

## **CURB RAMPS NOTES:**

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

CURB RAMPS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AS PER THE REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TEXAS ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS AND THE ADA & ABA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES. (FEDERAL REGISTER/ VOL. 69, NO. 141, FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2004)

CURB RAMPS UNDER THESE PROVISIONS, SHALL BE WHEREVER AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE CROSSES A CURB.

SLOPES ON CURB RAMPS SHALL BE MEASURED AS FOLLOWS: (Y:X = VERTICAL:HORIZONTAL)

- A) TRANSITIONS FROM RAMPS TO WALKS, GUTTERS, OR STREETS SHALL BE FLUSH AND FREE OF ABRUPT CHANGES.
- B) MAXIMUM SLOPES OF ADJOINING GUTTERS, ROAD SURFACE IMMEDIATLEY ADJACENT TO THE CURB OR ACCESSIBLE ROUTE SHALL NOT EXCEED 1:20.
- C) THE LEAST POSSIBLE SLOPE SHALL BE USED FOR ANY RAMP. THE MAXIMUM SLOPE OF A RAMP IN NEW CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE 1:12. THE MAXIMUM RISE FOR ANY RUN SHALL BE 30" (760 MM). CURB RAMPS AND RAMPS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON EXISTING SITES OR IN EXISTING BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES MAY HAVE SLOPES AND RISES IF SPACE LIMITATIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF A 1:12 SLOPE OR LESS, AS FOLLOWS:
  - 1. A SLOPE BETWEEN 1:10 AND 1:12 IS ALLOWED FOR A MAXIMUM RISE OF 6".
  - 2. A SLOPE BETWEEN 1:8 AND 1:10 IS ALLOWED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 3"
    - A SLOPE STEEPER THAN 1:8 IS NOT ALLOWED.

THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF A CURB RAMP SHALL BE 36" EXCLUSIVE OF FLARED SIDES.

### SURFACE:

SURFACES OF CURB RAMPS, SHALL BE STABLE FIRM, AND SLIP RESISTANT. SURFACE TEXTURES SHALL CONSIST OF EXPOSED CRUSHED STONE AGGREGATE, ROUGHENED CONCRETE, RUBBER, RAISED ABRASIVE STRIPS, OR GROOVES. EXTENDING THE FULL WIDTH AND DEPTH OF THE CURB RAMP. SURFACES THAT ARE RAISED, ETCHED, OR GROOVED IN A WAY THAT WOULD ALLOW WATER TO ACCUMULATE ARE PROHIBITED. FOR PURPOSES OF WARNING, THE FULL WIDTH AND DEPTH OF CURB RAMPS SHALL HAVE A LIGHT REFLECTIVE VALUE AND TEXTURE THAT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRASTS WITH THAT OF ADJOINING PEDESTRIAN ROUTES.

# SIDES OF CURB RAMPS:

IF A CURB RAMP IS LOCATED WHERE PEDESTRIANS MUST WALK ACROSS THE RAMP, OR WHERE IT IS NOT PROTECTED BY HANDRAILS OR GUARDRAILS, IT SHALL HAVE FLARED SIDES. THE MAXIMUM SLOPE OF THE FLARE SHALL BE 1:10 (SEE FIG. 1 (A)) CURB RAMPS WITH RETURNED CURBS MAY BE USED WHERE PEDESTRIANS WOULD NOT WALK ACROSS THE RAMP. (SEE FIG. 1 (B))

# **BUILT-UP RAMPS:**

BUILT-UP CURB RAMPS SHALL BE LOCATED SO THEY DO NOT PROJECT INTO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC LANES (SEE FIG. 2)

## **OBSTRUCTIONS:**

CURB RAMPS SHALL BE LOCATED OR PROTECTED TO PREVENT THEIR OBSTRUCTION BY PARKED VEHICLES.

# LOCATION AT MARKED CROSSINGS:

CURB RAMPS AT MARKED CROSSINGS SHALL BE WHOLLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE MARKINGS. EXCLUDING ANY FLARED SIDES.

# **DIAGONAL CURB RAMPS:**

IF DIAGONAL (OR CORNER TYPE) CURB RAMPS HAVE RETURNED CURBS OR OTHER WELL DEFINED EDGES, SUCH EDGES SHALL BE PARALLEL TO THE DIRECTION OF PEDESTRIAN FLOW. THE BOTTOM OF DIAGONAL CURB RAMPS SHALL HAVE 48" (1220 MM) MINIMUM. IF DIAGONAL CURB RAMPS ARE PROVIDED AT MARKED CROSSINGS, THE 48" (1220 MM) CLEAR SPACE SHALL BE WITHIN THE MARKINGS. IF DIAGONAL CURB RAMPS HAVE FLARED SIDES, THEY SHALL ALSO HAVE AT LEAST A 24" (610 MM) LONG SEGMENT OF STRAIGHT CURB LOCATED ON EACH SIDE OF THE CURB RAMP AND WITHIN THE MARKED CROSSING. ANY RAISED ISLANDS IN CROSSINGS SHALL BE CUT THROUGH LEVEL WITH THE STREET OR HAVE CURB RAMPS AT BOTH SIDES AND A LEVEL AREA AT LEAST 48" (1220 MM) LONG BETWEEN THE CURB RAMPS IN THE PART OF THE ISLAND INTERSECTED BY THE CROSSINGS.

# CONSTRUCTION

- (A.) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SAWCUT, REMOVE AND DISPOSE OFF-SITE THE REQUIRED EXISTING CONCRETE SIDEWALK. CURB AND GUTTER, TO CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED RAMPS.
- (B.) CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS SHALL BE MINIMUM 4" THICK, 4000 PSI, 5 SACK CONCRETE, REINFORCED WITH #3 BARS AT 14" CENTERS BOTH WAYS, PLACED OVER A 2" THICK SAND CUSHION EMBEDMENT.
- (C.) THE CONTRACTOR SHALL USE 1" PREMOLDED EXPANSION JOINT MATERIAL BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SIDEWALKS AND RAMPS AT THE BACK OF CURBS, AND AT JOINTS AT NO EXTRA PAY.
- (D.) DUMMY JOINT REQUIRED EVERY 4' IN 4' WIDE SIDEWALKS AND EVERY 5' IN 6' WIDE SIDEWALK.

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