

ADA Transition Planning Research

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Today's Briefing

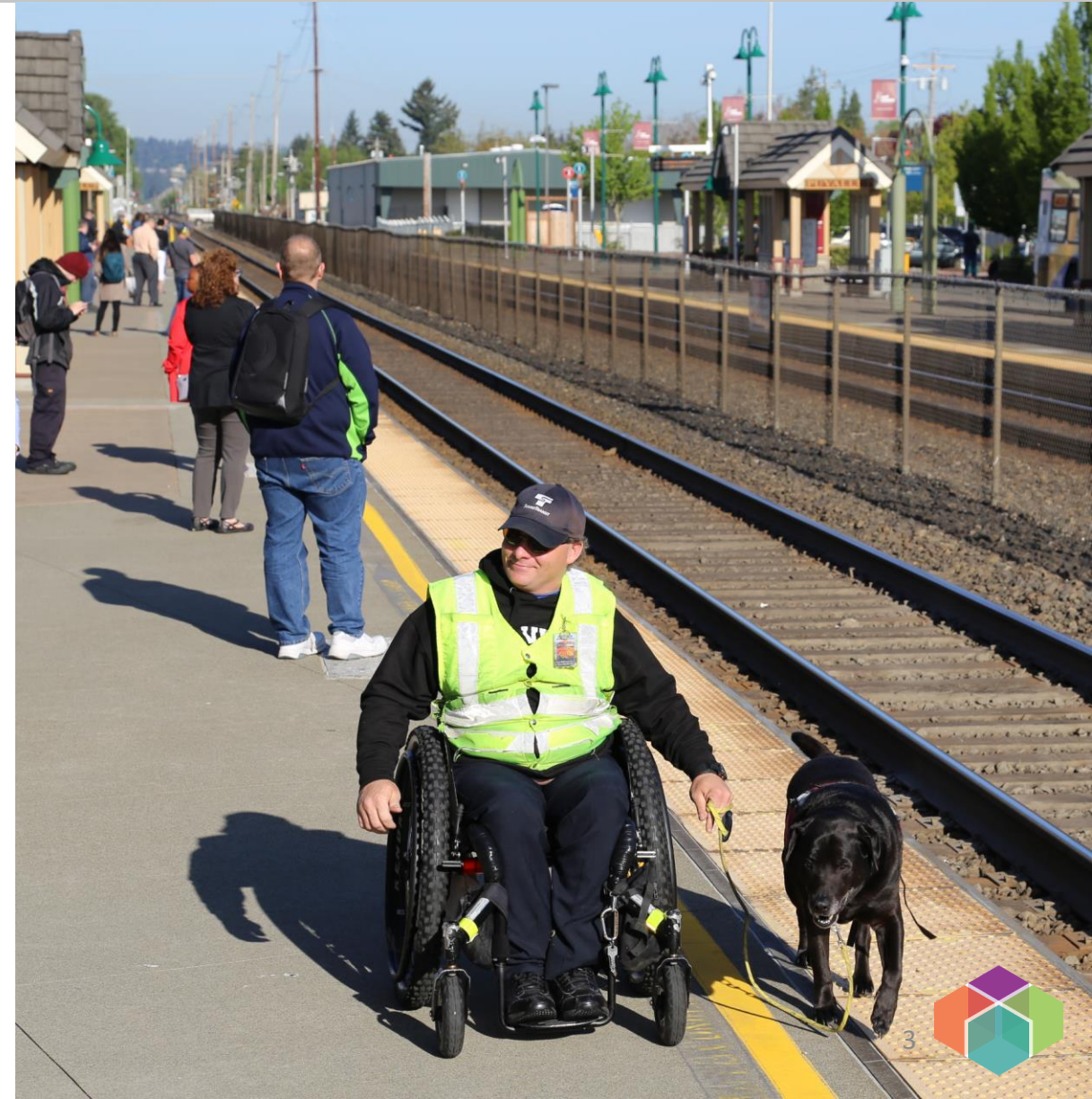
ADA Transition Plan Research Status:

- Overview
- FHWA Process to Compliance
- Summary of ADA Transition Plan Inventory Survey Results
- Board Direction on PSRC's Next Steps



2022-2050 RTP Action:

PSRC was asked to “Elevate the work and needs of ADA transition planning, including monitoring the progress and supporting the development and analysis of local plans.”



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Overview

Title II of the ADA requires state/local governments to give people with disabilities an equal opportunity to benefit from all of their programs, services, and activities.

All public entities must:

- Conduct a self-evaluation of its facilities, programs, services, and activities.
- Provide public notice about the ADA and how it applies to the public entity.
- Designate an ADA Coordinator.
- Adopt and publish grievance/complaint procedures.

ADA Transition Plan Overview (continued)

Agencies with 50 or more employees must:

Develop a transition plan when structural modifications are necessary to achieve ADA compliance.

ADA transition plans summarize the agency's planned efforts to **remove physical obstacles** in the public right-of-way that limit the accessibility of people with disabilities.

In Washington State:

FHWA requires **WSDOT to monitor and enforce compliance** with the ADA of any entity receiving state and/or federal funding through WSDOT.

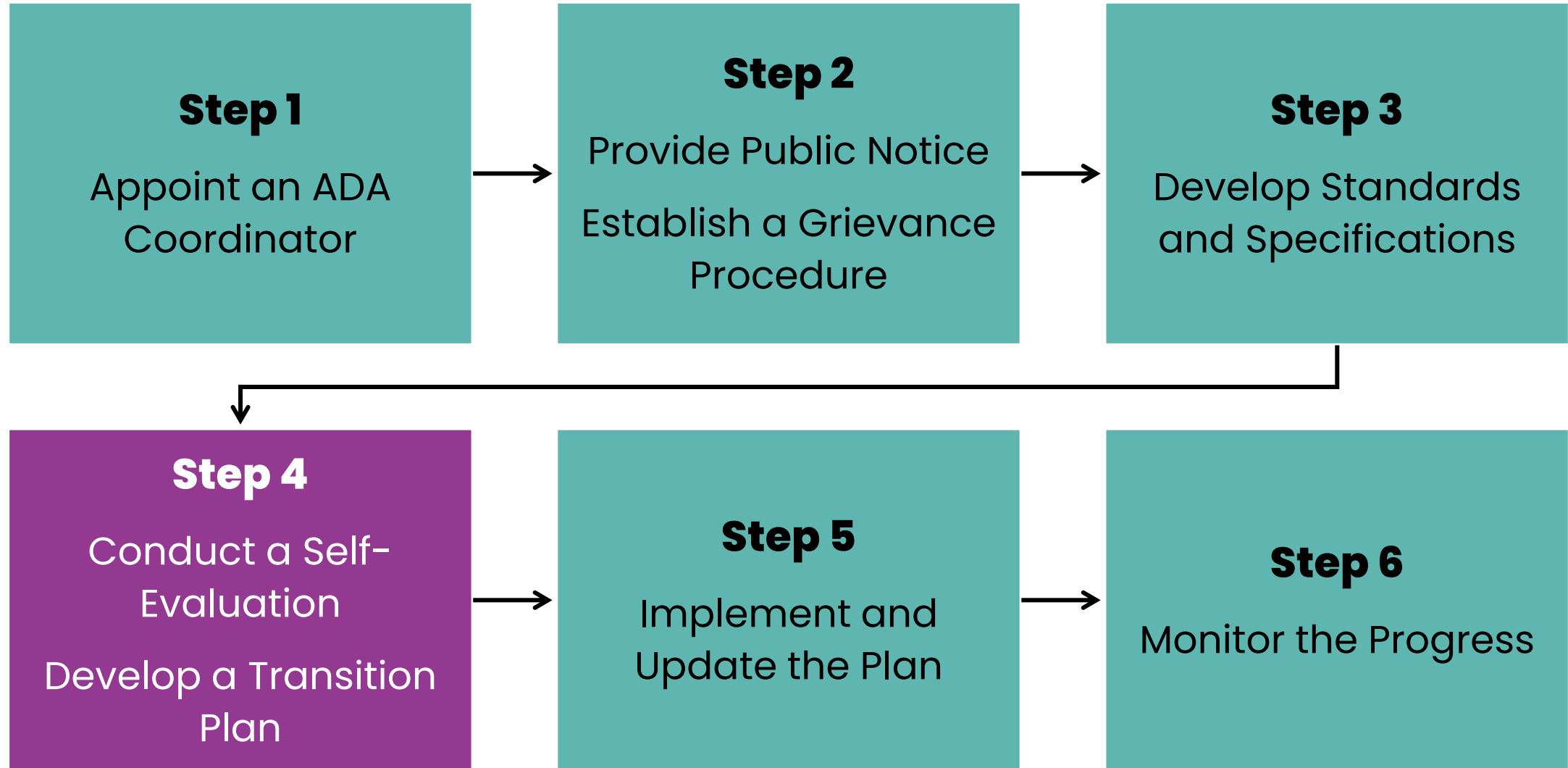
ADA Transition Plan Requirements

The ADA Transition Plan should:

- Describe the **self-evaluation results** and identify the **physical obstacles** in the public entity's facilities.
- Describe the **methods** to make facilities accessible.
- Specify the **schedule** for removing each obstacle. FHWA recommends including the **estimated cost** of each modification.
- Identify the **official responsible** for the implementation of the plan.



FHWA Process to Compliance



Regional ADA Transition Plan Inventory Survey

April 2023 – May 2023

PSRC distributed a 10-question survey related to ADA transition planning status.

Key questions included:

- Main contact
- Status of **Self-Evaluation**
- Status of the **ADA transition plan**
- Link or PDF of the completed plan



Source: Seattle Department of Transportation



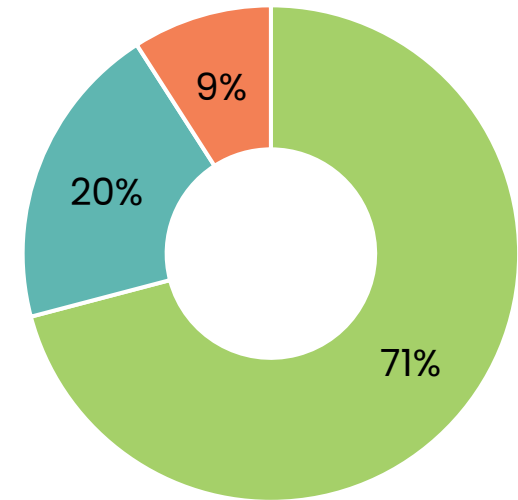
Inventory Survey Results

A total of **80** responses were received

55 jurisdictions have more than 50 employees:

- **39 jurisdictions** completed ADA transition plans and 11 are in progress.
- **5 jurisdictions** have not yet started their plan:
 - 1 indicated their self-evaluation is in progress.
 - 3 indicated an expected transition plan completion date within the next two years.

Transition Plan Status



■ Complete ■ In progress ■ Not yet started

Inventory Survey Results (Continued)



Source: Snohomish County

Of the 25 jurisdictions that indicated their agency is not required to develop an ADA transition plan:

- None have completed self-evaluations, but 13 of the 25 jurisdictions expect to complete theirs in the next two years.

In general, larger jurisdictions are more likely to have a completed plan.

Summary of Preliminary Plan Reviews

- These are **large documents!**
- **Plan contents vary**, though all reviewed plans seemed to include the required elements.
- Some plans in our inventory are **phased**.
- Recently completed plans seem to include **more suggested elements** such as cost estimates or community engagement.



Board Direction on PSRC's Next Steps

Transportation Policy Board recommended PSRC to:

- Continue monitoring
- Partnership with WSDOT on education and outreach/ information sharing





Thank You!

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