

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) Progress Report

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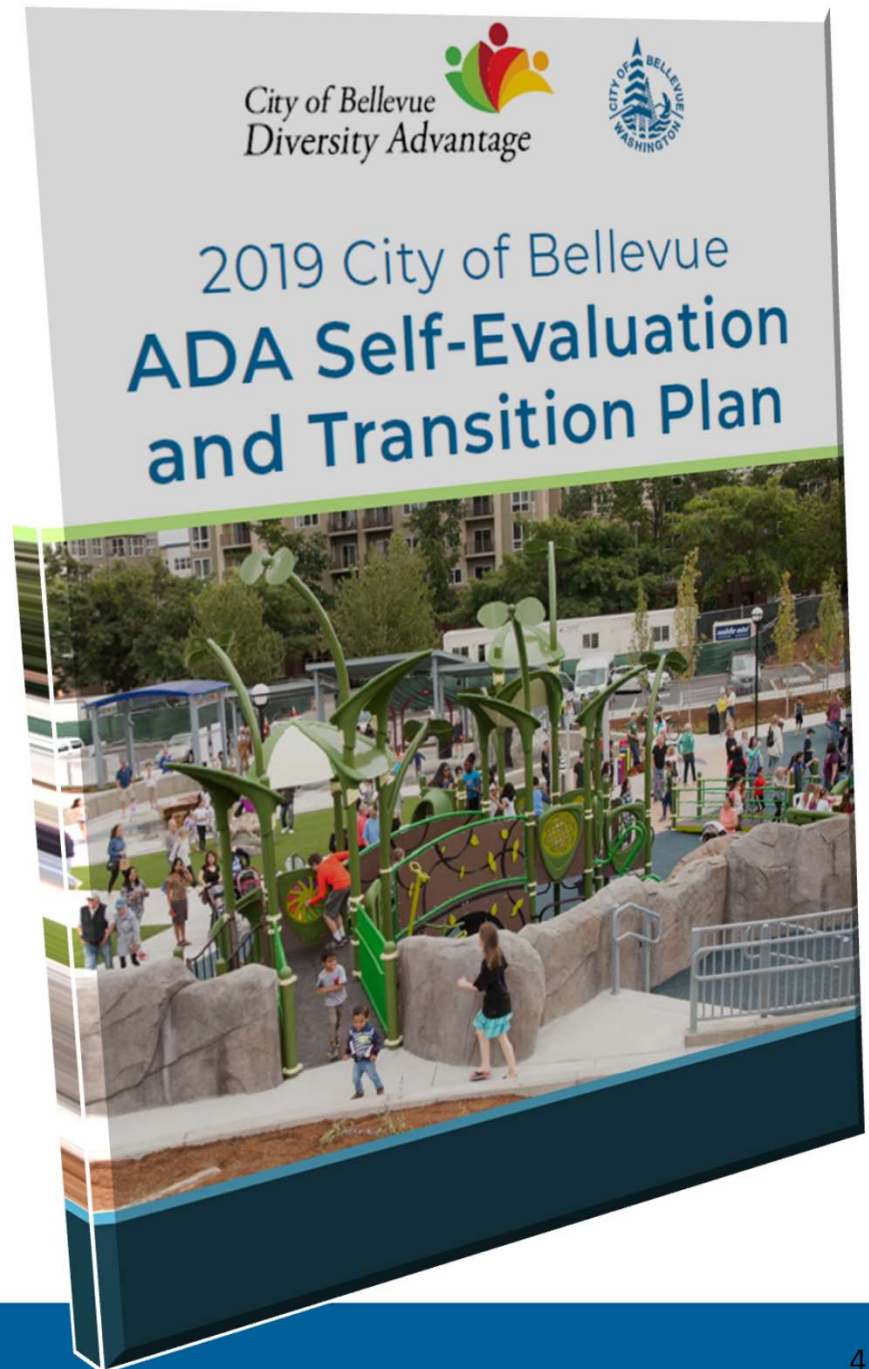
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With the adoption of the city's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and Transition Plan in 2019 and implementation beginning in 2020, this update to Council on the progress of the projects recommended in the plan is a valuable part of the process.



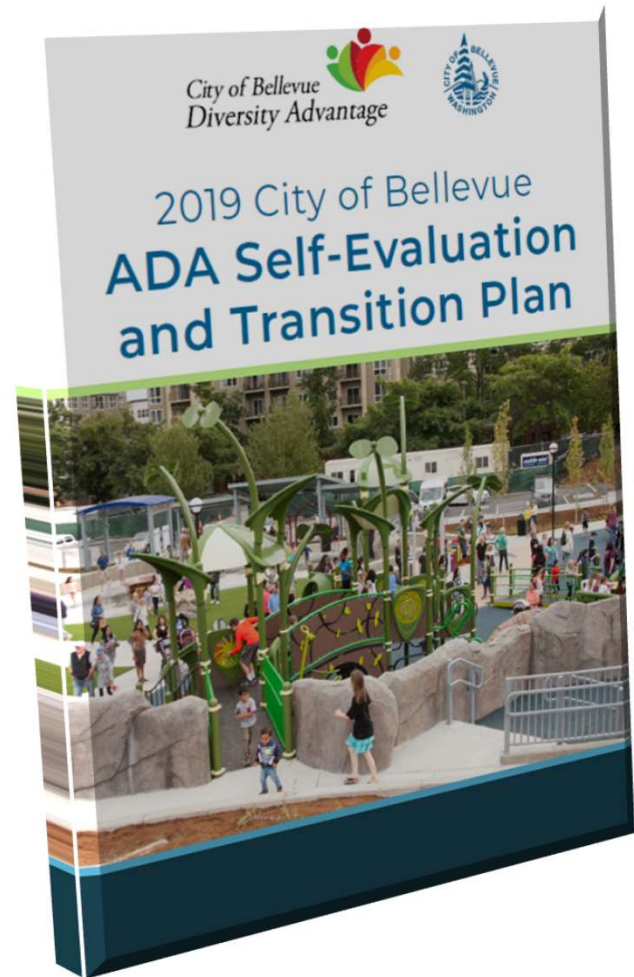
Agenda

1. Background
2. Progress report in self-evaluation subsections
 - Effective Communications
 - Accessible Meetings and Events
 - City Website and Online Services
 - City Policies and Practices
 - Emergency Management
 - Public Safety & law Enforcement
 - Recreation Choices for People with Disabilities
 - City Facilities
 - Public Right-of-Way



Background

- Title II of the ADA
- SETP Update—2019
 - ADA Core Team
 - Departmental workplans
 - Tracking and monitoring mechanisms
- ADA and Diversity



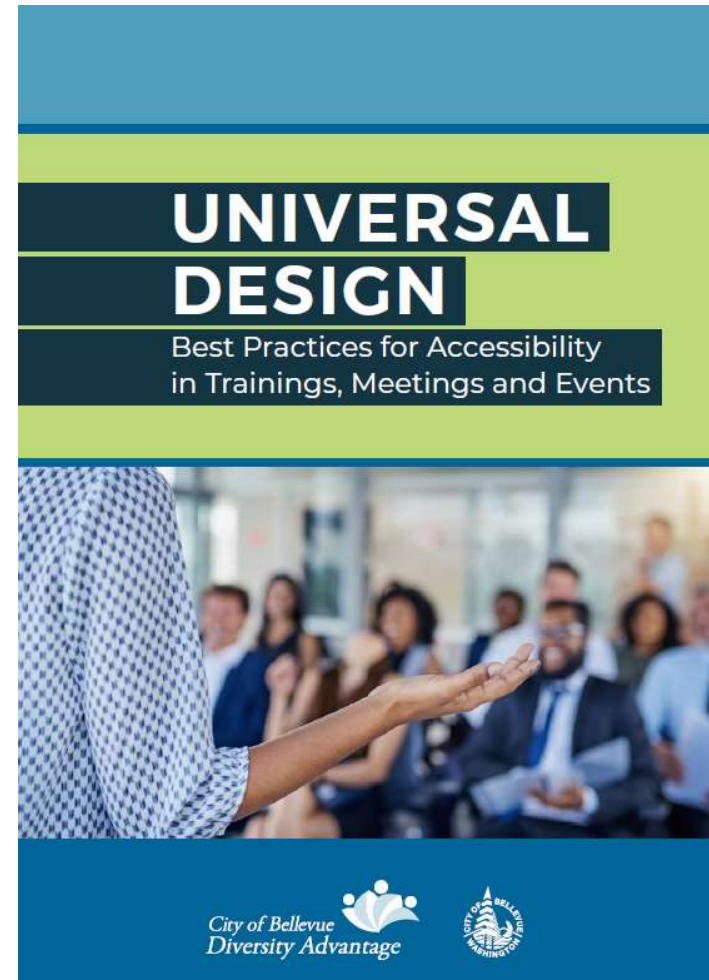
Effective Communications

- Closed captioning (real-time transcription) deployed for Bellevue Television content, open captions (pre-produced transcription or translation of video script) placed on key in-house video content
- Notice of the availability of alternate formats placed on all printed materials, including contact information for modification requests
- Improved accessibility for forms during public council meetings and accessibility standards built into city style guides



Accessible Meetings and Events

- Universally designed meetings, trainings and events
- All public meeting room tables are now at an accessible height
- Hearing loops and hearing assistance systems
- COVID-19 and virtual meeting accessibility



City Policies and Practices

- Staff in all departments have the opportunity to learn about reasonable modification
- A lens of both compliance and ableism is often applied when developing or changing policies and processes
- Connections to the community of people with disabilities have been strengthened to ensure decision making is informed and collaborative



Emergency Management

- Community connections during COVID-19
- Shelter Management Plan
 - Supplies/equipment for those with disabilities in emergency shelters
- All Office of Emergency Management staff trained in identifying ableism



SHELTERING IN PLACE - A GREAT WAY TO STAY SAFE

What would you do if there were a fire in your building? Sheltering in place may be the best way to stay safe for people who have difficulty evacuating their homes. Sheltering in place is simple:

- Make a Plan**
 - Check to see if your apartment has fire sprinklers - the risk of dying in a home fire decreases by 81% when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system*.
 - Pay attention to your surroundings - think about where you will go in your building during an emergency.
 - Always sleep with your door closed to prevent fire or smoke from entering your room.
 - Talk to people around you and make sure they understand your plan - where you will go during an emergency, what you will do when you get there, and what everyone else will do.
- Take Action**
 - Know where you are in the building and in the unit - the fire department needs this information to assist you.
 - When an alarm goes off, call 9-1-1 and report information about your location to the dispatcher. Follow the instructions of the dispatcher.
 - Close doors to block smoke from coming into the room.
 - Keep your phone on and near you.
- Shelter in Place**
 - Stay at the location that you reported to 9-1-1 and wait for assistance unless you are in imminent danger. If you change locations, call 9-1-1 and report your new location.

Make sure you review your plan every month!

*Ahrens, M. 2017. US Experience with Sprinklers. National Fire Protection Association. Retrieved from <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/News-and-Research/Fire-statistics-and-reports/Suppression/sprinklers.pdf>.

For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-7881 (voice) or email fireinfo@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice). If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

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Public Safety & Law Enforcement

- Police training requirements evaluated
- Police advisory council discussions underway
- Certain barriers within Probation identified and removed
- Disability equity training underway for both Police and Fire personnel



City Facilities

- Wheelchair charging stations
- Annual checking of several ADA compliance structural and workplace access
- Project design is always centering access and Universal Design



Public Right-of-Way

- Accessible Sidewalks
 - 18560 Linear feet
- Accessible Curb Ramps
 - 102 Curb ramps installed and upgraded
- Accessible Pedestrian Signals
 - Progressing on our goal of having all pedestrian signals accessible
- Outreach and In reach

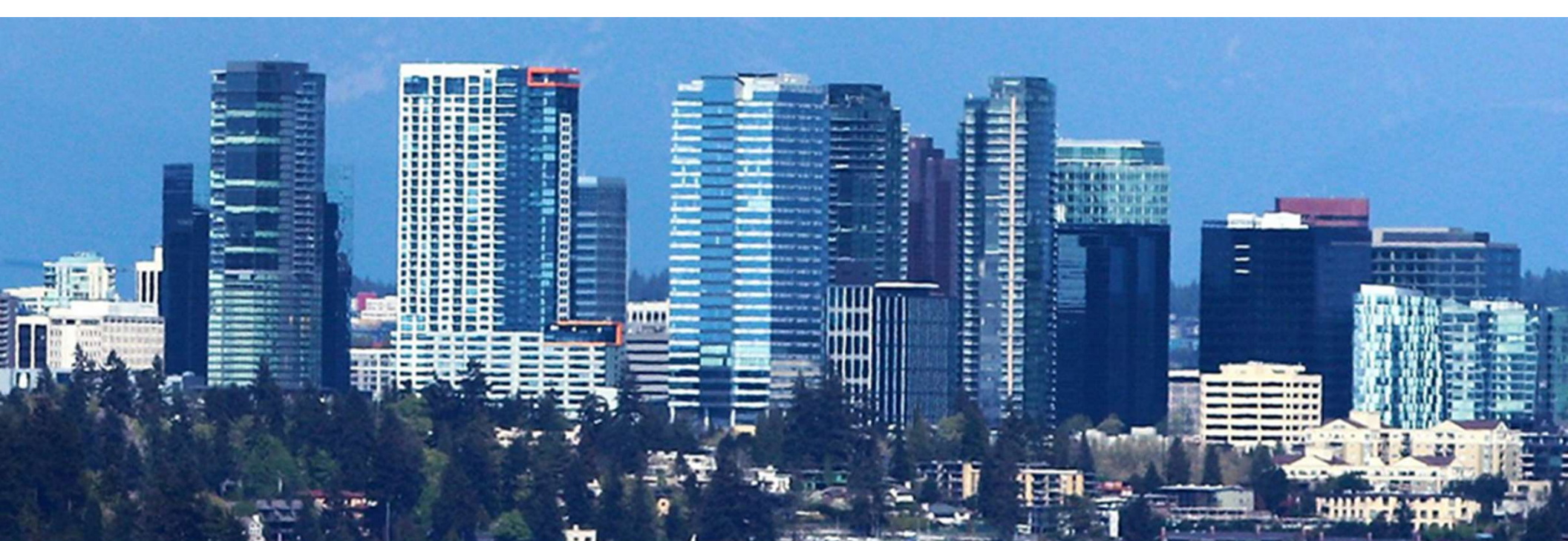


In Closing

“The City of Bellevue embraces the diversity, culture, and contributions of many residents with disabilities in our schools, government, workforce, and community by consistently and diligently working to make city programs, services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities.”

**Bellevue City Council Proclamation
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Information Only – Thank You

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