

Preparation of a Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan for the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

The University of New Mexico (UNM) retained ARC to prepare a Americans with Disabilities (ADA) transition plan. The initiative identified buildings and site conditions of UNM facilities that need upgrades to improve ADA access for students, faculty, staff, and public visitors.

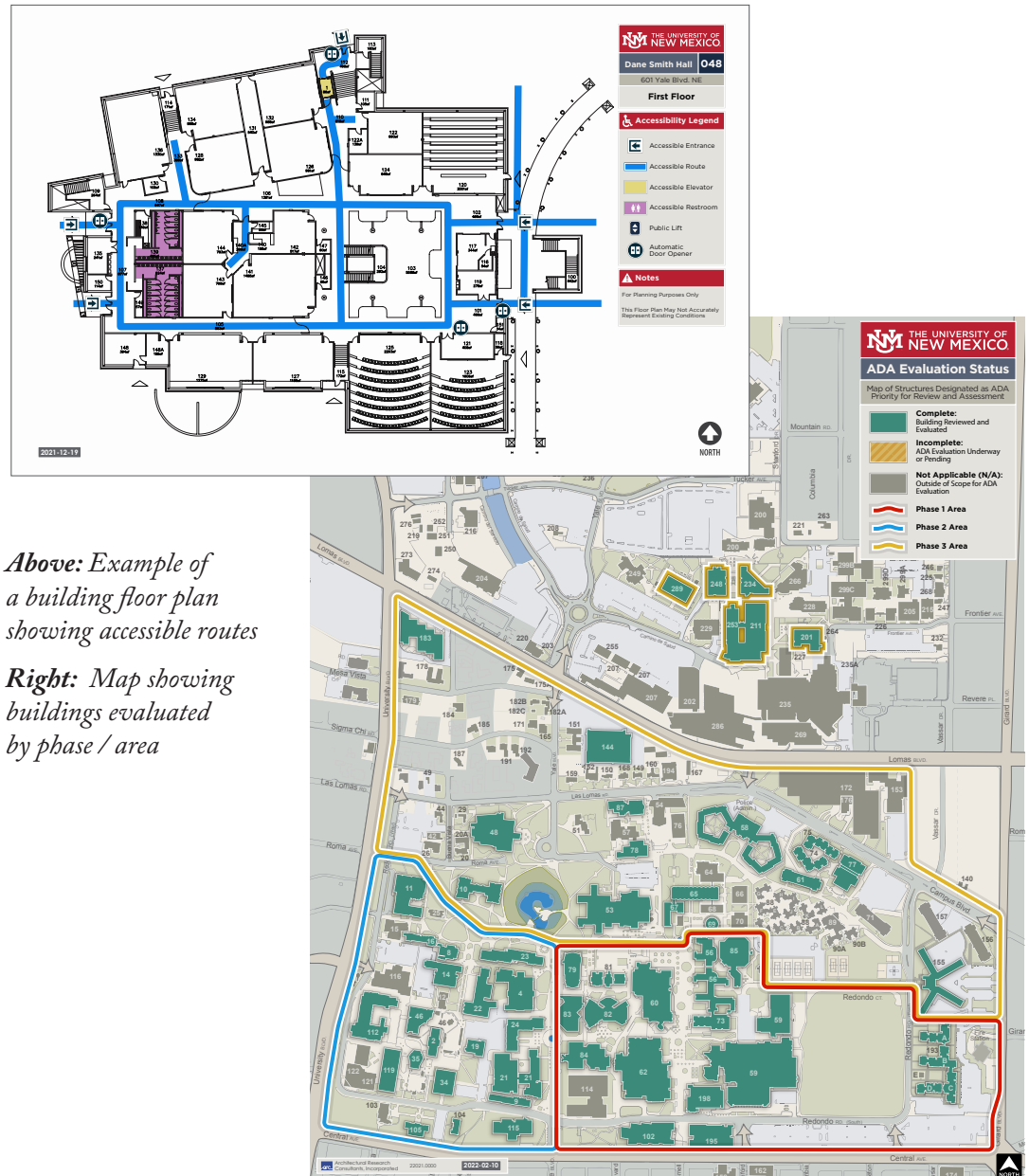
UNM maintains 557 facilities with more than 13 million square feet of permanent and modular buildings over 900+ acres of UNM-owned land across the state. The buildings range in age from 4 to 162 years with an average age of 46 years. Many of these facilities were built prior to the establishment of laws and regulations supporting those with temporary and permanent disabilities.

As part of a phased effort, ARC assessed 62 of UNM's facilities to prioritize the ADA projects that impact the employees, students, and visitors of the UNM North and Central Campuses. ARC used a systematic process to assess current conditions and identify needs for accessibility improvements to ensure that UNM will meet ADA requirements.

Evaluators identified 478 projects across 62 buildings totaling about \$93 million in estimated capital costs for ADA renovations and upgrades. Evaluators arranged these projects into six levels of priority for completion. ARC documented its findings and project recommendations in written reports and a web-based application it developed for the University.

Client: University of New Mexico

Completion: 2022



Above: Example of a building floor plan showing accessible routes

Right: Map showing buildings evaluated by phase / area