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Subject		Issuer	
Utility Trench Paving Triggers ADA Compliant Ramp		Todd Liles, P.E., City Engineer	

PURPOSE:

Provide clarification and guidance regarding ADA curb ramps triggers when performing utility trench paving.

DIRECTIVE:

Paving associated with utility trench work as depicted in Standard Drawings P-505 and P-518 triggers construction of an ADA compliant curb ramp on the side of the street where the utility trench related paving occurs, when the work is 2' or less from the curb face at a sidewalk, or 2' or less from the lip of gutter where one exists.

This is necessary to meet the federal requirement that when the utility work impacts the curb at a pedestrian street crossing where no curb ramp exists, or where there is a curb ramp but it doesn't comply with current ADA standards, the work affecting the curb falls within the definition of "alteration," and an ADA-compliant curb ramp must be constructed rather than simply replacing the curb. See 28 CFR 35.151(b) and 35.151(i);

<https://archive.ada.gov/doj-fhwa-ta-supplement-2015.html>

For additional information and guidance, consult with a PBOT ADA Technical Advisor.

References

- <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/engineering/documents/p-505/download>
- <https://www.portland.gov/transportation/engineering/documents/p-518/download>



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