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Re: Mayor Miro Weinberger, Partners Invite Community to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act

BPRW: Access & Design Intent

- Accessibility and Universal Design are primary design drivers on all BPRW projects
- Our parks are incredible destinations – we are committed to maximizing mobility to and within our facilities
- We recognize that there is a tremendous amount of opportunity and work yet to be accomplished

BPRW: Recent Accessibility Improvements

- Oakledge Restroom Renovation and Material Standards Development
 - Spring 2015 Penny for Parks project
 - Increased the budget to ensure a fully compliant interior
 - Worked within footprint of existing space
 - Made deliberate design choices to ensure full compliance: entry relocation and plumbing relocation to ensure accessibility
- Bike Path Rehabilitation Intersection Improvements
 - Most of the engineering driven by accessibility improvements
 - Improved horizontal alignment (straightening the path) to makes it easier and safer to negotiate
 - Introduction of detectable warning surfaces at crossings
 - Investment in proper sub-base to ensure paving will remain consistent
- Miller Center Drinking Fountain & Automatic Door Openers
 - Leveraged partial funding from a State Recreation Facilities Grant
 - Miller Center used by significant population of people with mobility challenges (including VT Chargers power soccer team)
 - Example of how accessible design can benefit all: adults with children, strollers, carrying materials in/out
- North Beach Mat & Mobi Chair
 - Penny for Parks funded project initiated by a community request
 - Another example of the success of Universal Design: many North Beach users opt to utilize the mat (strollers, etc.)
- Roosevelt Park
 - As a part of the Boys & Girls Club project, BPRW installed a concrete entry that provides compliant access from existing park walkways into the new facility
 - Parks standard lighting installed to improve visual access, safety, and efficiency
- City Hall Park Sidewalk Improvements
 - Replacing crumbling walkways to improve conditions for all park users
 - Improving stormwater management to reduce puddles and ice build up
- Perkins Pier Grading
 - Re-graded parking lot to provide a more consistent and safer surface for all