

ADA Advisory Committee Report 3/9/2026

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The ADAAC met on Thursday, February 19th, 2026. The following items were discussed:

There are still lots of questions about ADA Title II compliance. Some of our existing materials are available through [Brand Identity and Visual Standards](#) and [Accessibility Resources](#). Beth Case is the contact person for Brandeis personnel, and David King is helping with the downtown faculty (Health Science Campus).

ADA Website Accessibility Compliance Coordinator Mike Lerner is collecting a list of applications that units are using that are outside the Louisville.edu domain to vet for accessibility.

The issues with the snow removal in January and possible changes were discussed. Snow barriers were identified at the Natural Sciences building and interior stairs in the BABB. Please report access barriers directly to the [physical plant](#) and to the [ADA](#) to have them cleared as soon as possible.

A few university policies are under review, including those covering service animals/emotional support animals and personal care attendants. These are mostly clarifications for students in housing. The service animal policy is also being made more distinct from the emotional support animal policy to improve understanding, as service animals are allowed in places where emotional support animals are not. A presentation on animals in classes and labs is forthcoming. It was also clarified that emotional service animals can still be employee accommodations.

More curb cuts will be happening soon – they have been delayed by the weather. A map with the master list of cut locations will be provided soon (possibly in March).

The University Office of Planning, Design and Construction will be redoing campus maps this semester. A request was made to identify accessible parking and pathways. The HSC is also doing an exterior signage and wayfinding update.

IT Innovation Director Sara Northerner is testing a [new AI tool](#) and is welcoming feedback.

Some notes on specific questions:

The stop sign near the speed bump in the Speed School parking lot is temporary, but parking is aware of the need for permanent signage in that area due to increased foot traffic

Issues with snow removal on sidewalks on 3rd Street and Eastern Parkway between employee parking and campus were partially due to the city plowing streets back onto sidewalks after they had been cleared. Mitigation measures are being discussed.