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SUBJECT: Release of Curb Ramp Guidelines

As part Mn/DOT's commitment to full integration of accessibility into all projects, Mn/DOT has developed *Curb Ramp Guidelines* to assist designers in achieving successful curb ramp design and installations.

Curb Ramp Guidelines utilizes a "best practices" approach, based on existing documentation and Mn/DOT design and construction experiences. The goal of the document is to share experience and gain consistency in pedestrian ramp design and construction throughout Mn/DOT. As more information is gathered and practices are refined, the document will be updated accordingly. *Curb Ramp Guidelines* is broadly available, but external users are advised that the information is geared to the needs of Mn/DOT's Trunk Highway System.

Curb Ramp Guidelines is consistent with Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidance (PROWAG) requirements and Mn/DOT design requirements. *Curb Ramp Guidelines* addresses retrofit and alterations situations where existing obstacles and limited project scopes preclude some fixes readily achieved on new construction. The guide emphasizes the accessibility and usability of curb ramp designs in addition to compliance.

The guidelines should be used in concert with the following primary design resources:

- Mn/DOT Road Design Manual 11-3
- Standard Plate 7036
- Standard Plate 7038
- State Aid Rules
- Mn/MUTCD
- Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidance (PROWAG)

Curb Ramp Guidelines can be downloaded at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ada/resources.html>. Any questions or comments on *Curb Ramp Guidelines* should be directed to Todd Grugel, ADA Program Engineer, 651-366-3531 or todd.grugel@state.mn.us. Please share with other who may not have received this notification.

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