



MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
CITY OF CHICAGO

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Karen Tamley
Commissioner
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

CC: Samantha Fields
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

Date: October 25, 2017

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID# 48-01

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Lopez asked for an update on citizen complaints regarding the issues of housing, ride share and taxis, and other issues.

Based on caller data, the primary concern for people with disabilities in regards to housing is the scarcity of the amount of affordable and accessible housing. For people with disabilities on a limited budget, with the combination of Chicago's aging non-accessible housing and market prices, it is difficult to find housing. In 2015, there were 2,182 calls related to housing: 949 for affordable housing, 1,099 for accessible housing and 134 calls for affordable/accessible housing. Thus far in 2016, MOPD has fielded 995 calls: 577 affordable, 345 accessible, and 73 affordable/accessible housing calls.

MOPD does not track complaints regarding transportation and other issues. All taxi related complaints are referred to 311 and/or BACP to address. Beginning in 2017, MOPD plans to initiate a process by which complaints can be tracked in order to provide data and analysis to address issues related to transportation and other issues

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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-02

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on Monday, October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Ervin asked for a list of the locations of all existing and proposed audible crosswalks (APS) by ward.

Currently, there are accessible pedestrian signals (APS) at the following intersections:

State and 33rd (3rd Ward)
Canal – 840 South (25th Ward)
55th and Lake Park (5th Ward)
Lincoln and Catalpa (47th Ward)
Pulaski and Elston (39th Ward)
Wood and Roosevelt (27th Ward)
Sheridan and Thorndale (48th Ward)
State and Jackson (42nd Ward)

MOPD and CDOT are currently working together to identify additional APS locations. To fund additional locations, CDOT will be utilizing a grant committed to serve transit. MOPD and CDOT will also be identifying locations near schools, major institutions and at intersections identified as especially difficult to cross by the blind community. A list of those proposed locations can be provided once that process has been completed. Until that time, it's not possible to provide a list of proposed locations by ward.

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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 48-02A

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on Monday, October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked for a list of the locations of all existing and proposed audible crosswalks (APS) by ward.

Currently, there are accessible pedestrian signals (APS) at the following intersections:

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ID#: 48-03

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Reboyras asked for the contact person at MOPD for the Home Mod program, and what is the process for applying for the program.

The contact person for the HomeMod Program is Mark Nobriga, Program Director. His contact information is mnobriga@cityofchicago.org or 312-743-1523.

To apply for the HomeMod Program a prospective applicant must complete an application. Blank applications can be mailed to individuals by request or printed from online at <https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/mopd/hous/general/HomeMod%20Application.pdf>

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on Monday, October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked for a list of all CTA Stations that have been made ADA accessible, and the stations that are proposed to be made accessible next year.

Currently, 99 out of 145 rail stations are wheelchair accessible (69%) via elevator or ramp.

Since 2011, significant ADA improvements have been made, including:

- Newly Constructed Rails Stations (3): Morgan and Cermak-McCormick Place (Green Line) and Oakton (Yellow Line)

- Elevators Added to Stations (4): 87th, 63rd, Garfield and the LaSalle Street entrance to Clark/Division (Red Line)
- Updated Rail Fleet: 714 new 5000-series rail cars (Green, Pink, Purple and Red lines)

CTA accessibility initiatives to be completed by EOY-2017:

- Three (3) CTA stations will be made accessible with the addition of new elevators:
 - Addison Blue Line
 - Washington/Wabash Loop Elevated
 - Wilson Red Line

Rehab work at the Illinois Medical District Blue Line Station is expected to be complete, which will include the addition of a new elevator at the main stationhouse. This stop is currently only accessible via station-to platform ramps at the two auxiliary entrances

CTA's All Stations Accessibility Plan (ASAP) – a comprehensive plan outlining project plans, station concepts and cost estimates to achieve 100 percent accessibility at rail stations within the next 20 years – will be finalized and made public. ASAP, of which MOPD is a member, will prioritize both short-term and long-term accessibility improvement projects, as well as identify and plan for repairs and replacement of 155 existing station elevators.

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The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 24, 2016 to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Alderman Lopez asked for the demographic information for all HomeMod contractors.

In 2016, there are two HomeMod Program contractors. The HomeMod contractors are for profit businesses owned by Caucasians.

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