

**City of Gig Harbor  
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan  
for the Public Right-of-Way**



**Appendix E**

**2021 Accessible Pedestrian Signal  
(APS) Policy**

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## Policy Regarding Installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and Pushbuttons

**Intent:** It is the City's intention to be consistent with the most current version of the WSDOT Local Agency Guideline Chapter 29.4<sup>1</sup>, WSDOT Design Manual 22-01 Chapter 1510.05<sup>2</sup>, and the Public Right of Way Access Guidelines (PROWAG 2011)<sup>3</sup> in the provision and location of accessible pedestrian signals and pushbuttons. Further guidance is available in 28 CFR Part 36 and MUTCD section 4E.09.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to establish a reasonable and consistent policy for installing APS to ensure that access for persons with disabilities is provided. Note: As of October 2021, all existing signals within the City of Gig Harbor are operated and maintained by either WSDOT or Pierce County.

### Scope:

- A. New Signals and Pedestrian Actuated Beacons:** All new signals constructed by the City or as a condition of private development are to be constructed with full APS per City of Gig Harbor Public Works Standards Section 2G.030 Design Standards.
- B. Existing Signals and Pedestrian Actuated Beacons:** Any alteration or modification to any existing signals constructed by the City or as a condition of private development are to be constructed with full APS per City of Gig Harbor Public Works Standards Section 2G.030 Design Standards.
- C. Requests for Modifications to Existing Signals or Installation of New Accessible Pedestrian Signals from the Public:** The City will complete an engineering study to determine if the requested APS meets engineering guidelines for installation, if it is consistent with the City's APS Policy, and the City's ADA Transition Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> See WSDOT Local Agency Guidelines M36-63.37 CHAPTER 29 - Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pages 29-4 to 29-6. <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Publications/Manuals/M36-63.htm>

<sup>2</sup> See WSDOT Design Manual M 22-01, Chapter 1510.05 (2)(a) Requirements for Crossings with Pedestrian Pushbuttons. <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Publications/Manuals/M22-01.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> See also United States Access Board. *Proposed Rights of Way Guidelines (2011): Chapter R2: Scoping Requirements*. <https://www.access-board.gov/prowag/chapter-r2-scoping-requirements/>.