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Letter of Intent between Agencies for design and review of curb ramps on or along a State highway

The City of Portland (COP) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) intend to coordinate such that curb ramps designed and constructed on or along a State highway will:

- Be designed per current ODOT design standards
- Include current ODOT standard drawings in the plan set
- Will include an ODOT ADA Design Checklist
- Will include a COP ADA Design Checklist
- Will include information described in DET 1720
- Will include two ramps per corner, single ramps will require an ODOT design exception and COP variance
- Have an ODOT Inspection Checklist completed for final acceptance of construction

Both Agencies recognize that there is shared responsibility between the two, but that the State requirements take precedence according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Both Agencies intend for each curb ramp to be American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant to the maximum extent feasible within the scope of the project for algebraic grade breaks.

ODOT acknowledges that COP requires a maximum grade break of 11% and prefers a design grade break of 10%. ODOT designed projects will try to meet this requirement or will seek a COP variance.

ODOT acknowledges that COP requires curb ramps to be perpendicular to the curb. ODOT designed projects will try to meet this requirement or will seek a COP variance.

A curb ramp on a State highway is defined to be a ramp that connects to a crosswalk across the highway.

A curb ramp along a State highway is defined to be a ramp that is adjacent and parallel to the highway serving a crosswalk across a local road.

Both Agencies agree that when issues arise about curb ramp designs they will discuss and determine the path forward on a case by case basis. Issue resolution will be given high priority and expedited by both Agencies to maintain commitments to project schedules. For COP permit projects, the contact will be Permit Engineering Review Manager, and for ODOT the contact will be the Permits Assistant District Manager.

This Letter of Intent is nonbinding and should not be construed as a commitment by either Agency.

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