

Capital District
Transportation Committee

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Pavement Projects and ADA Compliance Requirements

NYSDOT and FHWA have recently updated and clarified information on ADA compliance requirements for resurfacing projects.

1. **For 1R Projects** ([defined by NYSDOT as resurfacing projects](#) that include the placement or replacement of the top and/or binder pavement course(s) to extend or renew the existing pavement design life):
 - a) **Existing curb ramps** located within 1R projects **are subject to the 1991 ADAAG standards**, and do not need to be brought up to current standards.
(See https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/design/dqab/hdm/hdm-repository/chapt_07.pdf, **Exhibit 7-1a ADA Compliance Criteria for 1R Projects, pg 7-9.**)
 - b) When existing sidewalks or walkways **Do NOT** have curb ramps linking to street crossings, curb ramps must be constructed. **New curb ramps must meet current standards** for new construction found in the [NYSDOT Highway Design Manual \(HDM\) Section 18.7.3](#).
2. **For other Pavement Projects that are beyond 1R (i.e. 2R or 3R Projects):**
Sidewalk curb ramps and existing sidewalks must **meet current standards** in the HDM Chapter 18.
3. **Please refer to information provided by NYSDOT available at the links below as it may impact both the scope and cost estimates for proposed pavement projects:**
 - a) **NYSDOT Engineering Directive 15-004:** [Design, Construction and Inspection of Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way](#), dated October 19, 2015 states; “Effective immediately, the values shown on the excel table “Critical Elements for the Design, Layout and Acceptance of Pedestrian Facilities” shall be used by Design and Construction to ensure that pedestrian facilities in the public right of way are ADA compliant.” (This table is located on the NYSDOT HDM Chapter 18 webpage: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/design/dqab/hdm/chapter-18>)
 - b) A **Frequently Asked Questions** write up regarding this new NYSDOT Engineering Directive can be found at: https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/design/dqab/hdm/hdm-repository/Ped%20Facilities%20in%20Public%20ROW_FAQ_%2012072015.pdf
 - c) For more information see the **NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 7, in particular Exhibit 7-1:** Resurfacing ADA and Safety Assessment Form. The first page of this exhibit (page 7-4 at the link below) addresses ADA requirements for 1R resurfacing projects. ADA requirements for 2R or 3R projects are also in Exhibit 7-1 at the bottom, on page 7-5. Also see pp. 7-8 and 7-9. https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/engineering/design/dqab/hdm/hdm-repository/chapt_07.pdf
 - d) For **background** on this issue see these **FHWA resources:** <http://www.ada.gov/doi-fhwa-ta.htm> and <http://www.ada.gov/doi-fhwa-ta-supplement-2015.html>
 - e) For questions on this material contact Anne Benware at (518) 458-2161 or email abenware@cdtcmppo.org