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Detectable Warnings and Sidewalk Curb Ramps

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

These changes are all being made to ensure the accurate and project-specific design of facilities with curb ramps. By removing the previous options and providing further design guidance in the FDM, these facilities should be more tailored to the location and work more efficiently within the intersections.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

BLACK = Industry Review Comments **BLUE** = Standard Plans Response **GREEN** = Change Made to Index

Name: Keith Krieger

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COMMENT: Language is being added to the FDM regarding preferences for curb ramp alignments:

1. Perpendicular to curb and parallel to crosswalk
2. Perpendicular to curb
3. Parallel to crosswalk

My question is whether these preferences should also be indicated (or referenced) within the Standard Plans.

My concern is that...contractors and CEI and construction staff may not be familiar with the FDM....but they are quite familiar with the Standard Plans.

How do we ensure the people who are actually building these ramps know about these preferences?

RESPONSE: If the guidance in the FDM is followed by the designer, there should be a specific detail for each individual curb ramp design in the plans rather than a selection from “standard” details of curbs ramps with on-site modifications. This approach should provide more details for contractors, CEI and construction staff than in the past and be tailored for the specific facility.

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