

Hennepin County

High level Self-Evaluation Process

During 2010, county staff completed a high-level inventory of complete streets and accessibility infrastructure on its county roads to support Hennepin County's Complete Streets policy and comply with ADA. The goal of this inventory was to determine if these elements were present (or not present) on our transportation system; staff was less concerned about specific details of each element as one would expect from a more in-depth self-evaluation. The Transportation Department chose this approach because it wanted to gain a better understanding of accessibility on its system in a timely manner. For this work staff used existing county aerial photography, online mapping information such as Google Maps and Streetview, *Vanview* (a county roadway video log), and field visits when needed. From this information staff produced a countywide summary of pedestrian ramps, detectable warnings, sidewalks, traffic signals, etc. From this summary Hennepin County staff gained an understanding of accessibility on our transportation system and the extent of ADA improvements needed. This preliminary data has also proved valuable for informing policy makers and elected officials on the need for and scope of our ADA responsibilities.

For Hennepin County to insure ADA compliance on its transportation system, and to build on the work of the high-level self-evaluation, the county will publish an ADA Transition Plan, complete an annual curb ramp reconstruction project (location based in part on the results of the high-level self-evaluation), continue to understand our transportation system through data collection, provide ADA infrastructure and accessibility through our capital projects, and provide infrastructure through responding to reasonable accommodation requests.