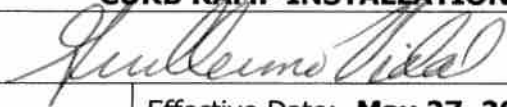


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GENERAL:

This policy supersedes and replaces previous Public Works Policy Number 10-T001, Curb Ramp Installation and Replacement, dated November 1, 1995.

PURPOSE:

In response to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Colorado Revised Statutes, the City and County of Denver has established a policy concerning the construction of curb ramps. The purpose of this policy of the Department of Public Work is to further define Public Works policy and associated procedures and programs with regard to improving the accessibility of public rights-of-way in Denver.

In 1975, the Colorado General Assembly amended Section 43-2-107, Paragraph 2, of the Colorado Revised Statutes to read as follows:

"Any roads, streets, or highways constructed after July 1, 1975, by the state or any of its political subdivisions shall provide adequate and reasonable access for the safe and convenient movement of mobility impaired persons, including those in wheelchairs, across all newly constructed or replaced curbs at all pedestrian crosswalks; except that this subsection 92) shall not be applicable to any contracts executed or let for bid on or before July 1, 1975."

In 1992, the Federal Government passed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The City & County of Denver, Pursuant to the requirements of Title II of the Americans with disabilities Act, shall not discriminate against or deny access to, qualified individuals with disabilities, in the City's service, programs, or activities. The ultimate goal is to make the entire City and County of Denver barrier free for its mobility impaired citizens. The interim goal is to make the most effective use of available funds by constructing curb ramps at strategic locations throughout the City where the greatest need or potential benefit is expected.

POLICY:

1. Curb ramps will be installed in association with street alteration projects.
2. Private development will be required to install curb ramps in conjunction with redevelopment or new development as specified in the City Sidewalk Policy; except in the case of a single family residential remodeling project, in which case the site in question will be referred to the C.I.P. curb ramp program described in #4 below.
3. The City will encourage the Colorado Department of Transportation to install curb ramps in connection with its street reconstruction projects.
4. The City may designate Capital Improvement funds to be used each year to construct curb ramps at sites either: 1) identified by requests received from citizens [site specific program], or 2) according to a priority ranking described below [city-wide program].

PRIORITY DETERMINATION

With limited funding, it is necessary to utilize the actual funds in the most effective, efficient manner possible. In general, priorities will be determined on a two tier process, "Site Specific Program" and a "City-Wide Program."

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A. SITE SPECIFIC PROGRAM:

The site specific program will continue to rely on individual requests by citizens or, those businesses in the private sector, which need curb ramps to assist them on their individual trips or access to their respective buildings. (If a request for a curb ramp to be installed mid-block is received, the City may approve it and provide other technical assistance, however, the requesting entity shall pay for the curb ramp. Depending upon availability of funds, each year the City will install curb ramps at requested locations, to the extent possible.

B. CITY-WIDE PROGRAM:

The City-Wide Program is intended to provide accessibility at major use areas that will benefit the entire mobility impaired community. If additional funds are available after the Site Specific areas are completed, the focus will shift to locations throughout the City. The major use areas are listed below in order of priority.

1. Public Transportation
2. Hospitals and Medical Facilities
3. Accessible and Elderly Housing Facilities
4. Government Buildings and Facilities (includes city and state offices, libraries, public schools, special events centers, etc.)
5. Neighborhood Community Centers
6. Parks and Recreation Centers
7. Polling Places
8. Neighborhood Retail
9. Miscellaneous organizations that provide services for the disabled
10. Churches
11. Museums and Cultural Centers

All program activities will be coordinated with the Commission for People with Disabilities.

Questions concerning this policy will be coordinated by the City Engineer.

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