

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**  
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**TO:** County Engineers (Distribution 618)  
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District State Aid Engineers

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT:** ADA Requirements of the Use of Truncated Domes/Detectable Warning Systems  
and the Installation of Pedestrian Curb Ramps

**EXPIRATION**

This Technical Memorandum revises Chapter 200 of the State Aid Manual, and will remain in effect until superseded or placed in the State Aid Manual.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

On July 1, 2003, Mn/DOT issued Technical Memorandum 03-19-TS-02, describing the requirements for installation of pedestrian ramps and detectable warning systems on Mn/DOT projects. See <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/tecsup/tmemo/active/tm03/19ts02.pdf>. The purpose of this Technical Memorandum is to clarify the ADA requirements as they apply to local Federal-aid projects and state-aid projects.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

The Federal Highway Administration is responsible for enforcement of ADA requirements on project utilizing federal funds. To comply with the ADA, any Federal-aid project must provide for pedestrian curb ramps with detectable warnings (specifically truncated domes) on any Federal-aid project that has existing or proposed sidewalk within the project termini, even if the proposed work can be done without disturbing the existing sidewalk or pedestrian ramps. Plans without pedestrian ramps and detectable warning systems provided will be returned.

State-aid projects are subject to the same ADA laws as Federal-aid projects, and in accordance with State Aid Operations Rules 8820.3000 Subp.2, it is the local agency's responsibility to assure compliance with federal, state, and local laws. Therefore, on state-aid funded projects, State Aid will assume that the local agency has determined its plan is in compliance with ADA requirements, and will not review plans for inclusion of pedestrian ramps or detectable warning systems.

**QUESTIONS:**

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