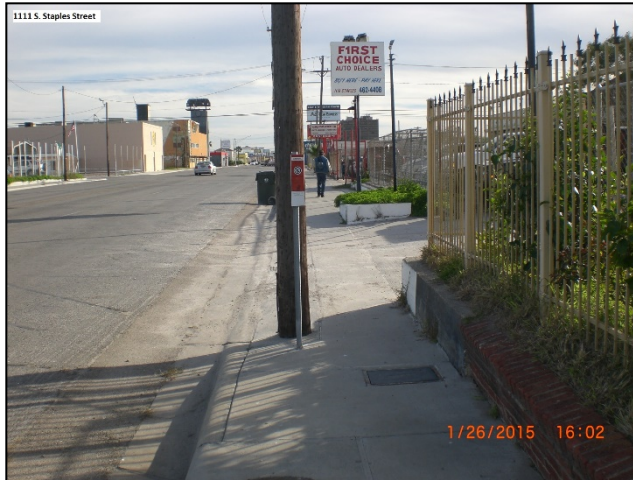




Brooks Drive



Elizabeth Street  
(On ADA Master Plan List)



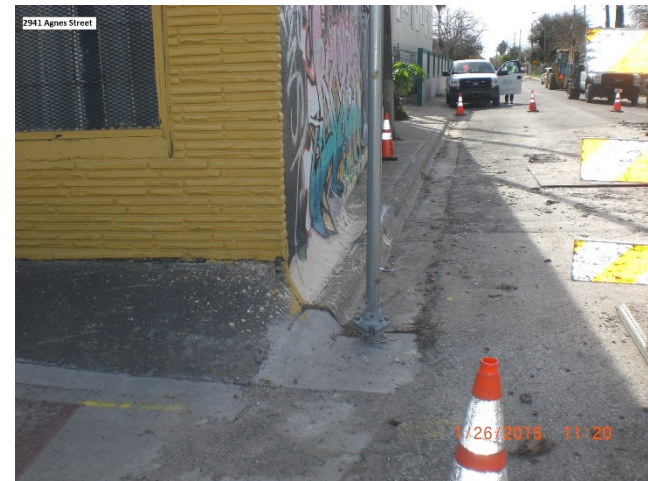
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Tanchhua St.  
(On ADA Master Plan List)



Calallen Drive  
(On ADA Master Plan List)



Agnes Street





Horne Road



Bluntzer Street





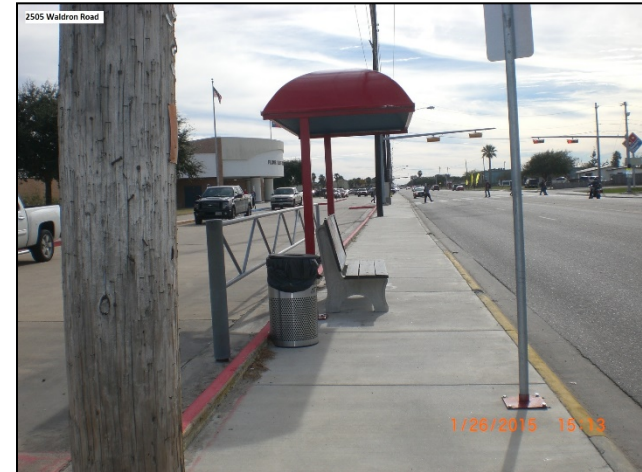
Clifford Street



S. Staples Street



Waldron Road



Waldron Road



Corsica Road



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Vera Cruz Street



Wildcat Drive



# Questions?

