

Introduced by: Councilmember Wright

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
RESOLUTION #2010-14  
ADOPTING RANKING SYSTEM FOR PRIORITIZING  
SIDEWALK INSTALLATION AND ADA COMPLIANCE PROJECTS**

- WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park's *Strategic Plan* (FY2010 - FY2015) establishes, as a shared goal, the creation of a community that is "fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable;" and
- WHEREAS, one of the strategies endorsed by the Council in support of that goal is to "expand and enhance existing infrastructure to provide access to, and promote increased use of, alternative modes of transportation and walking"; and
- WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires cities and towns to evaluate sidewalks for compliance with the requirements of the Act and to write a plan for bringing them into compliance; and
- WHEREAS, the City, desirous of developing a means of identifying and prioritizing, on a city wide basis, sidewalks and ADA projects which would provide convenient, safe and accessible walkways and linkages to places people want to go, entered into a contract with Toole Design Group for an evaluation of the city's streets and sidewalks; and
- WHEREAS, the Sidewalk Installation and ADA Compliance Plan, completed in October 2009, includes a priority ranking of identified sidewalk projects and necessary ADA improvements; and
- WHEREAS, said priority ranking system is intended to serve as a framework for guiding the City in the development and construction of individual projects and is designed to be flexible, allowing for the periodic review and expansion and reordering of projects in recognition of changing circumstances; and
- WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that projects may be reordered to accommodate requests from the community and to allow for the completion of improvements along routes where pedestrian traffic is higher than anticipated or at-risk; and
- WHEREAS, the Council supports the use of the ranking system in the identification, evaluation, prioritization and funding of sidewalk and ADA projects to be constructed or installed by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the Priority Ranking System developed by Toole Design Group and incorporated in the Sidewalk Installation and ADA Compliance Plan (October 2009) is adopted

and is to be used in the evaluation of all future sidewalk installation and ADA compliance projects.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2010.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk