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ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans

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Topic Summaries:

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans

Greg and John will talk about the importance of local agencies conducting self-evaluations and Transition Plans required as part of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA recognizes and protects the civil rights of people with disabilities. The ADA establishes accessibility requirements for both state and local government facilities, places of public accommodation, and commercial facilities to provide facilities that are accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. Local jurisdictions, and other entities covered by the ADA, must verify that their existing facilities do not deny access to people with disabilities. This requirement for ADA compliance extends into the public Rights-of-Way.

State and local public entities are being sued and/or are part of settlements because they fail to address ADA compliance issues. Today, Greg will help explain what local agencies should do to get in compliance with ADA standards and requirements.

Speaker Bios:

Greg Martinez

Greg provides consulting services nationally to local public entities, municipalities, architects, town planners, and construction & design engineers under Title II of the ADA. Greg provides consultation in ADA self-evaluations, transition plans, asset management, training, and ADA Title II requirements for pedestrian facilities in the public-right-of-way. He has worked for the Colorado and Oregon Department of Transportations on their ADA projects as well as several municipalities throughout the United States. Greg has presented with FHWA to numerous public entities in Colorado during his tenure as Colorado Department of Transportation's statewide ADA Title II Analyst.



John Schwab

John has more than 35 years of experience, including 30 years at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) as a Resident and Program Engineer. He has an extensive background in preconstruction, construction, project management, program management and innovative contracting. Having worked in the public sector he understands what is needed to deliver your ADA program from his past and current experience as Program Manager for CDOT's Region 1, 3, 4 and Headquarters ADA initiatives, and has program delivery experience with CDOT's



Office of Major Project Development (OMPD). He has made his career out of managing programs to prioritize and implement projects that have a lasting impact on transportation, developing innovative approaches such as delivering CDOT's ADA program.

Jeff Young is a licensed Professional Engineer with over 24 years of experience in the Chicago region. For the last 16 years, Jeff worked for the McHenry County Division of Transportation serving most recently as its Assistant County Engineer. His experience primarily includes transportation planning, Phase I, and Phase II projects as well as coordinating Land Acquisition activities for McHenry County. Notable projects while at McHenry County include the IL 31 Western Algonquin Bypass and the first roundabouts in McHenry County. Having joined HDR this past March, he continues to work on public improvement projects helping agencies achieve their goals to build safe and economical infrastructure for the public.



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