

Disability Advisory Council 2026 Workplan - DRAFT

Priorities:

- 1. Improve Access to Disability Support Services
- 2. Improve Transportation Accessibility and Safety for Individuals with Disability and Disabled Individuals
- 3. Support Public Outreach and Awareness of County Disability Initiatives
- 4. Promote Inclusive and Equitable County Services and Facilities

2026 Workplan Overview

Board Goal	Council Priority	Activity	Outcome	Timeline
-	-	Annual Report to the County Board	The Council will report to the Board annually in January, summarizing recommendations and outcomes	Q1
-	-	Annual Organizational Meeting	Approval of annual workplan for recommendation to the County Board. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Q1
Excellence in Public Service	2 & 4	Physical Development Capital Projects Update (Annually)	Act as a sounding board on design considerations and offer recommendations to support inclusive, compliant physical environments.	Q1
Thriving People	3	Update on Communities for All	Receive an update on funded programs and offer accessibility-centered feedback on their impact.	Q2

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Thriving People	1	Housing/Housing Instability	Review housing-related challenges, offer accessibility expertise, and recommend approaches to improve stability and equitable access for disabled residents and residents with disabilities.	Q2
Excellence in Public Service	3	Public Art Framework	Provide guidance on accessible design and community engagement and recommend practices that ensure public art is inclusive for all users.	Q2
Excellence in Public Service	3	Countywide Accessibility Initiatives	Serve as an informed sounding board for countywide ADA efforts, provide expert feedback on accessibility opportunities or gaps.	Q3
Excellence in Public Service	4	Parks Visitor Services Plan	Review the proposed plan, provide technical accessibility insight, and recommend ways to ensure park experiences are inclusive and usable for all visitors.	Q3
Excellence in Public Service	4	Library Update (Annually)	Receive an update on planned library services and facilities, provide guidance on accessibility considerations, and offer recommendations that enhance inclusive access for all library users.	Q4
	-	Annual Review and Reporting	Prepare annual review of recommendations and outcomes for the County Board	Q4

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Excellence in Public Service	1	Disability Services	Identify common barriers and opportunities in disability services to share with county departments, to support service improvements.	Ongoing

Note:

This plan establishes a structured framework for 2026 while allowing the Council to adjust topics and priorities in response to community needs, emerging issues, and County Board Direction.