



AGENDA
ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 24, 2024
3:00 PM
Levy Senior Center: 300 Dodge Ave.
Locust Room / Zoom

(I) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Welcome Guest Speakers from the City of Evanston:

Alex Ruggie, Law Department Corporation Counsel

Liz Williams, Community Development Department Planning Manager/Interim
Housing & Grants Manager

(II) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(III) PUBLIC COMMENTS

(IV) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest speakers

- The Legal Department's role in Evanston's ADA/Disability Services
- Envision Evanston 2045: accessibility in the City's upcoming new comprehensive plan and zoning code

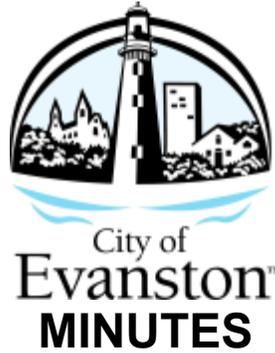
Review of new inquiries/grievances

- Fountain Square flower pot placement
- Sidewalk blocked at 1400 Greenleaf
- Lack of accessible parking at 1426 Oak Street
- Sand barrier at South Blvd Beach
- Unsafe platforms during construction by Jewel on Chicago Ave.
- Feedback about Evanston's role in ensuring accessibility at special events

- Re-do of sidewalk remediation at 725 Oakton
- Other items
- Upcoming events
 - 10/29: "Neurodiversity Unmasked" training for City staff
 - CMAP Regional ADA Coordinators Group
 - Next meeting: November 21, 2024 at Evanston Public Library

(V) COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

(VI) ADJOURNMENT



ADA Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 26, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
Evanston Public Library / Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members present: Murphy Monroe, Jack Kleisner, Julia Pantoga, Adrienne Allen, Jim Johnson, Mark Karlin

Guests: Carlos Hranicka, Fred Wittenberg, Alice Eakes, John Kapetan, Alex Harrison, Patrick Hughes

Staff present: Caroline McCraw (Digital Services Specialist), Lara Biggs (Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau Chief), Audrey Thompson (Director of Parks & Recreation), Lauren Ruiz (Inclusion & Accessibility Division Manager)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 25 minutes were approved by Jack Kleisner and Julia Pantoga.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest speakers

- Evanston website accessibility: overview of upcoming project and group discussion. See discussion questions provided in meeting packet.
 - Top concerns related to website accessibility included:
 - The vast number of PDFs included on the City website. Specialized, expensive equipment is needed for screen readers to access these so they are inaccessible for many with low vision/who are blind.
 - Requests were made to include individuals with disabilities in testing for accessibility
 - Being able to identify what accommodations you need for the website and adjusting these settings/toolkits needed for users
 - Accessibility for people who do not use keyboards

- "Memory reminders" to aide users in remembering steps or where they are in the process when using the website
- Caroline mentioned the City's priority over making current info accessible first and the difference between communicating and storage
- A visitor suggested a social event to bring together the disability community and the coordinators of the website to ensure experiences are shared and connections are made
- A member noted that many seniors do not access the website or are unfamiliar with various tools used related to technology. Ensuring other communication systems are in place for this population was requested.
- A visitor suggested checking in with other municipalities about their website accessibility, digital services, finding a prototype and the best in class standards were discussed.
- Caroline plans to visit with the Committee again in about 6 months when the City's process is further along. Communication will continue via the ADA Coordinator and engagement with all who are interested.
- Evanston's capital improvement program: ADA budget/questions. See memo provided in meeting packet. See attached presentation from Lara. The Committee expressed the importance of their involvement in Capital Improvement Projects, need involvement from the disability community as early as possible in the processes.
- Evanston dog beach updates/questions. See memo provided in meeting packet. See attached presentation from Lara. Lara estimated that the dog beach would be rebid this winter.

Review of new inquiries/grievances: these updates were postponed to the next meeting due to timing.

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Other items

- Upcoming events:
 - Emergency Preparedness Fair Sept. 28 at Robert Crown Community Center
- Community resources:
 - Sharing is Caring: see flyer included with meeting packet. Support group run by residents with disabilities, they are putting together a list of topics to be covered and speakers to invite.
 - Evanston ADA/Disability Services resource: Service Animals pamphlet: this update was postponed until the next meeting.
- Next meeting: October 24 at **Levy Senior Center, Locust Room**

5. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- A member shared information about an upcoming presentation she was leading about travelling with a disability.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Proposed 2025 CIP and ADA

ADA Advisory Committee



Lara Biggs, City Engineer

September 26, 2024

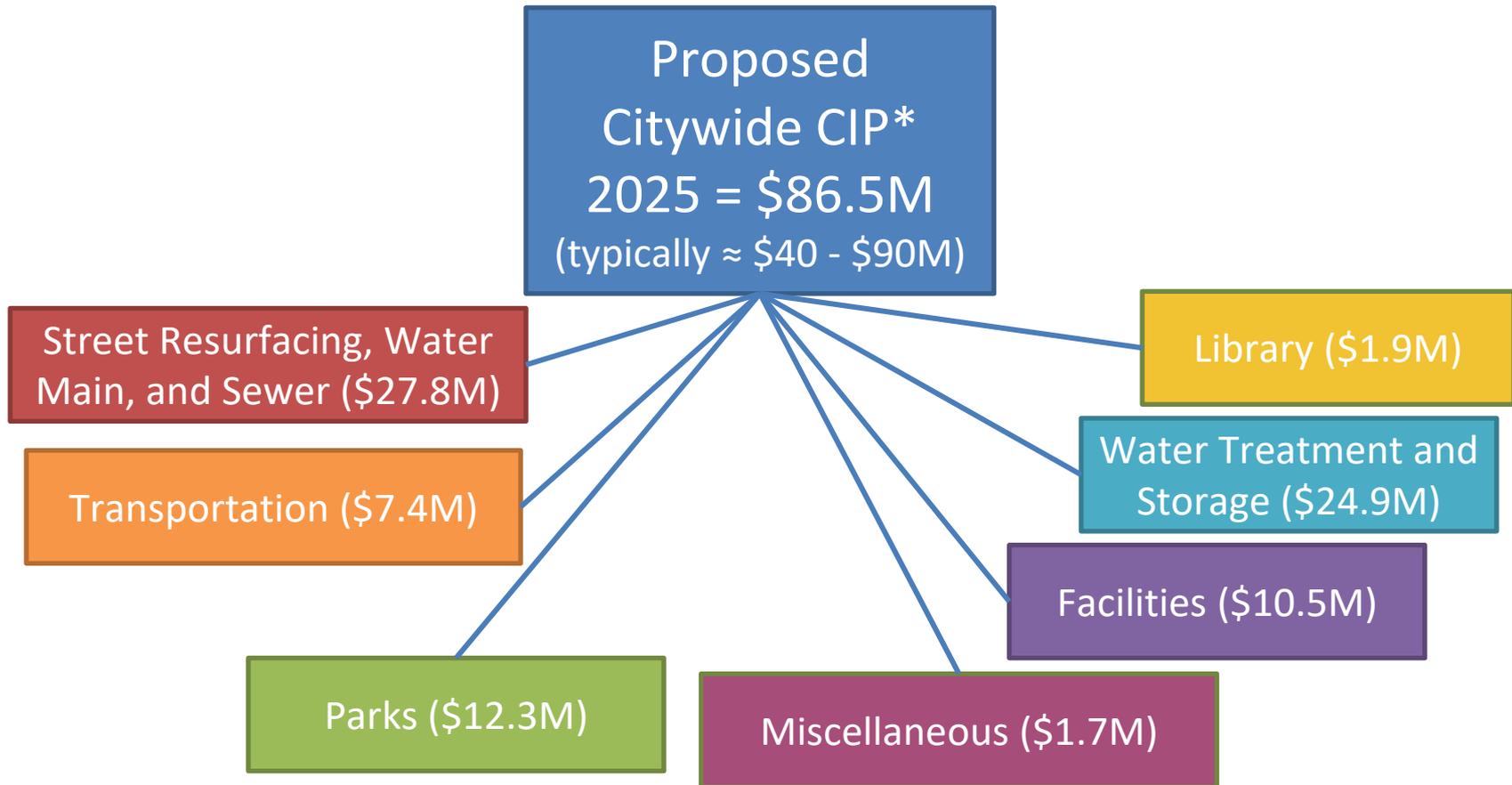
2025 Proposed CIP Schedule

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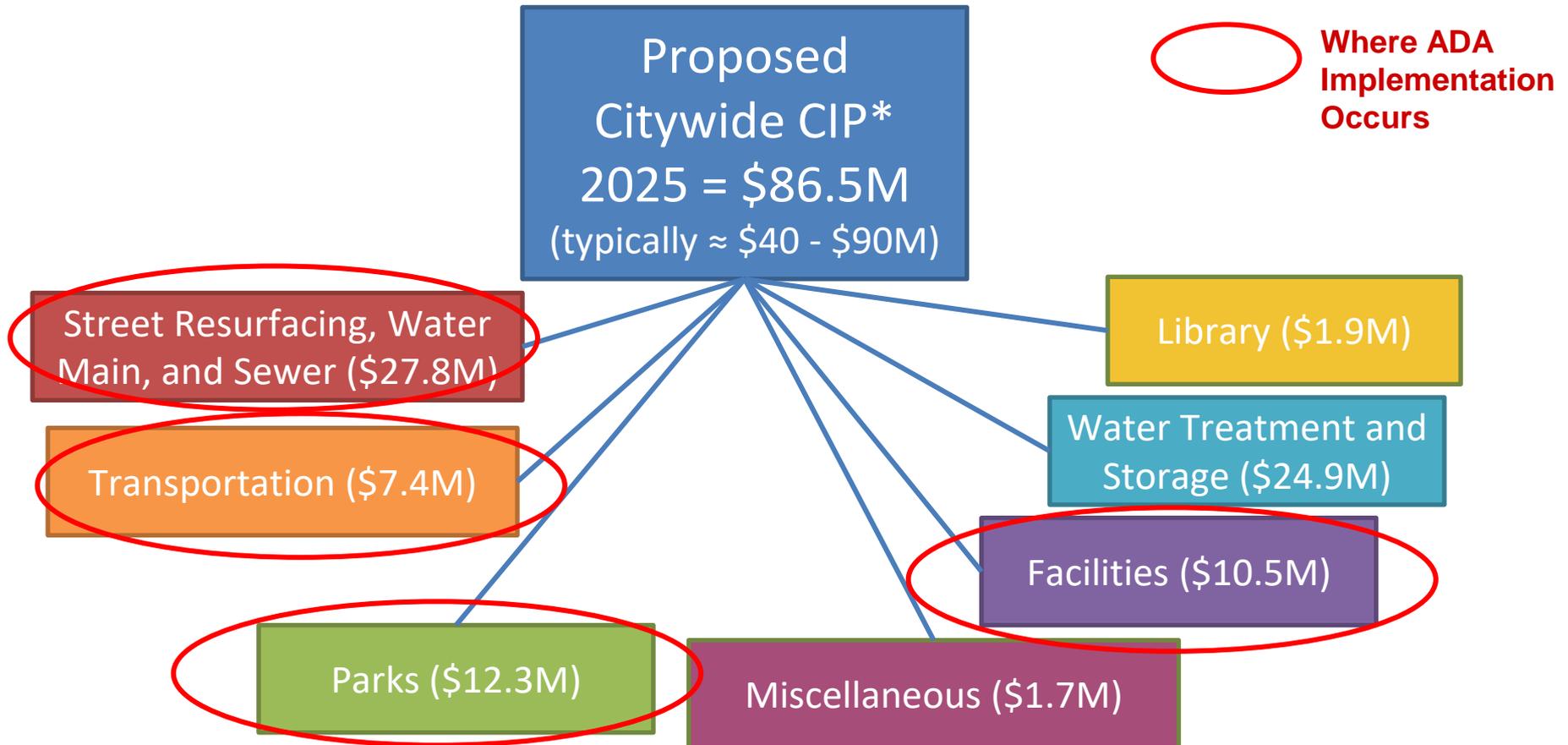
May - July 2024	—————→	Draft CIP Developed
July - Sept 2024	—————→	Presentations to Boards and Commissions
Oct - Nov 2024	—————→	City Council Discussion
November 2024	—————→	Adopt Budget and 2025 CIP
2025 +	—————→	Implementation

Capital Improvement Program Overview



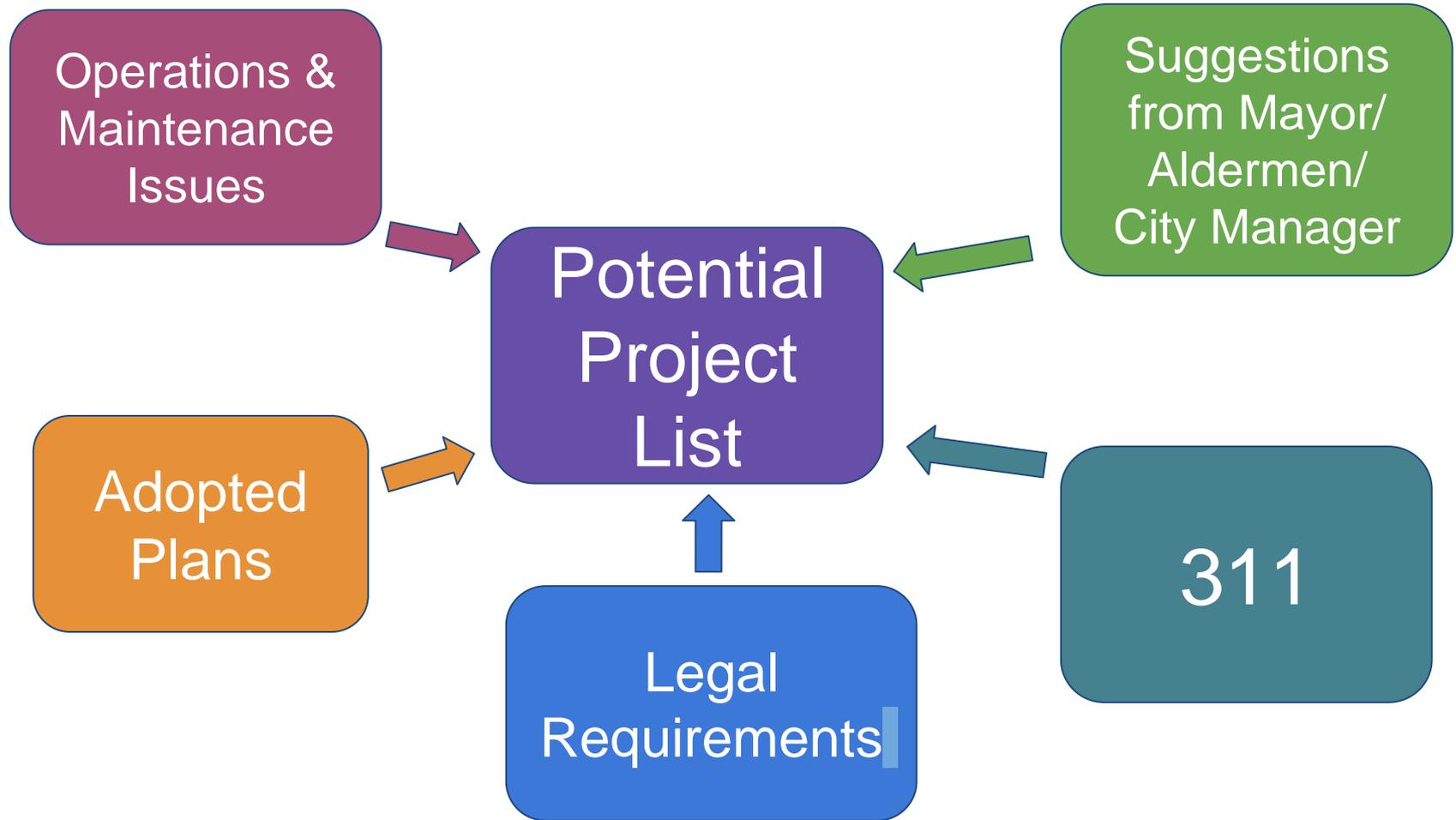
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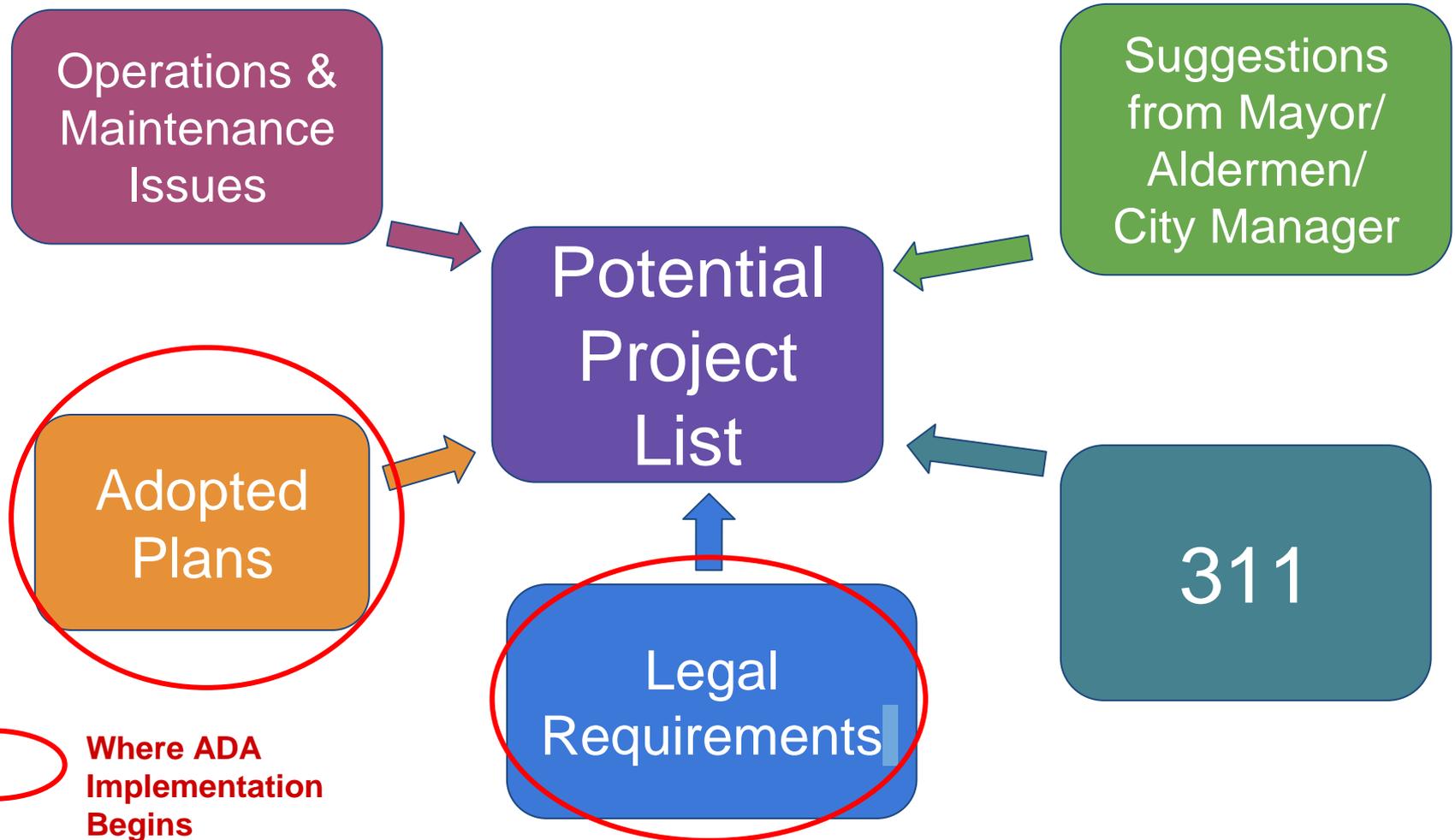


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Where Do CIP Projects Originate?



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Adopted Plans (Examples)

- Multimodal Plan (2009)
- Climate Action Resilience Plan (2018)
- Streetlight Master Plan (2019)
- **ADA Transition Plan (2022)**
- Sidewalk Improvement Plan (2022)
- Crosswalk Policy (2023 - currently being finalized)

Proposed 2025 CIP - ADA Evaluation

Four general categories of disabilities:

- **Physical**
- Behavioral/Emotional
- Developmental
- **Sensory**

CIP generally improves access for two types of disabilities.



Proposed 2025 CIP - ADA Evaluation

Example projects with ADA Improvements:

Physical Disability Improvements	Sensory Disability Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sidewalk replacement- Park pathways to amenities- Restroom renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Traffic signal audible indicators- Detectable warning surfaces at intersections- Lighting modernization- Improved signage

Proposed 2025 CIP - ADA Evaluation

Of 91 projects, 40 (44%) include at least some ADA improvements.

Of \$86.4M in proposed budget, \$35.1M (41%) include at least some ADA improvement.

Disclaimers:

- Not all projects will move forward. The CIP needs to be right-sized to match available resources (funding + staff)
- Not every dollar spent on a project goes to ADA Improvement

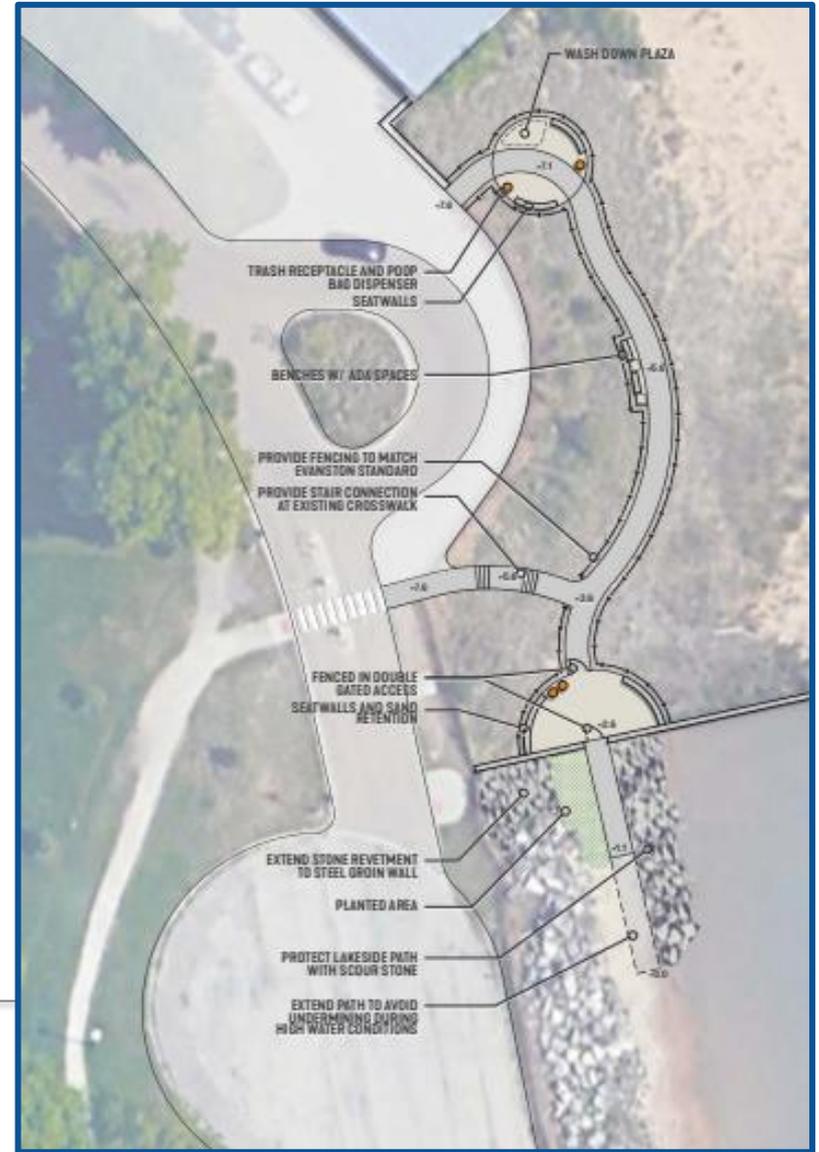
Typical Projects - ADA Improvement Comparison

Streets, Utility, Other Transportation	
<p>Contains ADA Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streetscape/Corridor Improvements - Street Resurfacing - Bus Stop Improvements - Sidewalk Improvements (all) 	<p>Does Not Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lead Service Line Replacements - Hydrant Painting - Sewer Repairs
Parks	
<p>Contains ADA Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADA Dog Beach Access - Public Canoe Launch - Whole Park Renovations - Playground Equipment Replacement 	<p>Does Not Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Court Renovations - Fountain Square Improvements - Parks Lighting Modernization
Facilities	
<p>Contains ADA Improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police/Fire HQ Improvements - Locker Room, Kitchen, Interior Renovations - Restroom Renovations 	<p>Does Not Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HVAC - Electrical Evaluations - Roof Repairs

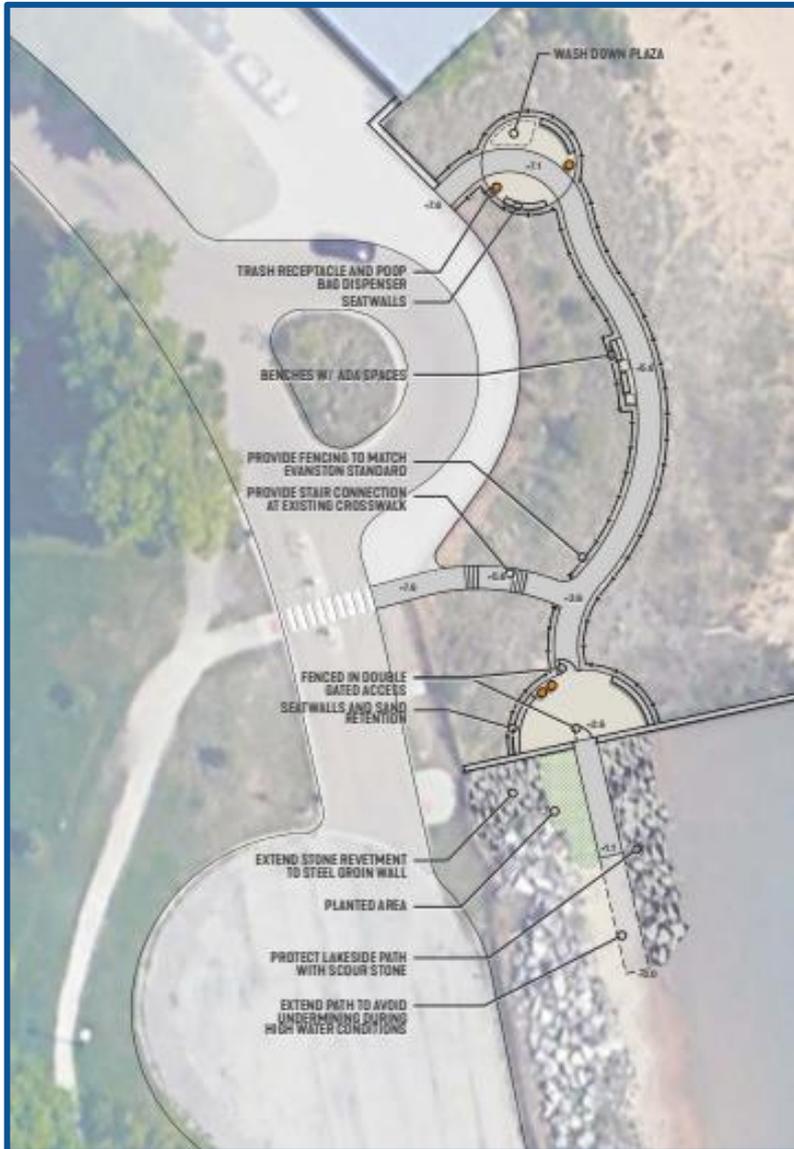
Typical Projects - ADA Improvement Comparison

Miscellaneous	
Contains ADA Improvements: n/a	Does Not Include: - Solar Infrastructure
Water Treatment Plant	
Contains ADA Improvements: - Locker Room Improvements	Does Not Include: - Treatment Process Improvements - Plant Reliability - Security
Library	
Contains ADA Improvements: n/a	Does Not Include: - Roof Repairs

Dog Beach ADA Access - Two Initial Concepts



Dog Beach ADA Access - Initial Criteria

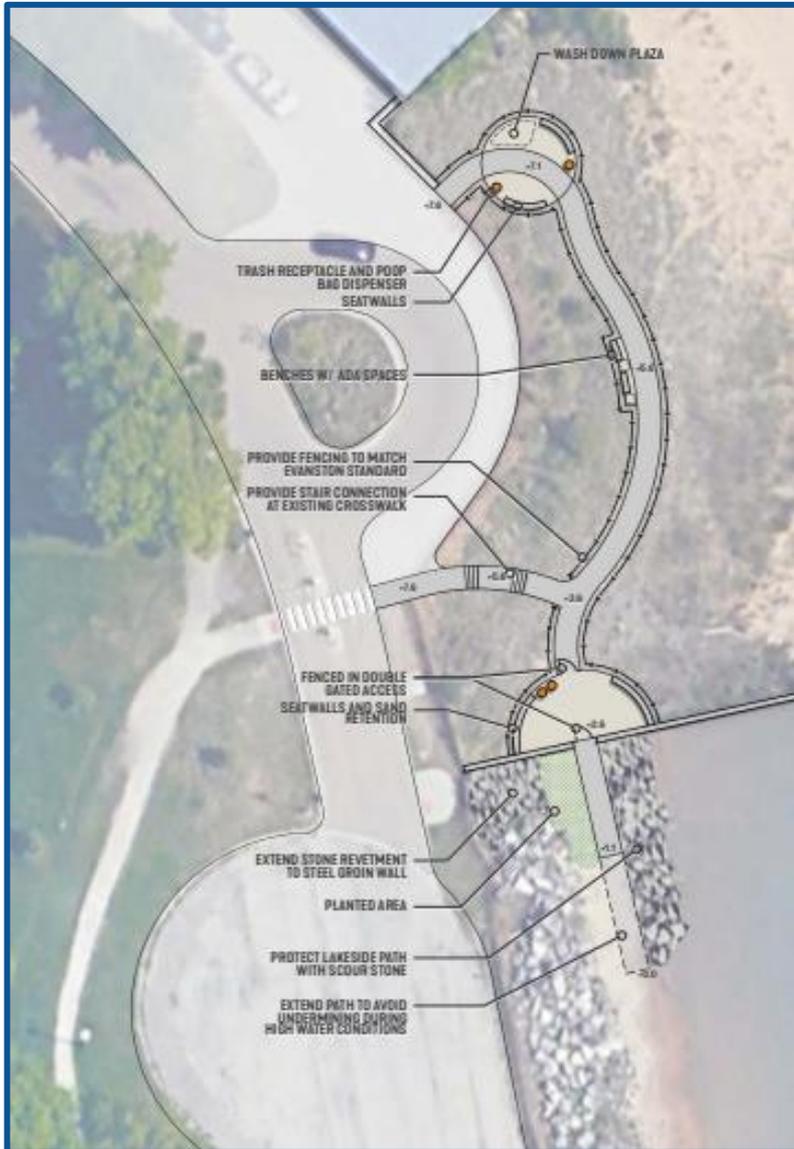


Durable - able to withstand water heights and wave action at high water level.

Stairway access should be provided to reduce congestion on the path.

Minimize footprint on the dog beach.

Dog Beach ADA Access - Preferred Concept



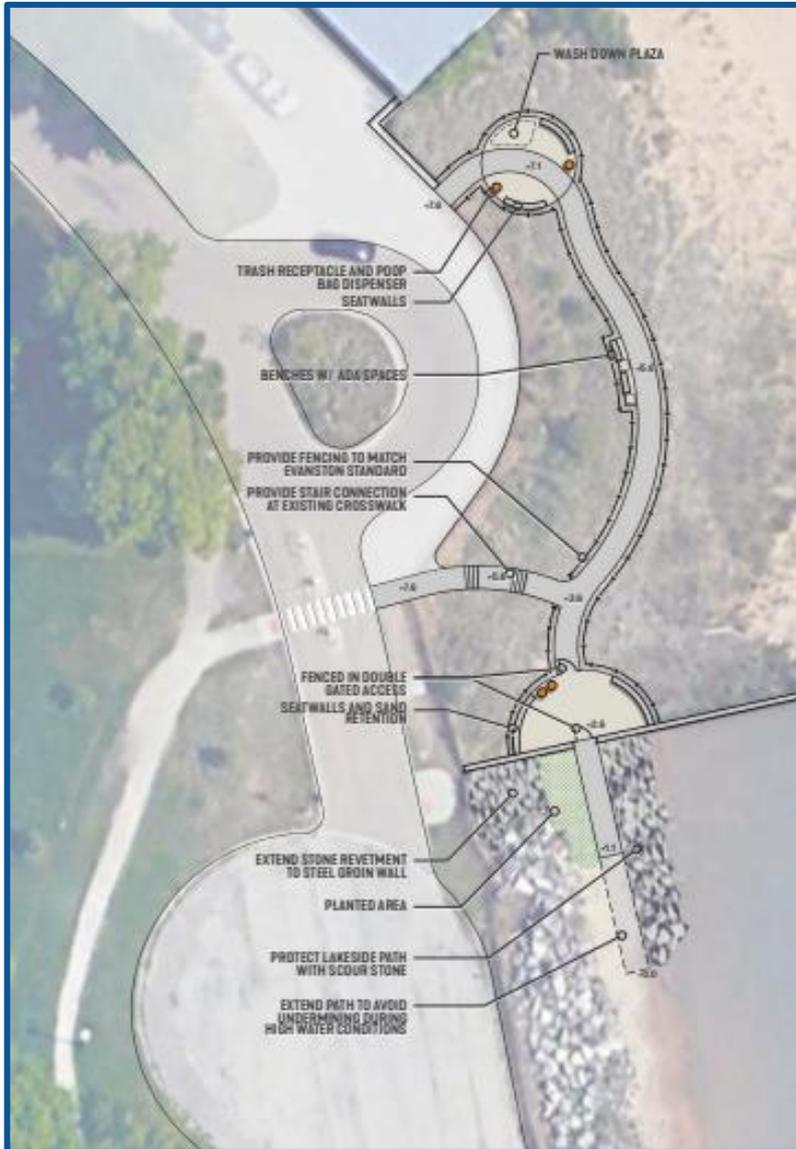
Most of the walkway outside of the wave zone.

- More durable
- Less expensive to build

Incorporates other features:

- Cook County requirements
- Security lighting
- Dog wash
- Improved gate access

Dog Beach ADA Access - Next Steps



Staff reviewing the scope to see if there are easy cost savings.

Investigating additional ADA parking options.

Double-check with our ADA consultant for appropriateness.

Will need to modify drawings and rebid.

If significant change, may review with City Council.

2025 CIP - Next Steps

October 4 - CIP will be included in the proposed 2025 budget release.

October 14 - Budget discussion at City Council.