#### 2024 ADA Conformance



Moving forward with concrete results



#### Introduction

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The teachings contained here within this presentation are derived from guidance published by the United States of America Access Board. The Access Board has published new guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) that address assess to sidewalks and streets, crosswalks curb ramps, pedestrian signals, on-street parking, and other components of public right-of-way. These guidelines also review shared use paths, which are designed primarily for use by bicyclists and pedestrians for transportation and recreation purposes. The U.S. Access Board issues its final rule for accessibility guidelines for pedestrian facilities in public rights-of-way (PROWAG or guidelines). These guidelines are issued under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA). Title II of the ADA applies to State and local government facilities, among others. The final rule is effective September 7, 2023.

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#### ADA and PROWAG

- Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990.
- U.S. Access Board's Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) issued in 2005
- ADA building regulations revised in 2010, effective March 2012
- U.S. Access Board issued its final rule for **Public Rights-of-Way** Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), effective September 7, 2023.
  - These guidelines are issued under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA).
  - Title II of the ADA applies to State and local government facilities, among others.
  - The ABA applies to facilities constructed or altered by or on behalf of the Federal Government, facilities leased by Federal agencies, and some facilities built with Federal funds.



#### ADA and PROWAG

PROWAG guidelines are not legally enforceable until they are adopted by Department of Justice or Department of Transportation regulations, and by the four standard-setting agencies under the Architectural Barriers Act.

Thus, in the strictest sense, there are no benefits or costs associated with this final rule in itself, only in any future rulemakings that are based on PROWAG.



#### Title II of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

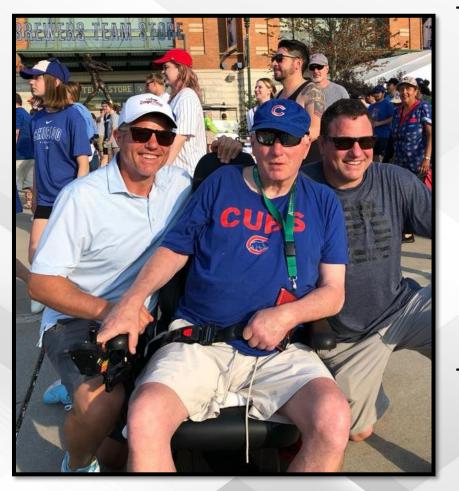


- A civil rights law
- **Prohibits discrimination** against people with disabilities in all aspects of life, including transportation
- **Compliance** not dependent on funding source
- Covers State and Local Governments and their agencies

...whenever streets, roadways, or highways are altered to provide curb ramps where street level pedestrian walkways cross curbs



#### Why is ADA Compliance Important



The Human Factor:

- 1 of 5 Americans currently live with a Disability.
- Barriers prevent the disabled from safe travel.
   ✓ Barriers also decrease safety for various other users.
- Excessive cross-slopes make travel exhausting too impossible.
  - ✓ 3% cross-slope requires 50% more exertion on a wheelchair users countering arm. Think about pushing a wheel barrel overloaded on one side.

The Legal Factor:

 Failure to Comply has resulted in agencies nationwide receiving Court mandates to allocated up to 20% of their annual budgets to ADA improvements.

#### Access = Safety





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#### **DOJ & DOT Tech. Assistance**

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration



Department of Justice/Department of Transportation Joint Technical Assistance<sup>1</sup> on the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements to Provide Curb Ramps when Streets, Roads, or Highways are Altered through Resurfacing

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similar scale and effect.<sup>4</sup> Maintenance activities on streets, roads, or highways, such as filling potholes, are not Without curb ramps, sidewalk travel in urban areas can be dangerous, difficult, or even impossible for people who use Williout on 0 tamps, successes waves in urban areas can be uangerous, officult, or even impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility devices. Curb ramps allow people with mobility disabilities to gain access to

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where pedestrian wark(ways intersect the resurfaced streets. See <u>Ainney V. terusaium</u>, 9 r. 30 1007 (3rd Cir. 1993). obligation has been discussed in a variety of technical assistance materials published by the Department of Justice beginning in 1994.<sup>2</sup> Over the past few years, state and local governments have sought further guidance on the scope of the alterations requirement with respect to the provision of curb ramps when streets, roads or highways are being use anerations requirement with respect to the provision of curb tamps when streets, roads or mightways are being resurfaced. These questions have arisen largely due to the development of a variety of road surface treatments other resurfaces. These questions have arisen largely one to the development of a variety of road surface treatments oner than traditional road resurfacing, which generally involved the addition of a new layer of asphalt. Public entities have than traditional road resurfacing, which generally involved the adultion of a new layer of appliant. Found surface asked the Department of Transportation and the Department of Justice to clarify whether particular road surface asked the Department of fransportation and the Department of Justice to Clarify whether particular road surface treatments fall within the ADA definition of alterations, or whether they should be considered maintenance that would not trigger the obligation to provide curb ramps. This Joint Technical Assistance addresses some of those questions.

Generally, curb ramps are needed wherever a sidewalk or other pedestrian walkway crosses a curb. Curb ramps must be Venerany, on orange are needed whetever a succease of other pedestrian warkway crosses a curo. One range must be located to ensure a person with a mobility disability can travel from a sidewalk on one side of the street, over or through any curso or ensure a person with a mountry orsavinty can dave norm a sourceast on one size of the size, over a any curso or traffic islands, to the sidewalk on the other side of the street. However, the ADA does not require any GRONG OF MALLIGE INTERNES, SO THE SIGEWARK OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SIDE O instantation of ramps of cure ramps in the assence of a pedestrian wantway with a prepared surface for pedestrian use Nor are curb ramps required in the absence of a curb, elevation, or other barrier between the street and the walkway.

When is resurfacing considered to be an alteration?

'Alteration' vs 'Maintenance'

Adding or replacing asphalt vs coating the asphalt surface to preserve the road surface

Alteration projects must include curb ramps within the scope of the project



#### **Alterations - Update to Existing Physical Constraints**

Old Language:

Where existing physical constraints make full compliance with these guidelines "<u>impracticable</u>," alterations must comply with the technical specifications of these guidelines to the *"extent practicable."* 

New Language:

The Board has replaced the term "<u>impracticable</u>" with "technically infeasible" and "extent practicable" with "maximum extent feasible."



#### Alterations – Regarding Roadway Treatments

An alteration of streets, roads, or highways include activities such as:

- Reconstruction
- Rehabilitation
- Resurfacing
- Widening
- Projects of similar scale and effect



\*Maintenance activities on streets, roads, or highways, such as filling potholes, are not alterations.



#### Alterations

There are three major changes with the way alterations are treated in the final rule.

- 1. Any portion of a pedestrian facility that is altered must be altered to comply with these guidelines regardless of the intended "scope of the project" by the entity undertaking the alteration (R201.1).
- 2. Facilities and portions of facilities that are "added" to an existing, developed public right-of-way are "alterations," and are subject to the requirements for altered facilities (*see* R104.3; R201.1; R202).
- 3. Altered facilities must be connected to an existing pedestrian circulation path by a pedestrian access route (R202.2).



#### Alterations that Trigger Installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The alteration of a signal controller and software, or the replacement of a signal head, would trigger the requirement to install an accessible pedestrian signal (NPRM R209.2)

- Pedestrian signals are subject to the same alteration requirements as other pedestrian facilities.
- The entity making the alteration will assess, according to requirements in the guidelines as adopted by USDOT and DOJ, whether installation of an accessible pedestrian signal is required.
- The Board notes that USDOT and DOJ may provide further specifics as to alterations triggering installation of APS in their rulemakings adopting these guidelines.



#### Alterations - Accessible Pedestrian Signals - Scoping for Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The final rule scoping specifies that accessible pedestrian signals be installed wherever new pedestrian signals are provided, and whenever pedestrian signals are altered.

Roundabouts - Final Rule includes three treatment options for crosswalks at roundabout in additional to standard accessible pedestrian signals:

- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)
- Raised Crosswalks
- Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB)



#### Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD)

There are three major changes with the way alterations are treated in the final rule.

- In the final rule, MUTCD provisions are not incorporated by reference. Any portion of a pedestrian facility that is altered must be altered to comply with these.
- The Board has stated all required technical provisions directly in the rule text, many of which were taken from the MUTCD.



#### **Major Issues to Guidance**

#### **Alterations to Existing Facilities**

- Each altered element, space, or facility within the scope of a new project must comply with the applicable requirements for new construction (see R202.3)
- **Existing Facilities That Are Not Altered** 
  - The guidelines clarify that the guidelines do not address existing facilities unless they are included within the scope of an alteration undertaken at the discretion of a covered entity (see R101.2)



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#### Summary of Significant Changes



# Design Considerations & Construction Components



#### Pedestrian Access Route (PAR)

- Pedestrian Access Route is the pedestrians equivalent of a traffic lane.
- PAR is a 4 foot "MINIMUM" wide "CLEAN" path that is **continuous** through side streets, driveways, medians, curbs, grass, roadways, etc.



• Does This Make Sense?



• Then How Can This?





#### Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) Requirements

- Min 4 ft. wide Pedestrian Access Route (PAR)
- 5 ft. typical
- If 4 ft PAR then 5 ft x 5 ft passing spaces required at a max. spacing of 200'
- Cross Slope: Max. 2%. Typ. 1.5%. Min. 1% for drainage
- Vertical discontinuities less than ¼ inch
- All grade breaks constructed perpendicular to path of travel





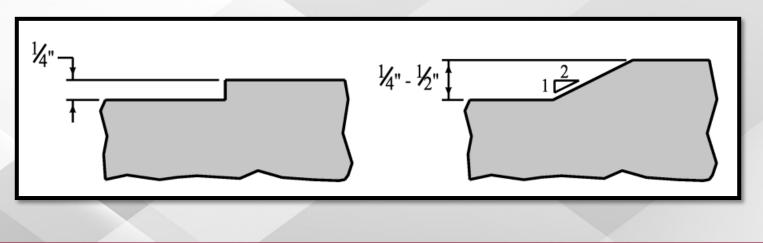


#### Changes in Level

- The Board updated the language to address "changes in level."
  - The term "surface discontinuities" has been eliminated from the guidelines.
- The requirements state changes in level:
  - Up to 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) may be vertical.
  - Changes in level between 1/4-inch (6.4 mm) high and 1/2-inch (13 mm) high must be beveled.
- Changes in level:
  - Greater than 1/2 inch (13 mm) up to 6 inches (150 mm) must have a slope no greater than 1:12 (8.3%)
  - Greater than 6 inches (150 mm) must comply with the requirements for ramps at R407.

#### **General Requirements**

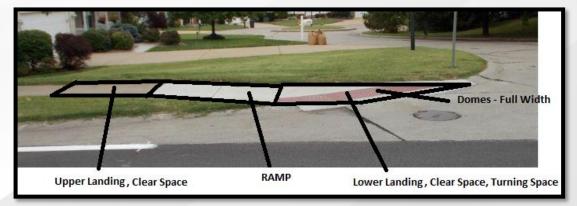
- Surfacing: PROWAG requires all surfaces to be firm, stable, and slip resistant (R302.7)
- Changes in Level: Changes in level, including bumps, utility castings, expansion joints, etc. shall be a maximum of 1/4 inch without a bevel or up to 1/2 inch with a 2:1 bevel. Where a bevel is provided, the entire vertical surface of the discontinuity shall be beveled (R302.7.2)



#### **Curb Ramp Anatomy**

#### Curb Ramps include the following parts:

- Landings?
  - Perpendicular Ramps = Landing at Top
  - Parallel Ramps = Landing at Bottom
- Clear Spaces (4' x 4' Minimum)
- Domes (2' Deep, Entire Width of the Opening)
- Ramp (8.3% Maximum Running Slope "unless" greater than 15 feet)
- Grade Break (one at the top and one at the bottom of every ramp)
- Turning Spaces (2% x 2% if Turning Movements are Required)
- Sometimes Flares (10% maximum if needed)
- Sometimes Curbs (To Help with Direction or Hold Grade)





#### Curb Ramps – Technical Requirements (WisDOT)

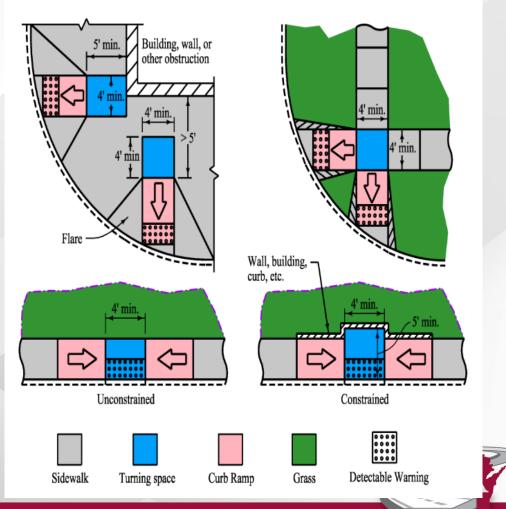
- Cross Slope: The maximum cross slope is 2.0% with a target value of 1.5%; however, for intersection legs that do not have full stop or yield control (i.e. uncontrolled or signalized) and at mid-block crossings, the curb ramp cross slope is allowed to match the cross slope in the pedestrian street crossing section. See "pedestrian street crossings" for additional details. (R304.5.3)
- Running Slope: Provide curb ramps with a target running slope of 6.25% and a maximum slope of 8.3%; however, curb ramps are not required to be longer than 15 feet, regardless of the resulting slope. (R304.2.2 and R304.3.2)
- Width: The minimum width of a curb ramp is 4 feet, excluding curbs and flares. If the sidewalk facility is wider than 4 feet, the target value for the curb ramp is equal to the width of the sidewalk. (R304.5.1)
- Grade Breaks: Grade breaks at the top and bottom of curb ramps must be perpendicular to the direction of the curb ramp run. Grade breaks are not allowed on the surface of curb ramp runs and turning spaces. (R304.5.2)

**R302.5.1 Pedestrian Street Crossings.** Where pedestrian access routes are contained within pedestrian street crossings, the grade of the pedestrian access route shall be 5 percent maximum.

**R302.6 Cross Slope.** Except as provided in R302.6.1 and R302.6.2, the cross slope of pedestrian access routes shall be 2 percent maximum.

R302.6.1 Pedestrian Street Crossings <u>Without Yield or Stop Control</u>. Where pedestrian access routes are contained within pedestrian street crossings without yield or stop control, <mark>the cross slope of the pedestrian access route shall be 5 percent maximum.</mark>

R302.6.2 Midblock Pedestrian Street Crossings. Where pedestrian access routes are contained within midblock pedestrian street crossings, the cross slope of the pedestrian access route shall be permitted to equal the street or highway grade.



## Landings

- Landings are part of the PAR
- Required at all locations where the PAR changes directions
- Max slope of 2% in all directions
- Min 4 feet by 4 feet









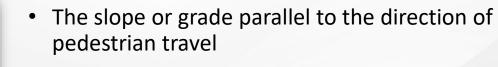
• A Construction Joint, Perpendicular to the Pedestrian Path of Travel, that signifies the beginning and ending of the ramp slabs.





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## **Running Slope**



- When building in the R/W, Grade of Pedestrian Access Route can equal the General Grade of the Adjacent Roadway
- On Ramps, the Running Slope is between 5% and 8.333% maximum, unless you are chasing grade, in which the ramp only needs to be 15+ Feet and the grade can then exceed 8.333%



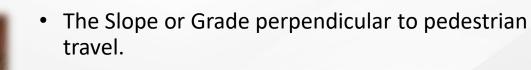


#### Sidewalk Running Slope

- Max 5% where terrain conditions permit
- Level landings may be required as follows:
  - Sidewalk running slope from 0% to 5% no level landing is required.
  - Sidewalk running slope greater than 5% to 8.3% provide a 5-foot by 5-foot level landing at each 2.5 feet of vertical change.
  - When street grade exceeds 8.3%, the sidewalk running slope should match the street grade with no level landings. Consider providing flat landing/rest strips at regular intervals.



#### **Cross Slope**

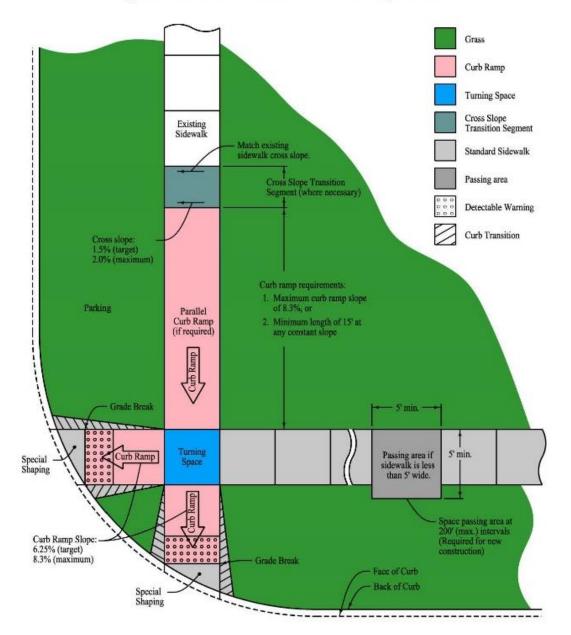


- 2% or less everywhere except:
  - Allowable 5% cross slope at street crossings without yield or stop control.
  - At Midblock Crossings Only Cross slope of Ramp can equal Grade of road.

Cross Slope

Section 12A-2 - Accessible Sidewalk Requirements

Figure 12A-2.03: Standard Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Elements

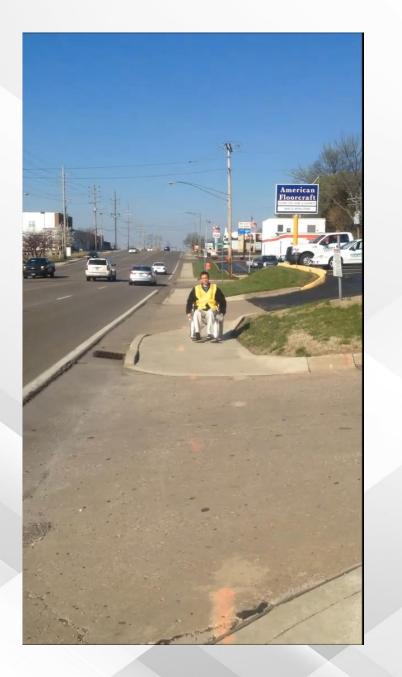


### Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Elements

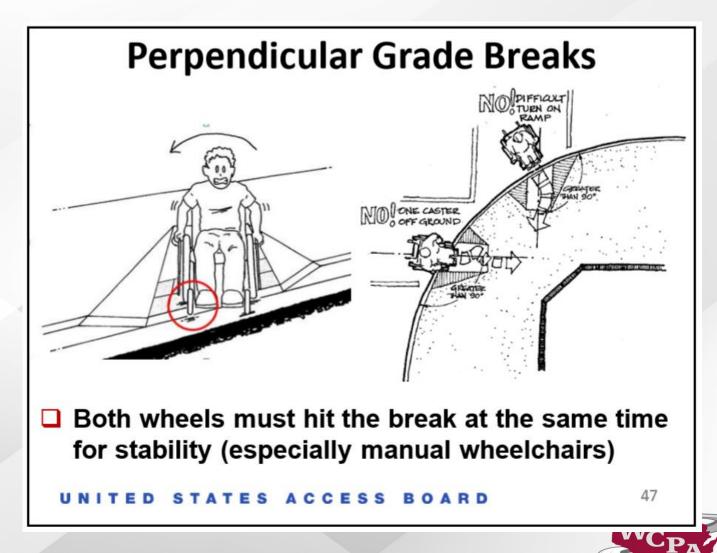
- Curb ramp type selection
- Grades in wheelchair path
- WisDOT 1.5% sidewalk cross slope
- 12:1 (8.3%) absolute max curb ramp slope per ADA - WisDOT max 7% at curb opening
- 11% max slope differential between ramp and gutter
- Application of curb behind sidewalk
- 12:1 (8.3%) max flare slopes for Type 1-A Ramp types and effect to curb tapers



Every weekday Amanda Parezo commutes about a mile to work using her wheelchair.



Here is why you don't see more wheelchair users on the sidewalk





## Getting on the Same Page

Sometimes 95% right is 'technically speaking' way wrong?



# Current Curb Ramp SDDs (8D5 Series)

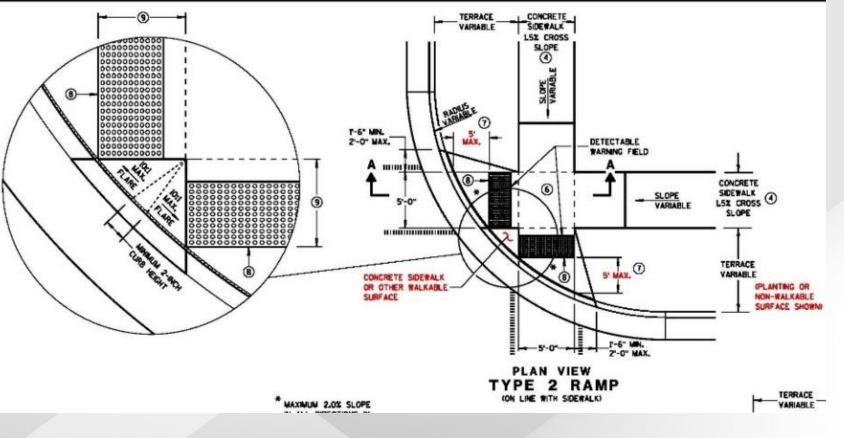


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#### Type 2 Ramp SDD



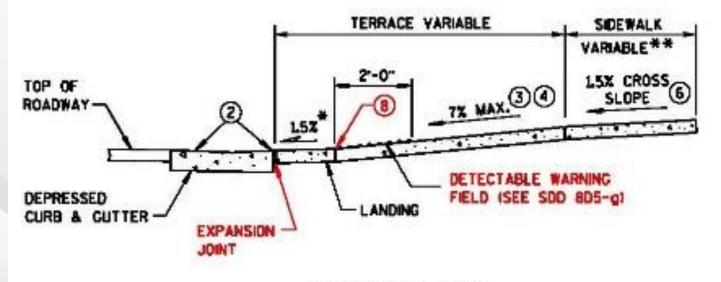
Max 10:1 Flare
Minimum 2-inch Curb Height Between Ramps





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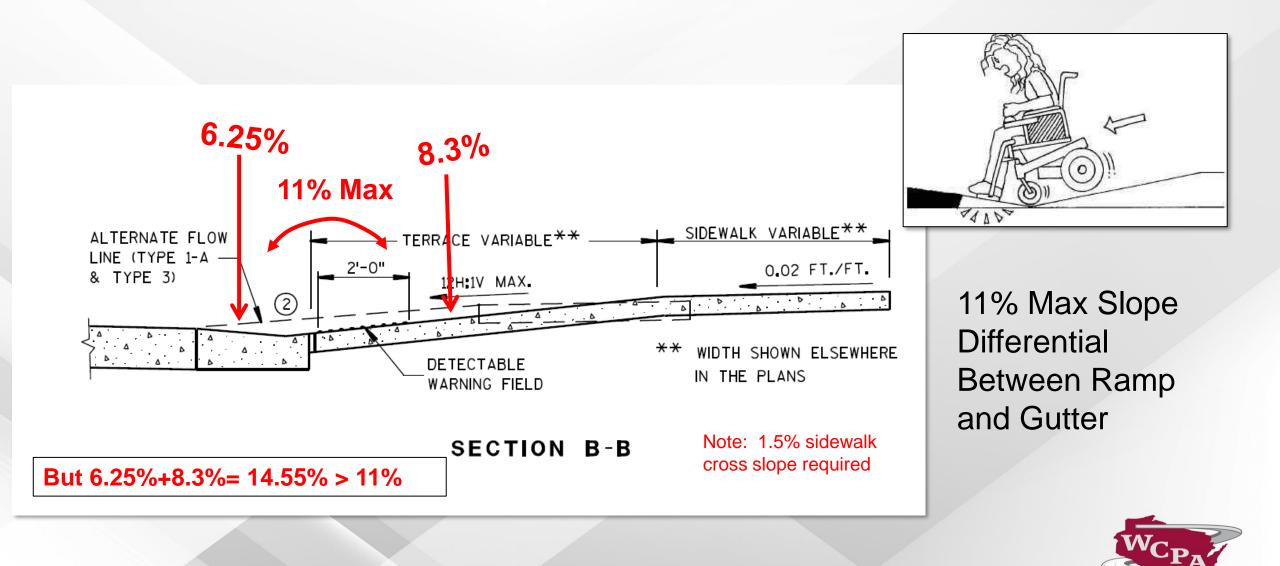
- Max 5-foot grade break distance
- Max 2% slope in all directions in grade break area

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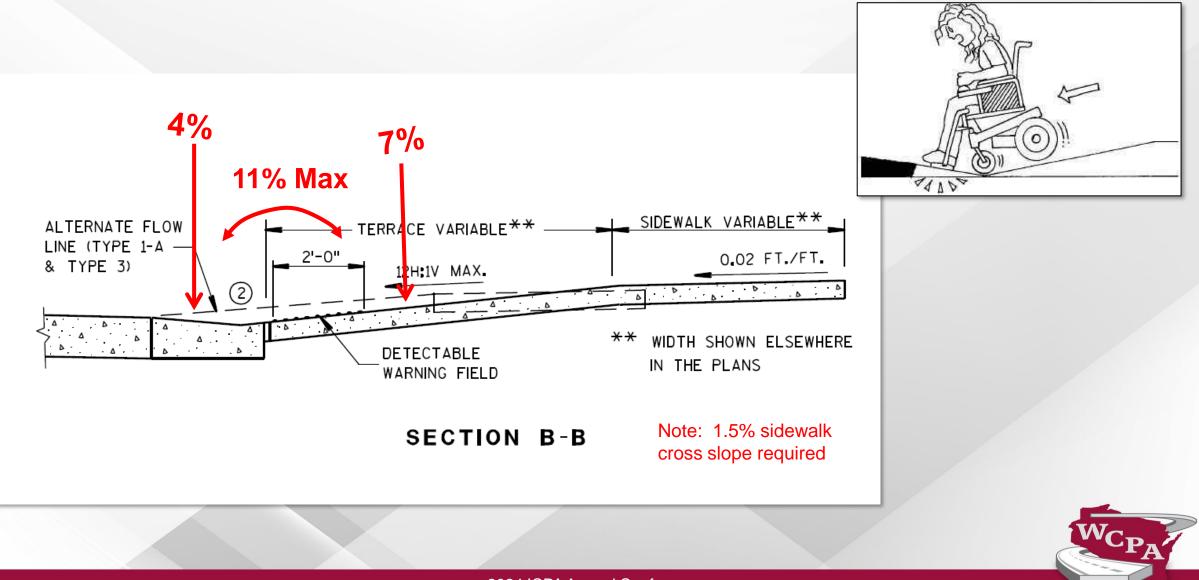
\*\* WIDTH SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN THE PLANS



## **OLD: Curb Ramp Slope**

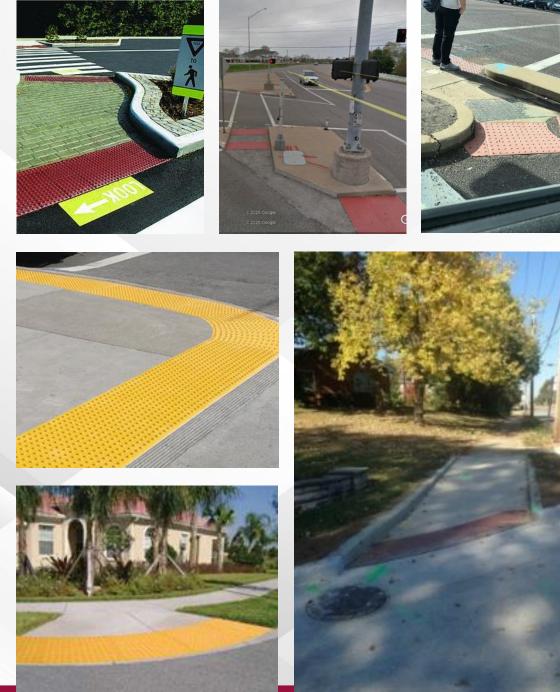


## NEW: Curb Ramp Slope



# **Detectable Warning Fields**





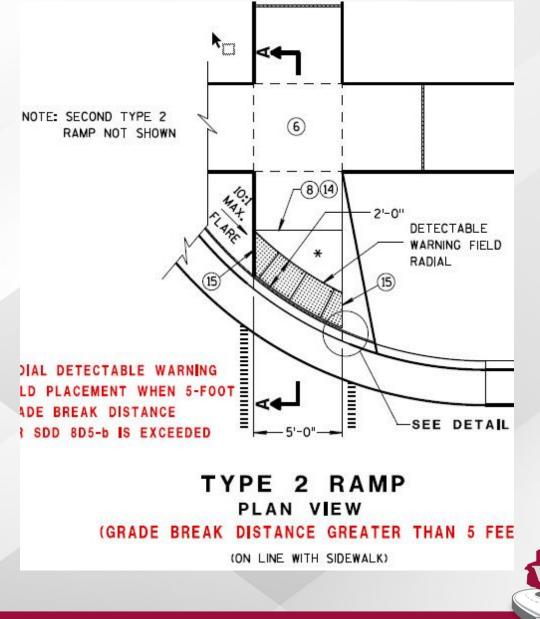
## **Detectable Warning**

- Color of Mat Must Contrast to Surroundings
- Must Cover Entire Width of Opening (2" boarder allowance)
- Placed at back of curb when on radius, a face of curb when in a cut through median
- Must be 2 Feet Deep Across "Entire" Opening



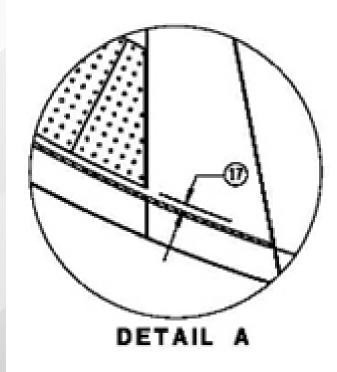
## **Radial DWF Panels**

- Radial plates per manufacturer's recommendations (WisDOT approved list)
- Field cutting outside edges will be necessary.
- Avoid cutting through domes. Cut true to line +/- 1/8 inch.
- Intermediate joints within warning field must not be field cut.



## Radial DWF Panels

- Plan to provide curb radius, panel long chord and area.
- Final DWF layout determined by contractor
- Max 3-inch concrete border is allowable between BOC and radial DWF for constructability purposes, with the concrete border width variable up to 1 inch







### Installation Steps

- If necessary, connect multiple plates together.
- 2 Pour concrete.
- 3 Use supplied lifting springs and a construction 2x4

or pipe to lift plates into position.

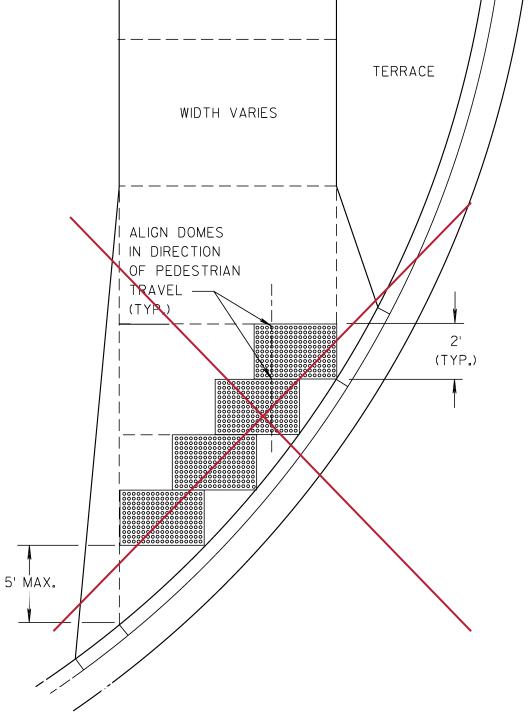
- Set plates in wet concrete at final position.
- 5. Remove lifting springs.
  - Press assembly into wet concrete to final elevation.
- 7. Finish concrete around assembly.
- 8. Remove any wet concrete that may have spilled
  - on to the plate surface.

## Manufacturers Websites Example



### Staggered Row DWF Application – Not Acceptable

Wisconsin is no longer allowing this staggered practice – WisDOT went to Radial Plates





## SDD - Key Items

- Grade change between gutter flag slope and the curb ramp slope shall not exceed 11%.
- Maximum gutter flag slope is 4%.
- Provide longitudinal drainage around curb and away from curb ramp.
- No vertical lips or discontinuities greater than ¼-inch are allowed
- Slope of curb head opening shall not exceed 7% (Also, ramp running slope max of 7% per SDD).

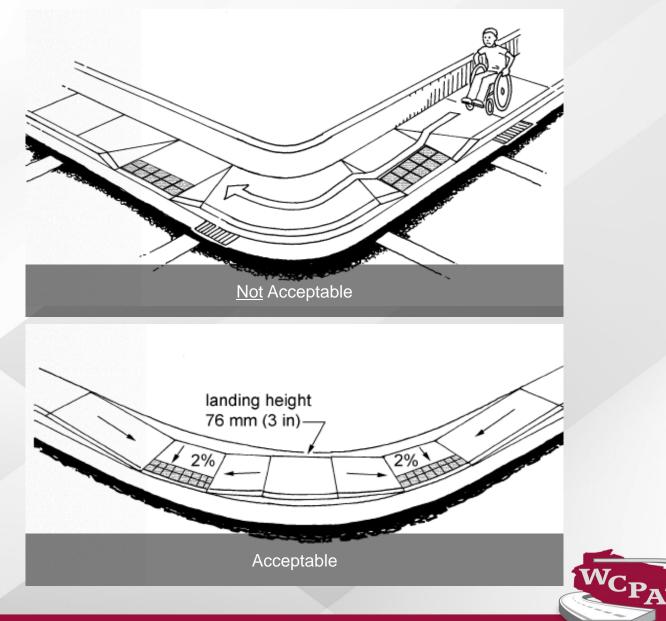


## SDD – Key Items (cont.)

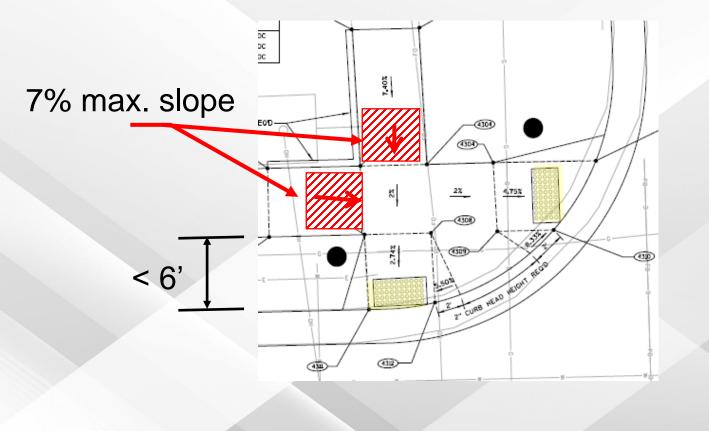
- Max 10:1 flares adjacent to walkable surface
- Minimum 2-inch curb head height between Type 2 ramps
- Detectable warning field (DWF) placement
  - Plates across entire curb ramp
  - Staggered plate application when grade break distance greater than 5 feet— General Note 7
  - DWF standards changes forthcoming



## Grades in Wheelchair Path



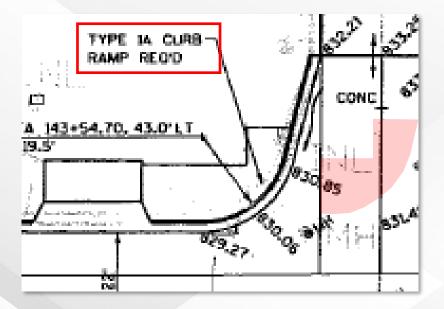
## Max Curb Ramp Slope



 If the terrace is less than 6 feet wide, then it is likely that the ramp slope will exceed 7% unless the sidewalk is lowered



## **Curb Ramp Design and Construction**



### Doesn't Work in the Field

Curb Ramp Type Identified on Plans



Field Adjustments often required to bridge the gap



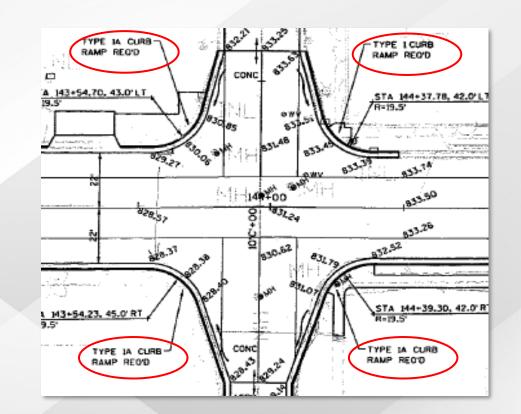
## **Design Details – Curb Ramps**

- Often rely only on the SDD's instead of actual field conditions
  - May lead to non-ADA-compliance in constrained urban environments
- Need to design curb ramps
  - More emphasis in design
  - Detail sufficiently to construct



## Construction Plans Insufficient Layout Example

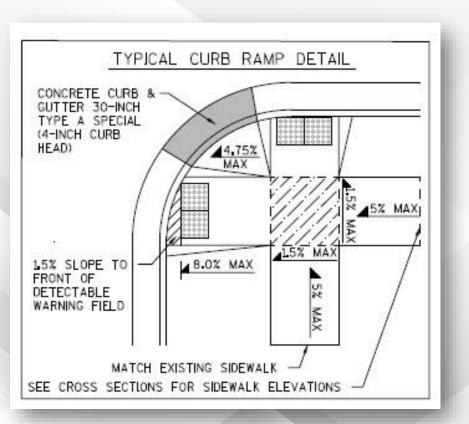
- Shifts design work onto contractor and field engineer
- Inefficient
- Increase risk of being improperly constructed
- Additional construction staff time

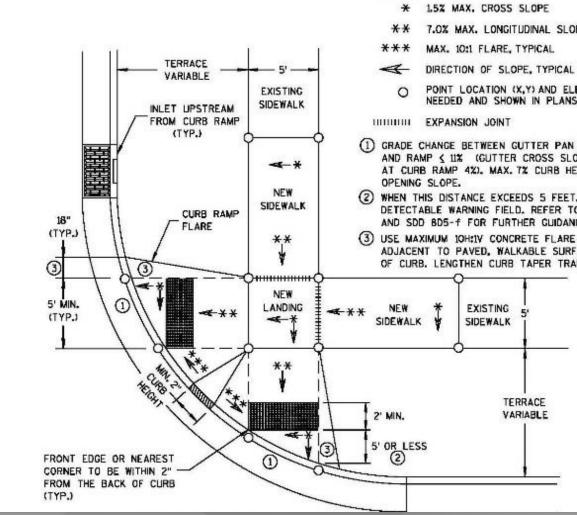






## Recommended **Plan Details**







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#### LEGEND

7.0% MAX. LONGITUDINAL SLOPE

POINT LOCATION (X,Y) AND ELEVATIONS (Z) NEEDED AND SHOWN IN PLANS

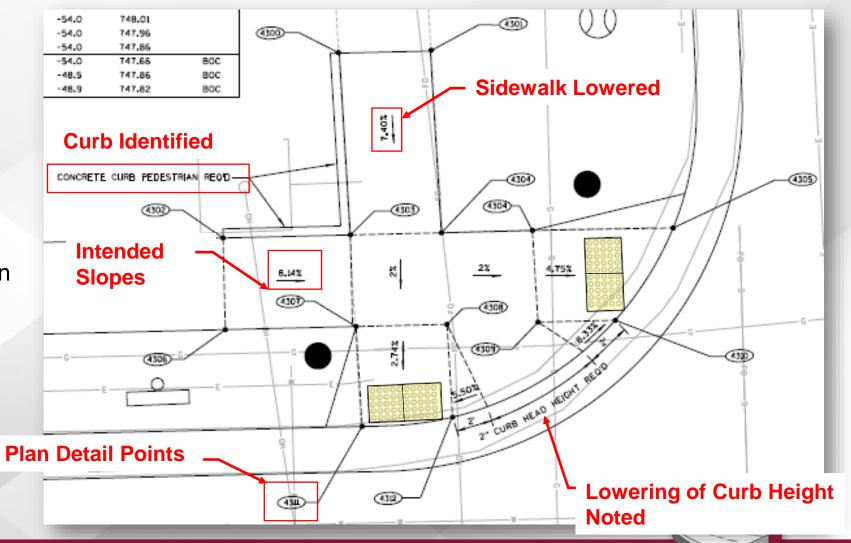
AND RAMP & 11% (GUTTER CROSS SLOPE AT CURB RAMP 4%). MAX. 7% CURB HEAD

(2) WHEN THIS DISTANCE EXCEEDS 5 FEET, USE RADIAL DETECTABLE WARNING FIELD, REFER TO FDM 11-46-10.2.1 AND SDD 8D5-f FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

(3) USE MAXIMUM 10H:1V CONCRETE FLARE WHEN FLARE IS ADJACENT TO PAVED, WALKABLE SURFACE ABUTTING BACK OF CURB. LENGTHEN CURB TAPER TRANSITION ACCORDINGLY.

## Design Details – Curb Ramps

- Included in construction plans:
- Curb ramp layout type for reference (i.e., Type 2, Type 1)
- Detectable warning field alignment
- Intended ADA slopes not to be exceeded (i.e., 2%, 5%, 8.33%)
- Curb head height variations between curb ramps
- Intended direction for drainage
- Low points identified
- Layout (Station, Offset, Elev.)



## **Locating Push Buttons**

- Locate Push Button adjacent to landing.
- Mount control face parallel to crosswalk and no closer than 2.5 ft to the curb.
- Height 3.5 ft above the sidewalk.
- Close to crosswalk locate no further than 5 ft from the extension of the crosswalk lines and within 10 ft of the curb line and accessible from a wheelchair.
- Proximity to ramp locate the push button within 2 ft horizontally of the top corner of the ramp.
- Separation where there are two accessible pedestrian signals at the same corner, mount the push buttons on poles separated by at least 10 ft.



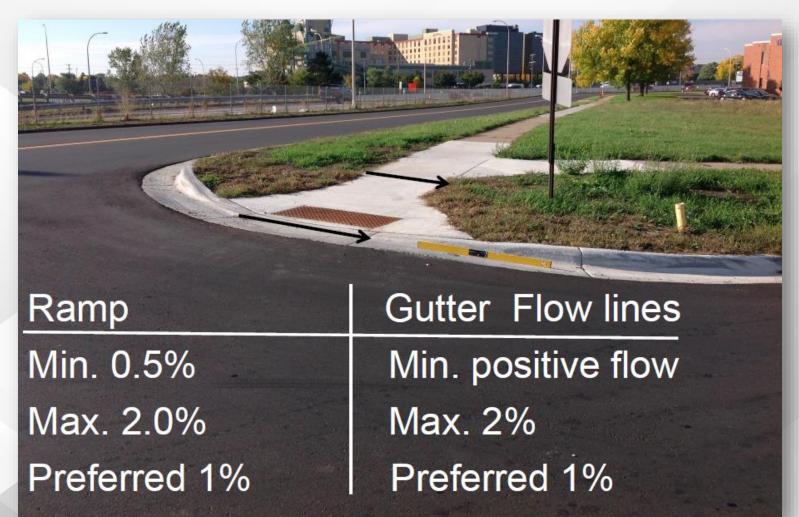
### **Improper Placement**



# **Construction Examples**



## **Application of Cross Slopes**





## **Application of Curb Ramp**

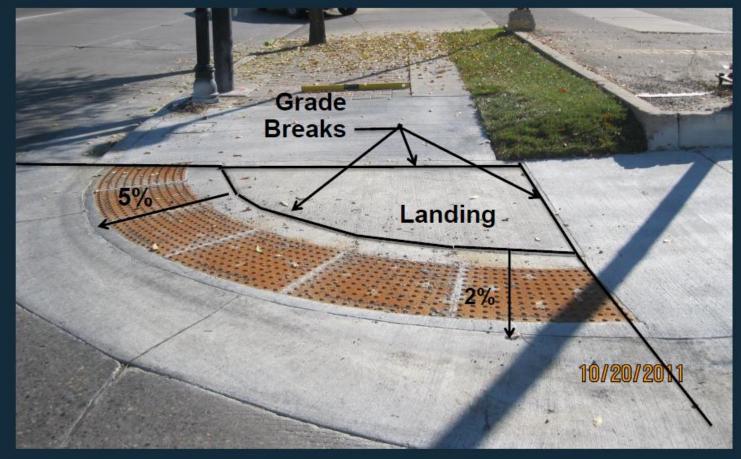
Ramp adjacent to concrete pavement with gutter flow line that exceeds 2%. Make correction over the entire length of the ramp.





## **Application of Fan Design**

Fan Design with greater than 2% flow line adjacent to concrete pavement.





## **Application of Curb Behind Sidewalk**

Lowering of sidewalk near curb ramp may require curb behind sidewalk

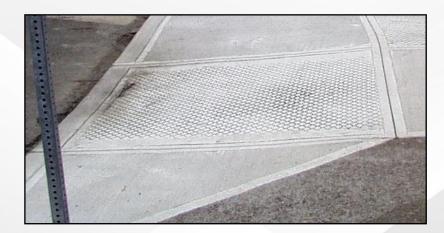
 Good application of 12:1 (8.3%) max flare slopes with walkable surface abutting back of curb







## **Curb Ramp DWF Placement Examples**











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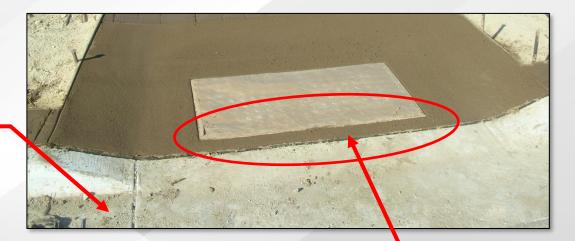
### CORRECT



## Lay Out Curb Ramp Cuts Prior to Ramp Installation

• The curb ramp layout must occur prior to curb installation.

Curb was installed – prior to curb ramp installation



Note: Place DWF panel at back of curb per SDD



## Landing with no more than 2% slope

Provide 5' x 5' flat landing at top of the ramps

Construct max 1.5% cross slope at intersecting sidewalks



Landing with less than 2% slope in any direction

 Lower curb head



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## Median/Pork-chop Island Pedestrian Refuge



### Desirable – vertical edge



#### <u>Undesirable – sloped edge</u>



## What about Trails.....?



Yup! ADA Compliance Matters Here Too



## Helpful Tools and Lessons Learned

- Always double check the setting on your smart level
- Some default to degrees instead of percent.....expensive mistake
- MUST BE SET TO "PERCENT"

Good



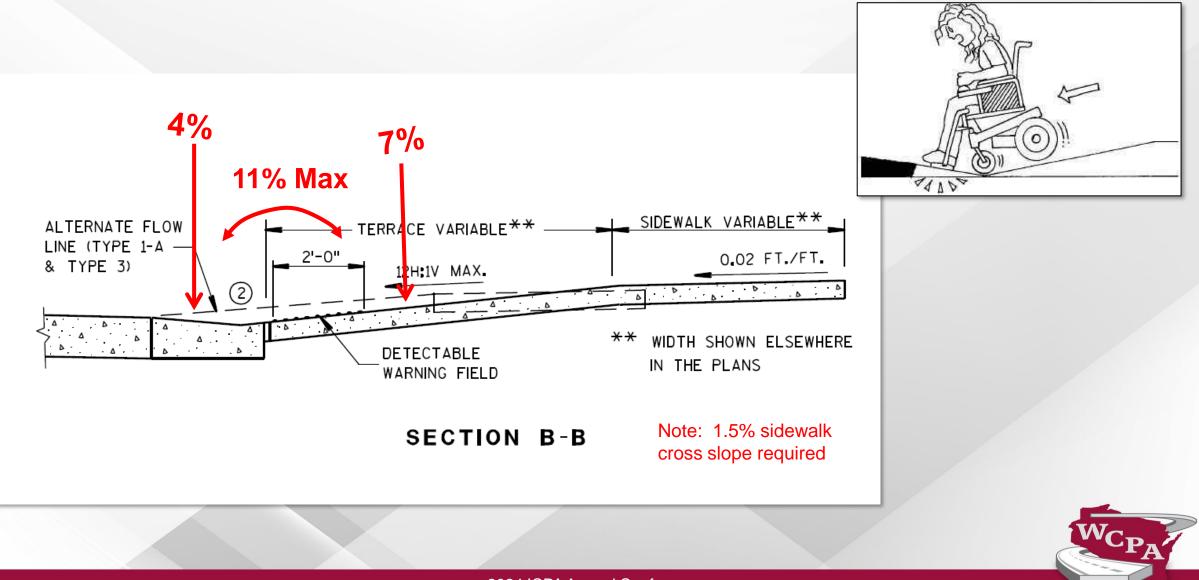




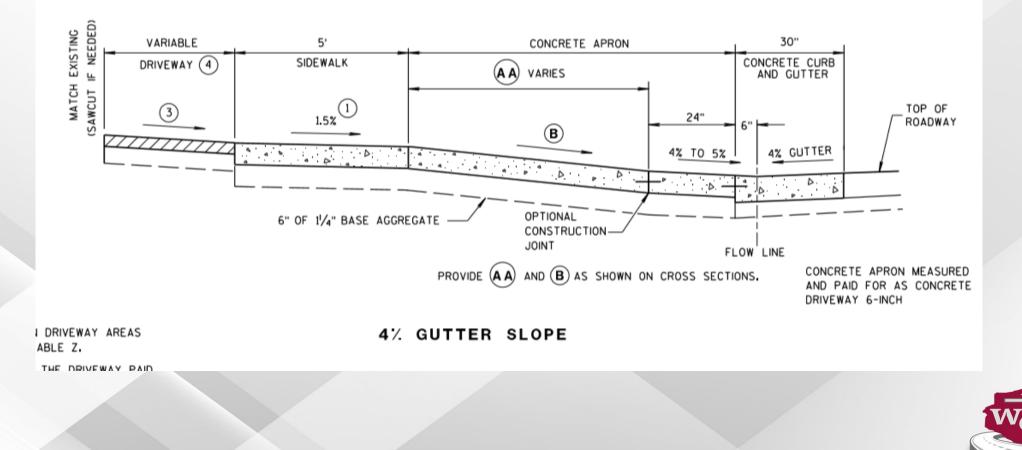
## **Curb and Gutter**



## NEW: Curb Ramp Slope



## **Driveway Cross Section (Type Z)**

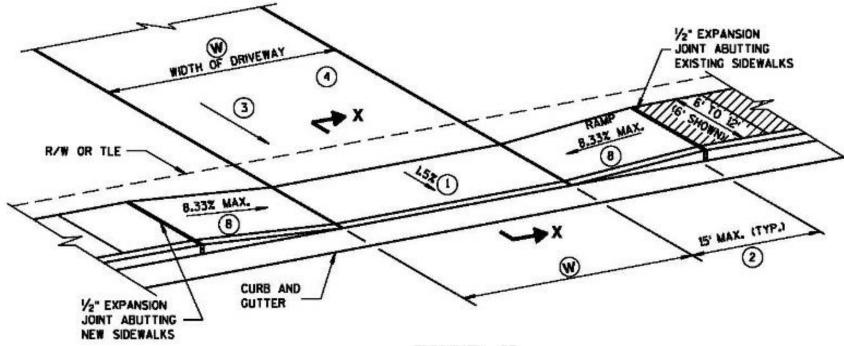


## **ADA Requirements for Sidewalks at Driveways**

- 1.5 % Cross Slopes on Sidewalk
  - (2 % Absolute Max)
- 7 % Max on Sidewalk Ramps
- 15-Foot Max Length to Match in on Sidewalk Ramps



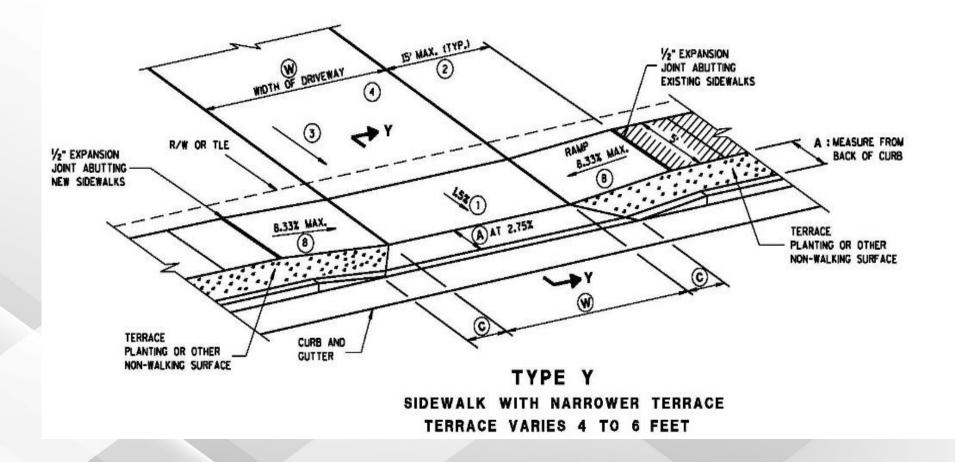
## **Type X Driveway—Typical Layout**



TYPE X SIDEWALK ABUTS CURB & GUTTER TERRACE VARIES 0 TO 3 FEET

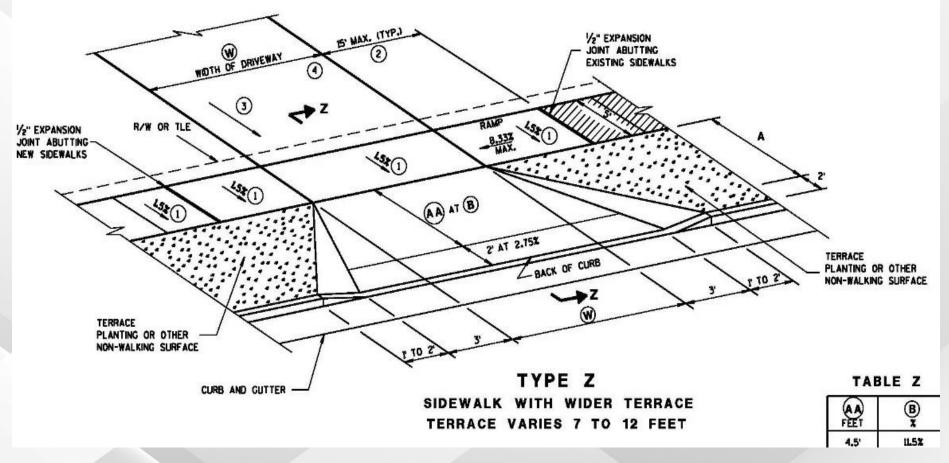


### **Type Y Driveway—Typical Layout**

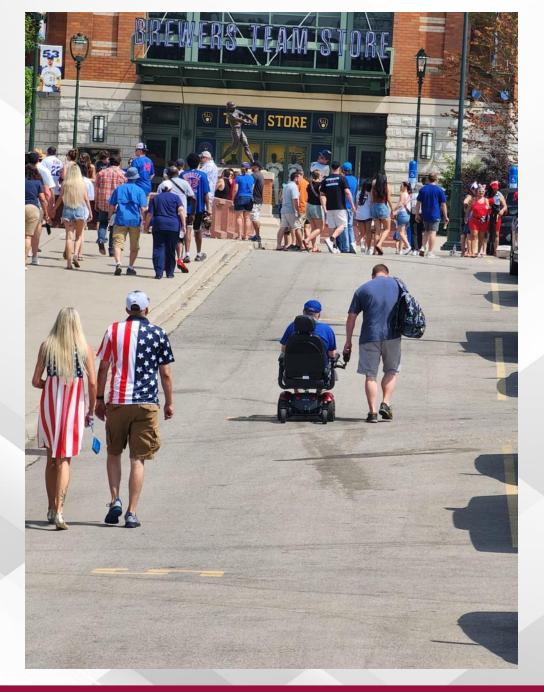




# **Type Z Driveway—Typical Layout**







#### The Good, The Bad & The Ugly



#### Can a Wheelchair Fit Through?



# Because Access is a Utility!



# Because Access is a no-go!





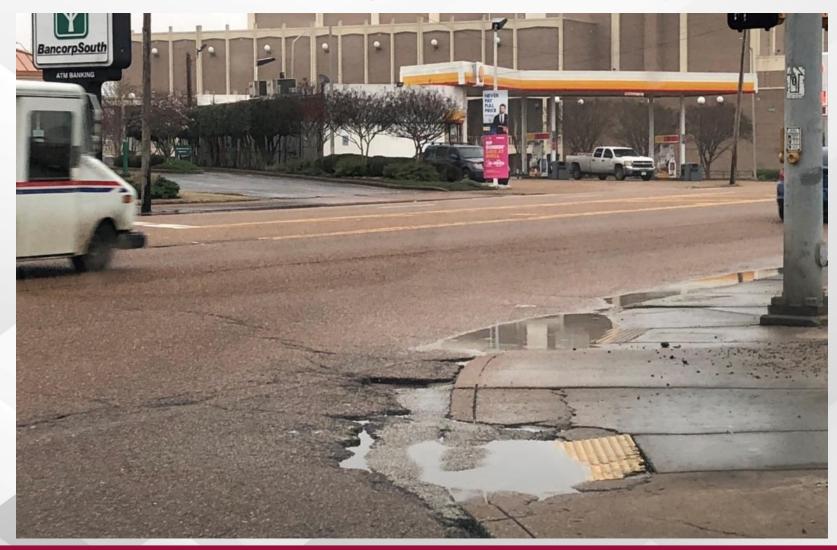
# Because Access is a Refuge?







# Excessive overlays Leaves us Swimming in Noncompliance.....!



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# Because We Are Better Than A Path to Nowhere!



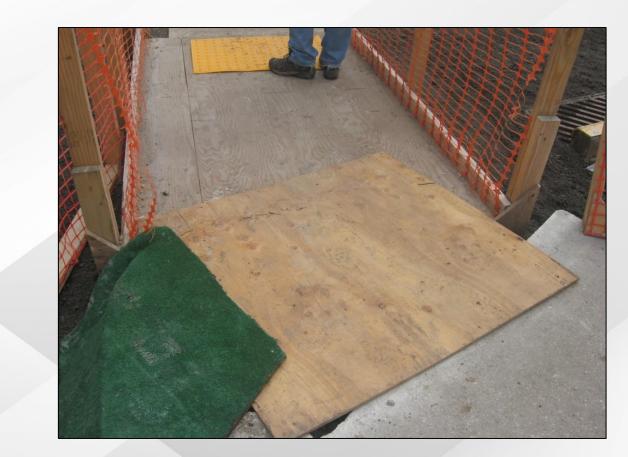


# Pedestrian Access During Construction



# Why is it important?

- It's the Law
  - ADA standards
  - MUTCD
- Transportation benefits
- Economic benefits
- Safety benefits



**Not Acceptable** 



# Pedestrian Planning Considerations and Accommodation Options

- Affected sidewalks maintain characteristics of existing sidewalks
  - Alternate route if necessary
- Avoid conflicts with construction operations
- Avoid conflicts with mainline traffic
- SDD 15D30
  - Staged sidewalk repair with sidewalk detour
  - Sidewalk detour on parallel route
  - Sidewalk diversion
  - Construct temporary ramps and surfaces



#### **Not Acceptable**



# Maintaining Accessibility



#### Not acceptable



Acceptable – If proper width is achieved



#### **Avoiding Conflicts with Construction**



Not Acceptable



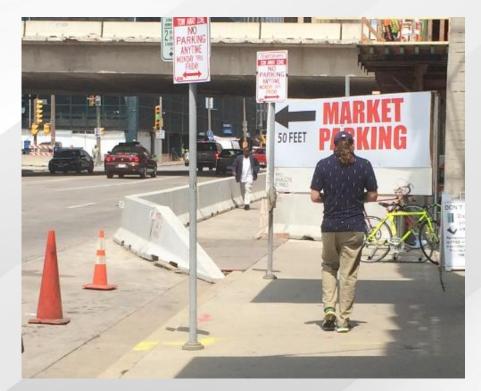
Acceptable



#### Avoiding Conflict with Traffic



Not Acceptable



Acceptable



# **Pedestrian Channelizing**

- Provide continuous positive guidance
- Detectable bottom 2" max above walkway, top surface 32" min
- Smooth top surface for handtrailing
- Close entire width of sidewalk



#### Not Acceptable





Acceptable



# **Temporary Curb Ramps**

- Provide continuous positive guidance
- Detectable bottom 2" max above walkway, top surface 32" min
- Smooth top surface for hand-trailing
- Close entire width of sidewalk





#### **Detectable Warning Field**



Acceptable

Acceptable



### **Temporary Surfaces**

- Provide a smooth, firm, stable, slip-resistant and continuous hard surface
  - Vertical joints no greater than 1/4"
  - Horizontal gaps no greater than ½"
  - Maintain 4" min. clear width
- 3 Types
  - Asphalt
  - Wood
  - Metal/Manufactured
- Concrete not included because of issues with finished product



#### **Temporary Surfaces**



#### Not Acceptable



#### Not Acceptable



### **Temporary Surface**



Improve Edge - backfill



#### **Temporary Pedestrian Crosswalk**



# Drop-offs

- Greater than 6"
  - A barrier should be put up
  - Pedestrian Safety Fence
- Curb Ramps
  - Greater than 3"
  - Vertical panel is required
- Backfill material may be used to slope from the sidewalk



#### **Bus Stops**

- Relocating
- Signed
- Access
  - Temporary crosswalk
- Clean





# **Other Safety Considerations**

- Impacts to properties fronting the work zone
- Consider the needs of children, particularly if schools or play areas are nearby
- Arrangements for those with restricted mobility and other special needs
- Consider those who undergo surgery or those who lose their mobility.



# Thank you!

