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New Accessibility Project: Government announces completion of bus shelter access ramps

On-going works at bus stops around Gibraltar to construct access ramps and raised platforms for wheelchair users and other passengers with disability have been practically completed, Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port, Neil Costa MP has declared. Improvements have already been finalised at bus shelters at Moorish Castle Estate, Artillery Arms, Williams Way, Willis's Road, Rock Hotel, New Mole House and Europa Mosque.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Care Agency, Mr Costa further stated that plans for the installation of state of the art electronic devices to assist the visually and hearing impaired are also under consideration.

Mr Costa said: "I am personally delighted to see progress on an important improvement that will benefit citizens with disability in their everyday life. Full accessibility to urban bus shelters underpins our central political commitment to upgrade key services and facilities. The rights of people with disabilities is an area we keep under constant review and the Government will spare no effort or resources to ensure that we remain sensitive to their needs and remove all obstacles that make their lives unnecessarily difficult. There is more to come in all my responsibilities."

Mr Costa explained that the work to the bus shelters complements projects already undertaken at beaches and other tourist attractions to make these facilities accessible to wheelchair users and persons with reduced mobility.

The Minister also thanked the critical advice and support of Minister Samantha Sacramento MP, the Care Agency and the Highways Section of the TSD "without which," he added, "we could not have completed the projects to the highest professional standards."