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After question three, which questions from the flowchart are you prepared to answer?

What are the impacts, and gaps?

Root Cause Analysis

Story: What did you hear from the community?

City buildings should allow for relative easy access to people with disabilities.

Problem: What is the problem you identify?

Several physical barriers inside City Hall prevent people with physical disabilities from accessing the building fully and equally. For example, the lack of automatic door buttons to the Boards and Commissions Room, as well as workrooms throughout the building, prohibit people with disabilities from independently accessing spaces that are necessary to engage with City representatives and impact City policies. In addition, adults with disabilities who use incontinent supplies currently must lay on the unsanitary floor of the public restroom so a parent or personal attendant can assist with changing a diaper. Over 18,000 people with self-care disabilities reside in Travis County. Without equitable bathroom access, they are often left with an unfair choice: either risk going into the community knowing they will not have proper bathroom accommodations or stay at home. City Hall should represent the standard in building accessibility and challenge the rest of the Austin community to rise to the measure.

How does the problem show up in your community? Who is most impacted by the problem?

People with mobility supports cannot access City buildings are meeting rooms easily. Additionally, there are no supports for those people who require direct assistance to toilet.

Considering all of the information you have or have not collected above, how do we solve for this problem?

1. Add automatic door buttons to the interior and exterior of the Boards and Commissions Room and other workrooms to ensure equitable access for all Austinites.
 2. Create a single-stall, gender-neutral, accessible bathroom with an adult-sized changing table. Room should be large enough to accommodate an adult with a wheelchair and a caregiver.
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