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MEMO

TO: Blount County Budget Committee

FROM: Don Stallions, General Services Director

RE: ADA Transition Plan

DATE: January 2, 2018

TDOT is requiring all municipalities and local governments to provide them with an American with Disabilities (ADA) transition plan by December 2019. An ADA transition plan outlines where the County is not in compliance with ADA, the cost to become compliant and the dates when we will become compliant.

All buildings where Blount County offers programs to the public must be evaluated for their compliance with ADA. This includes 16 County properties and 34 polling places. Current staffing levels prohibit us from completing the properties evaluations in house. Therefore, we are recommending contracting with DLZ Engineering to complete this project for us. DLZ Engineering is also the company that both the Cities of Alcoa and Maryville are using to develop their respective transition plans.

DLZ's expertise in this area will ensure that we have a transition plan that meets the requirements of both TDOT and the DOJ as well as having the plan completed in a timely manner. If we do not meet TDOT's time schedule, we could lose funding for projects.