

ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

Montana Department of Transportation



Stakeholder Meetings

May 10 and May 11, 2021

Meeting Agenda & Format

Presentation

- I Welcome & Introductions
- II Transition Plan Overview
- III Survey Feedback
- IV Website Review and Future Feedback

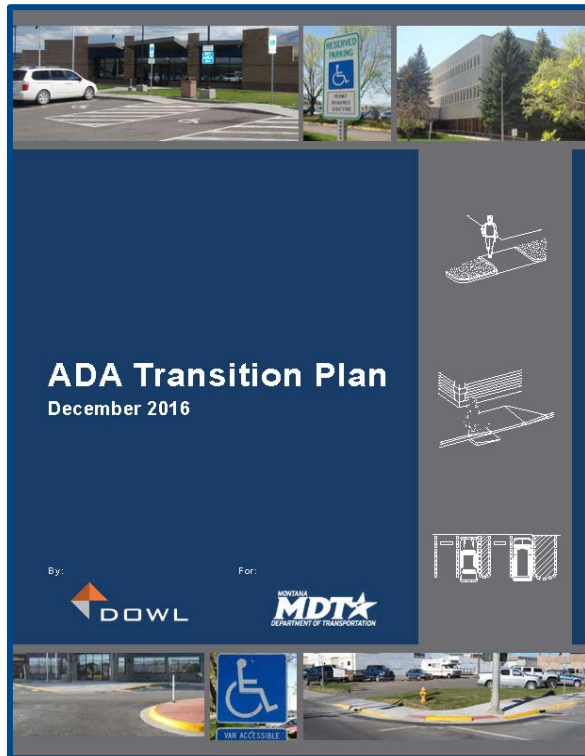
Question & Answer Period

Planning Team Introductions

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Transition Plan Overview

What is the ADA Transition Plan?



Provides guidance for
**removal of
accessibility
barriers**

in the public right-of-way on
State of Montana maintained
routes and in MDT's public
programs and services

Transition Plan Organization

1.0 Introduction

- Regulatory Framework
- MDT Mission and ADA Policy Statement

2.0 ADA Program Methods

- Administration
- Communications
- Rights-of-Way
- Building Facilities

3.0 Implementation Plan & Schedule

4.0 Public and Stakeholder Outreach

Supporting Appendices

December 2016 ADA Transition Plan



1.0 Introduction

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan is intended to direct the department's efforts to provide an accessible transportation system within the state of Montana. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for removal of

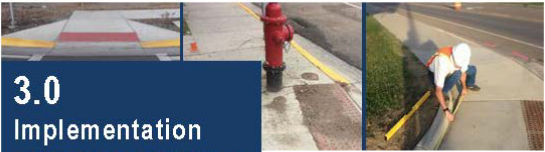
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2.0 ADA Program Methods

In support of the MDT mission and ADA policy, the following sections outline methods MDT uses to make its programs, rights-of-way, and building facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities in fulfillment of 28 CFR 35.150(d)(3)(ii). These

December 2016 ADA Transition Plan



3.0 Implementation Plan and Schedule

MDT is committed to eliminating accessibility barriers for individuals with disabilities within its programs, rights-of-

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4.0 Public and Stakeholder Outreach

Public and stakeholder input is an essential element in the transition plan development and self-evaluation processes. ADA implementing regulations require public entities to provide an opportunity to interested persons, including individuals with disabilities, to participate in the self-evaluation process and development of the transition plan by submitting comments (28 CFR 35.150(d)(1)).

What elements are addressed?

- **Existing and Newly Constructed Features**

- **Right-of-Way Features**

- Curb Ramps
 - Sidewalks
 - Crosswalks
 - Pedestrian Activated Signals

- **Building Facilities**

- MDT Headquarters (Helena)
 - District Office Buildings
 - Rest Areas
 - Airports
 - Maintenance Buildings
 - Scale Sites

- **MDT Programs, Services, and Activities**

What Methods are addressed?



- **Administration**
 - External ADA program management
- **Communications**
 - Eliminate communication barriers, provide auxiliary aids
- **Right-of-way Features**
 - ADA Inventory
 - Project Identification
 - Design and Construction
 - Operation and Maintenance
- **Building Facilities**
 - ADA Inventory
 - Design, Construction, Maintenance

What is not addressed in the ADA Transition Plan?



- Specific project locations
- Local right-of-way features and facilities
- Internal MDT employment accessibility

Goals and Purpose of Plan Update



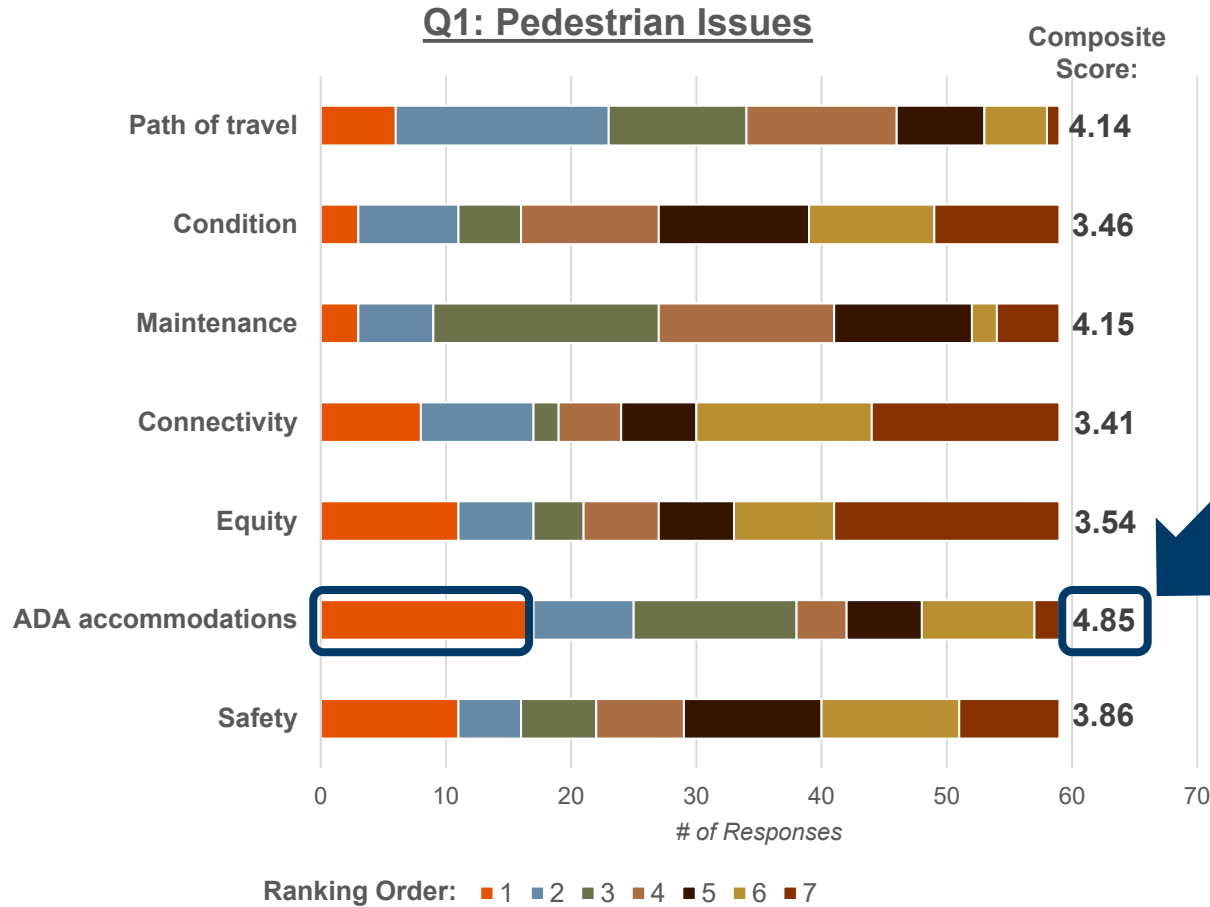
- Integrate process improvements
- Focus on public and stakeholder involvement
- Conduct Department-wide coordination
- Demonstrate progress

Survey Feedback

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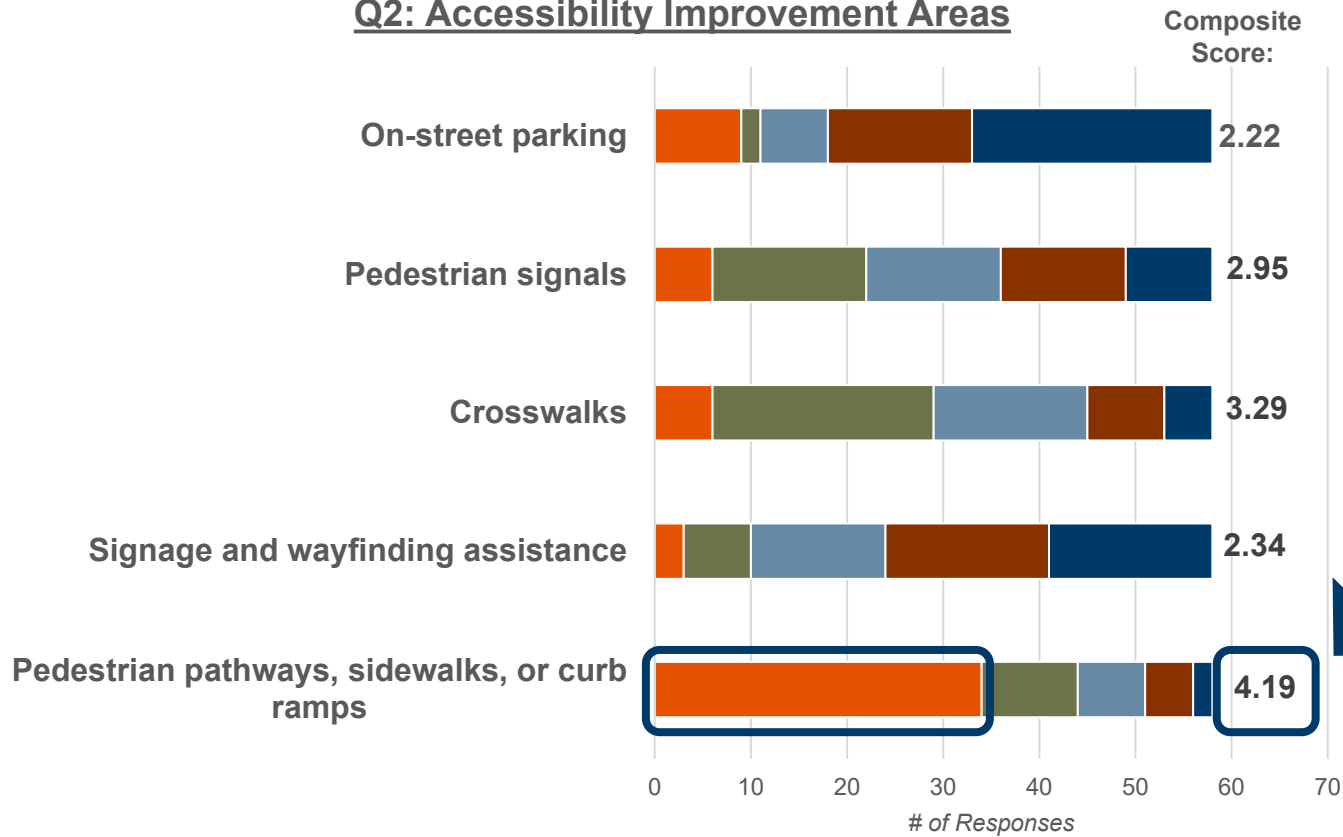
- **March 31 to April 16, 2021**
- **69 Participants**
 - **All disability categories** represented; 65% do not have a disability
 - 33 cities/towns; **23 of 56 MT counties**
 - **Ages 19-65+**
 - **All community settings** represented (41% city, 25% small town, 13% rural)

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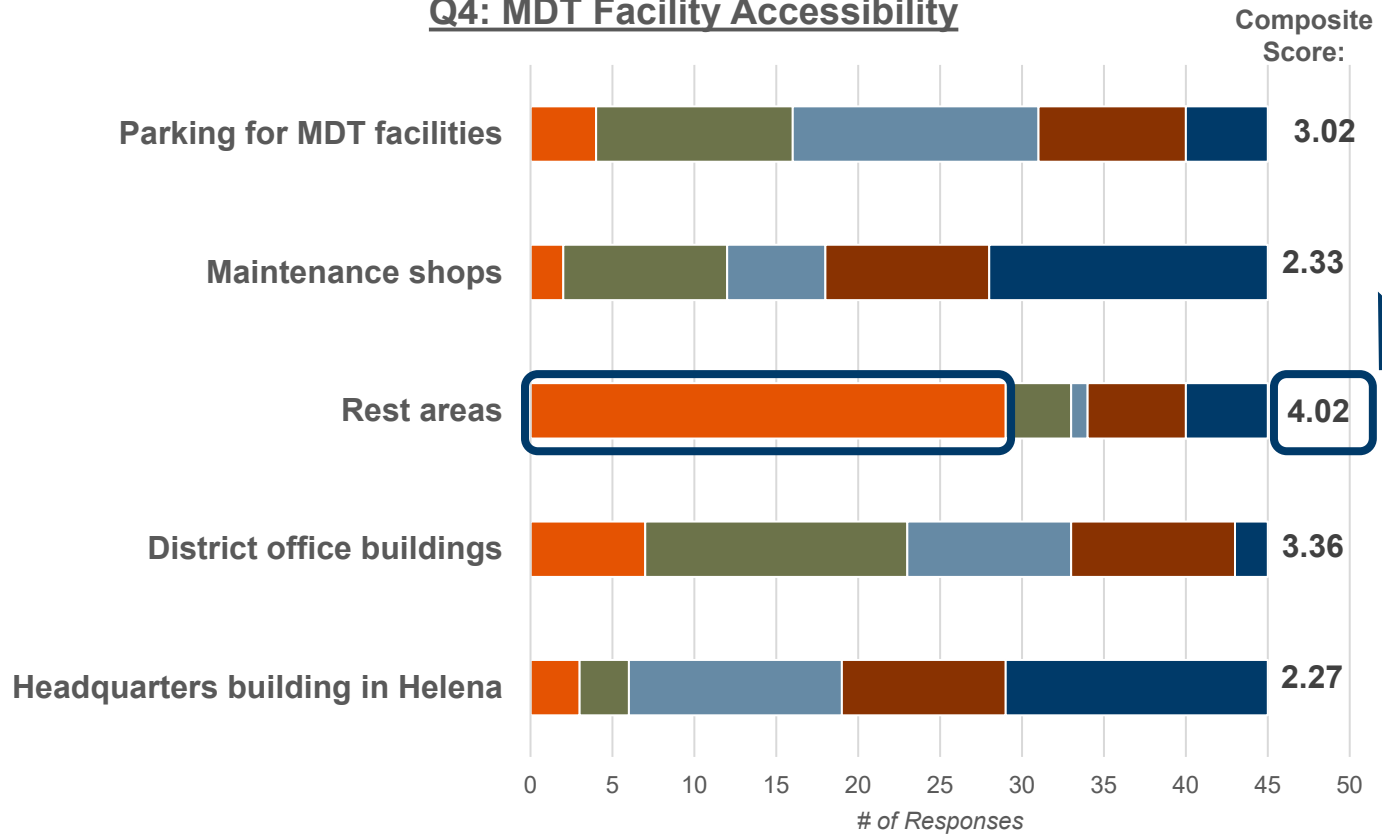
Q2: Accessibility Improvement Areas



Ranking Order: 1 2 3 4 5

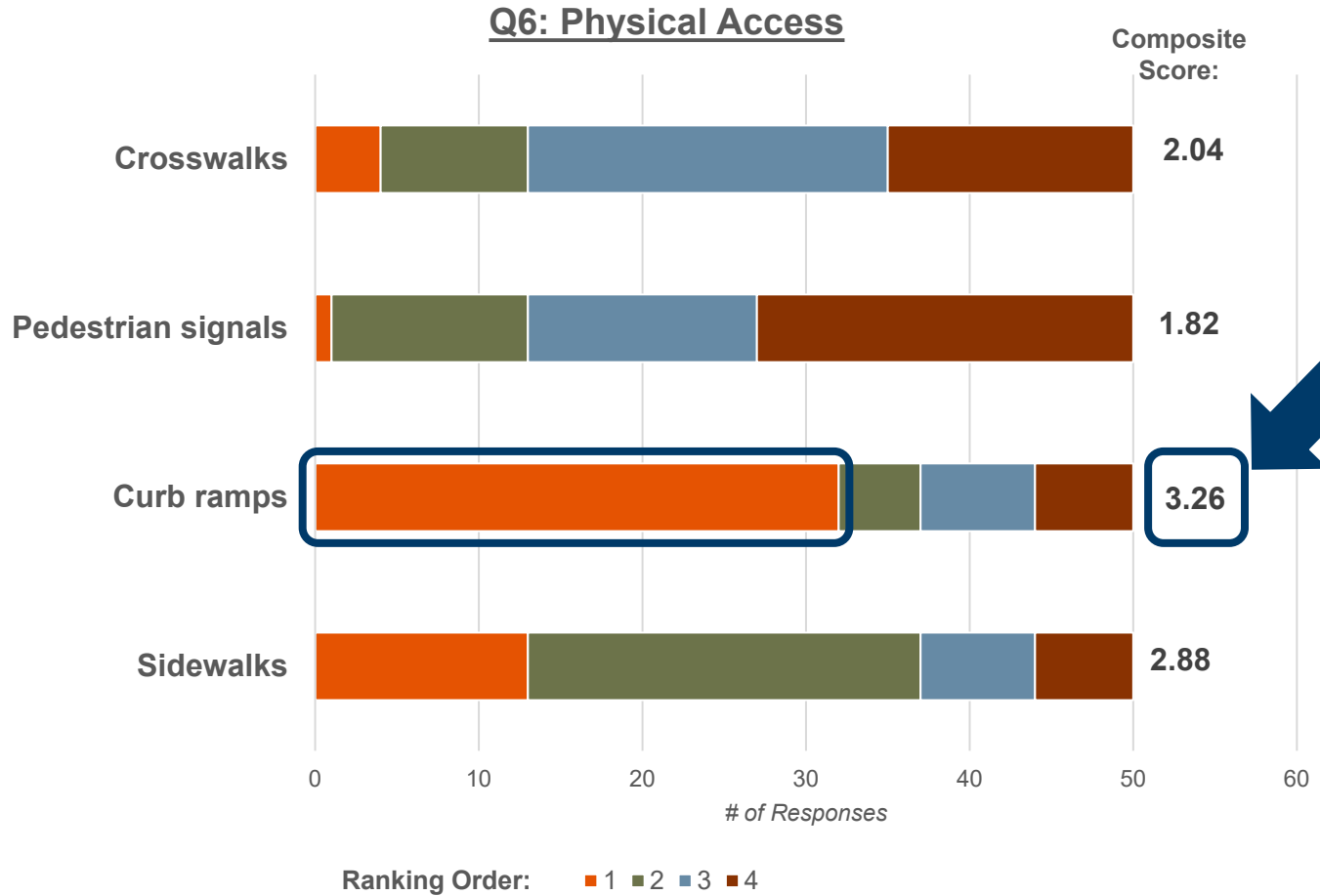
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Q4: MDT Facility Accessibility



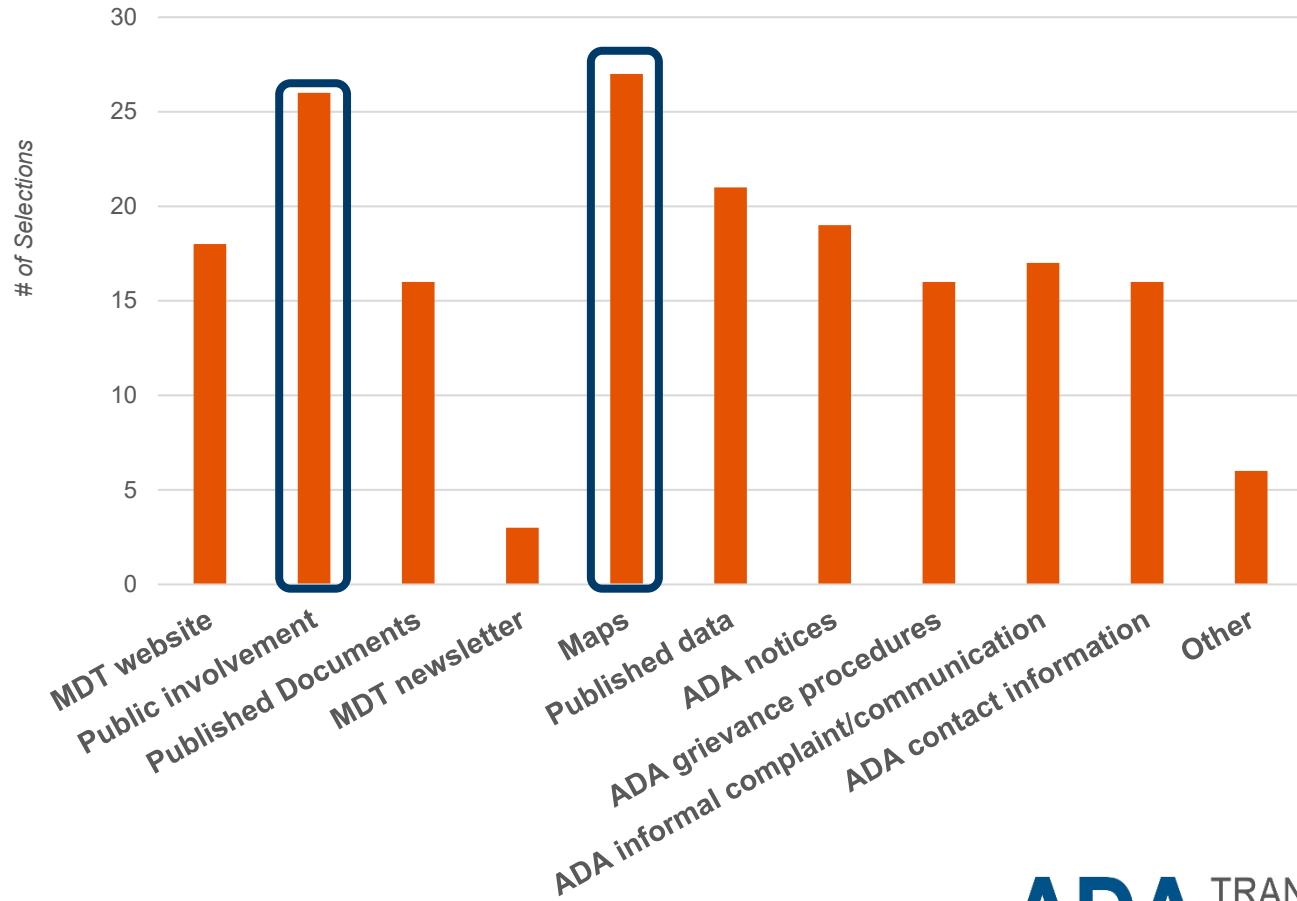
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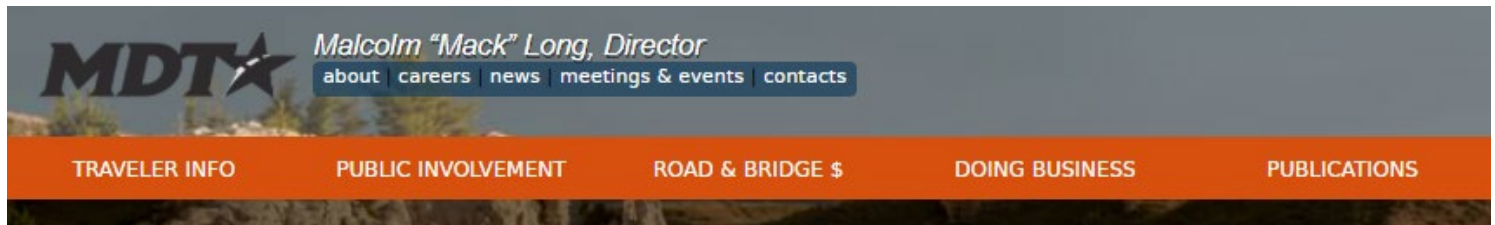
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Q7: Program Accessibility



Website Review and Future Feedback

Website Review



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| MORE TRAVELER INFO... | MORE CONSTRUCTION... | MORE PLANS ... | MORE SERVICES... |



Website Review

Office of Civil Rights

External ADA

MDT must ensure that all of its programs, services and activities are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. The External Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) program ensures that people with disabilities have equitable opportunities to use the public rights-of-way system. This program is responsible for implementing MDT's Transition Plan, which guides MDT's efforts to provide an accessible transportation system within the state of Montana.

Reports

ADA Transition Plan Update

MDT is currently updating the ADA Transition Plan. [Click here to learn more.](#)

MDT encourages comments on the Transition Plan Update anytime throughout the year as various ADA-related transportation issues arise

Comments can be provided in the following ways:

[Online Comment Form](#) (select ADA Related Topic in the project dropdown list)

Email: mmaze@mt.gov

Phone: 406-444-5416

Mail:

Montana Department of Transportation

Office of Civil Rights

PO Box 201001

Helena, MT 59620

Forms

[Title VI/ADA Section 504 - Complaint Procedures and Form](#)

Helpful Links

OCR Staff

[OCR Contacts](#)

Program Quick Links

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[FHWA 1391 Annual Workforce Report](#)

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External ADA

[2021 Transition Plan Update](#)

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Website Review



Overview

MDT is updating the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan*, which directs the department's efforts to provide an accessible transportation system within the state of Montana. Periodic updates of the plan are beneficial to ensure continuous improvement through incorporation of new technologies, streamlined processes, and modernized approaches that best meet MDT's needs and operating conditions.

The plan aims to establish a consistent approach for accommodating disabled individuals by identifying methods to assist MDT in complying with ADA regulations and removing accessibility barriers throughout the state. *The plan is not intended to identify specific projects or barrier locations.*

While MDT encourages comments at any time as accessibility-related transportation issues arise, the plan update presents an opportunity for targeted outreach on this topic to better understand needs and concerns from the perspective of disabled users, disability advocates, and other stakeholders and interested members of the public.

Links

- [Overview](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Schedule](#)
- [Documents](#)
- [Other Resources](#)
- [MDT Online Comment Form](#)

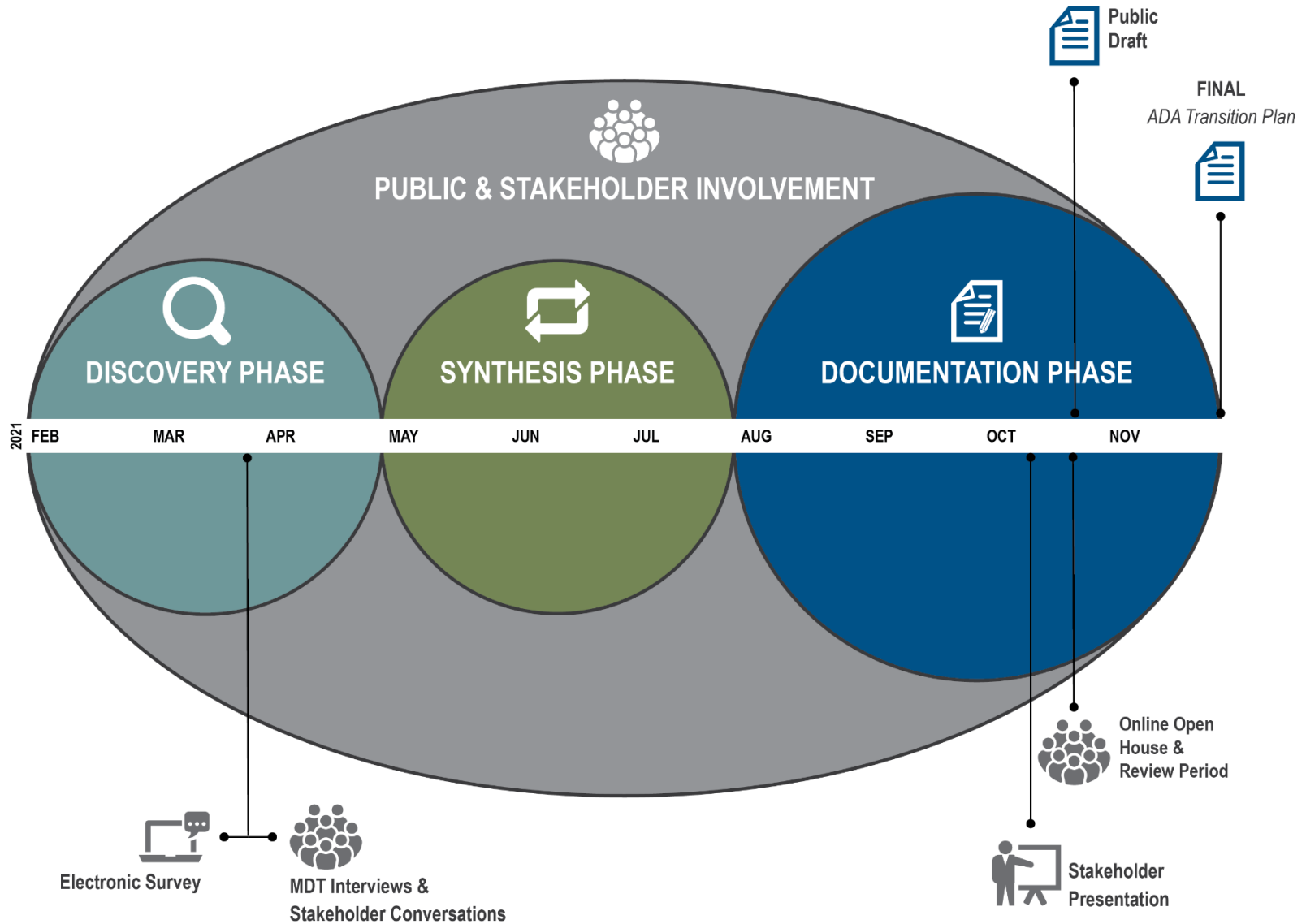
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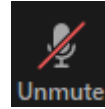
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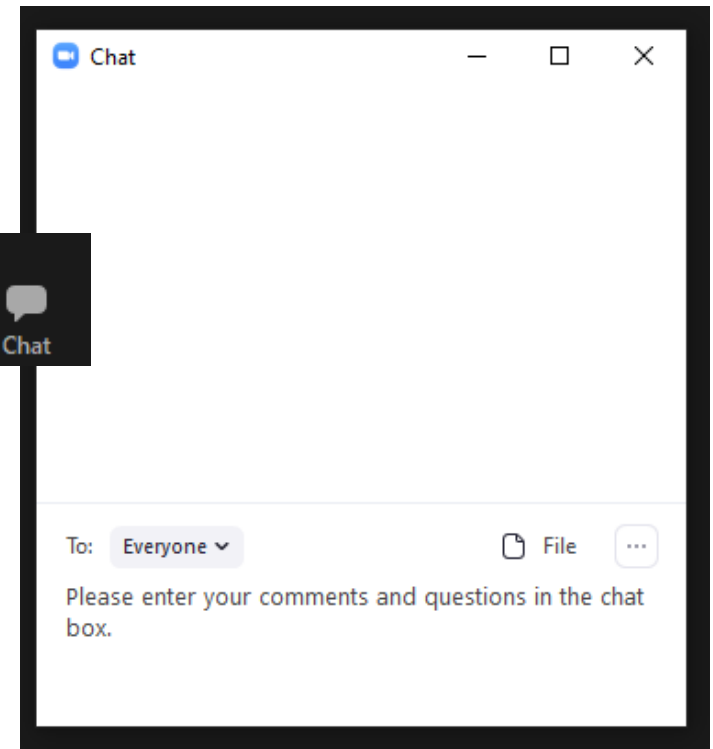
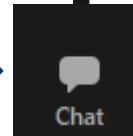
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Questions & Answers

To **speak**, click the unmute button:



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To enable everyone to participate, please **keep comments brief**