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## Memo

**TO:** MnDOT Project Delivery Staff & State Aid

**FROM:** Michael Barnes – Operations Division Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Use of the ADA Project Design Guide

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the release of the *ADA Project Design Guide* containing the new *ADA Pedestrian Curb ramp Pay Items*. This document has been developed by Mn/DOT's ADA group to address common questions and share lessons learned over the past two years designing and constructing ADA Improvement Projects. This *Project Design Guide* shall be utilized by all parties (state, local, private, etc.) proposing to do work within MnDOT's Right-of-Way which will impact pedestrian facilities.

The *ADA Project Design Guide* provides recommendations regarding all aspects of project development and delivery from the scoping phase through construction. The purpose of the document is to achieve plan consistency with regard to ADA Improvement Projects while reducing the costs associated with plan preparation and contract administration and avoiding repeated complications experienced on previous ADA projects. The *ADA Project Design Guide* can be downloaded at: [mndot.gov/ada/pdf/adaprojectdesignguide.pdf](http://mndot.gov/ada/pdf/adaprojectdesignguide.pdf)

*ADA Pedestrian Curb Ramp Pay Items* have been created to simplify Contract Administration activities on ADA improvement projects. The new ADA Pay Item Provisions provide specific construction requirements and will allow personnel more time to ensure the quality of the final product. *ADA Pedestrian Curb Ramp Pay Items* are to be used on all pedestrian curb ramp retrofit projects as described in the Project Design Guide. Further information can be found on the ADA Design webpage: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ada/design.html>

Lastly, the document compliments the Pedestrian Curb Ramp Standard Plans released on May 10, 2012, which are a key component to successfully implement the Project Design Guide. Those 5 standard plan sheets replaced Standard Plate 7036 and are to be used on all projects containing pedestrian curb ramp construction.

The guidance in the referenced documents shall be applied to all projects with letting date of November, 2012 or later as practicable. There will be a webinar on July 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 to present this information with a Q&A opportunity. For more information please go to: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ada>

Any questions regarding this document and its implementation should be directed to Todd Grugel, ADA Program Engineer, at 651-366-3531.

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